

Dear Visitation Family,

Shalom (Peace)!

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity is in many ways the climax of the feasts of the liturgical year and is also the center of our Christian life and liturgy.

The most famous gospel within the gospels "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life" (Jn 3:16), is made clearly manifest through all the solemnities we have observed this liturgical year and is now presented as the challenge of Christian discipleship for the rest of the year.

Trinity Sunday is often described as the homilist's nightmare, since the Holy Trinity is a deeply profound mystery to explain. Yet, it is the very essential and basically unique foundational dogmatic truth of Christianity. It is the fundamental belief that sets Christians apart from the followers of other monotheistic religions such as Judaism and Islam. This revealed truth is the first and one of the few common denominators among all Christians. We, Christians believe and profess that our God is a Triune God, who is One in Three persons, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, distinct as persons and yet undivided, co-eternal and one in divine nature. We are baptized and we receive all sacraments in the name of the One Triune God. We begin and end our Mass, greet (2 Cor 13:13) and make all our prayers during Mass in the name of the Most Holy Trinity. The first prayer we learnt as children or the blessing we give to our children is always in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Although the word "Holy Trinity" may not be found in the Bible, references to the Trinity are replete in the Scriptures, particularly in the teachings of Jesus. Today's celebration is not simply about something that God did by Himself or in and through saints, but it is a celebration of who God Himself is.

But wait! Why does the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity really matter to me? Well, it matters very much, at least for two good reasons: First of all, this revelation helps me to know God as He truly is, and so worship Him worthily as He deserves. Secondly, this truth about God helps me, who is made in God's own image, to understand myself better and find happiness in living right The communitarian life of God is relational. God is not only "kind and gracious" as Moses understood (Ex 34:4-6, 8-9) but He is indeed Love. He is the lover (The Father) who loves His Beloved (The Son) with a perfect Love (The Holy Spirit). And since I am made in the image of God I am capable of loving, and be loved, and be the love. And until I can fully give and receive and be the love of God, God's life is not in me.

As I relate to the Most Holy Trinity in liturgy offering myself to the Father through the Son in the Spirit, so also in life, must I offer myself in love in my relationships in the family and community. **Try saying this three minutes prayer every night:** Spend the first minute thinking of the high point of your day - like being calm when falsely accused, and speak to the Father about it and thank Him for it. Spend the second minute thinking of the lowest point of the day - like ignoring someone who needed your help, and speak to Jesus about it and ask Him for forgiveness. Spend the third minute thinking of a critical point the next day - like having to meet someone about something, and speak to the Holy Spirit about it asking for wisdom and courage to do what is right. Thus we can live in loving relationship with God and with others! Remember, only some of us may be called to be theologians to teach about the mystery of the Trinity, but all of us are created to live the life of the Trinitarian God!

"Every relationship improves when we really start to listen, especially our relationship with God", says Matthew Kelly in Resisting Happiness.

God bless and Mary protect you and yours always!

Fr. Edwin Kagoo.

THY WILL, LORD!

Announcements

(Please submit bulletin announcements 2 weeks in advance of the expected publication date.)

DID YOU KNOW?

Why a Corpus Christi procession? What does it mean?

1. It is a profession and a public statement of faith in Jesus Christ, alive and truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. It has more!

2. It has a link with another Eucharistic procession—that of the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, when the Blessed Sacrament is borne from the main altar to the altar of repose. On Corpus Christi day, the church relives the mystery of Holy Thursday in the light of the Resurrection. No longer walking with Jesus to the garden of Gethsemane, now we are following the risen Lord who "goes ahead... to Galilee" (Matthew 28:7). Thus it has an evangelizing movement, taking the Gospel to the world in obedience to Christ's great commission.

3. It is not just for Catholics: the mystery of the Eucharist is for everyone. The sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood always "goes above and beyond the walls of our churches." Christ gives himself for us, but not just for us. The procession is a tangible realization of this, for as we go beyond our church walls, "we walk with the Risen One in his journey to meet the entire world."

4. It blurs the separation between what we do inside the church, and what we do outside: we "immerse [Christ], so to speak, in the daily routine of our lives, so that he may walk where we walk and live where we live."

5. As we move from inside to outside, we must also move from an "insider mentality" to an awareness that Christ is for everyone. "The procession represents an immense and public blessing for our city."

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6. To process is to go forward, and thus the procession speaks of the possibility of change, of transformation in Christ, for ourselves, our Church, our world: "with the gift of himself in the Eucharist the Lord Jesus sets us free from our 'paralyses,' he helps us up and enables us to 'proceed,' that is, he makes us take a step ahead and then another step."

7. It helps us recognize who we are as a Catholic community, and points us toward solidarity with others: "Those who recognize Jesus in the sacred Host, recognize him in their suffering brother or sister."

8. Walking with Jesus in this procession, we can see ourselves as members of his Body, but we can also look at the world through the loving eyes of Jesus Christ.

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Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament 6/14 at 6:00pm.

K.C.Fund Raising Raffle: Tickets are \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100.00. The five prizes will be drawn for July 2. Do not have to be present to win.

Calendar for Summer Vacation: Please include daily Mass, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, regular confessions, Family Rosary, Scripture readings, and Works of Mercy as part of daily activities during this summer. Remember, we need God at all times!

St. Joseph's at Elk will host their annual picnic on June 25th. A BBQ/Sausage dinner for \$10.00 per plate. Serving from 11:00am to 3:00pm

<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>		<i>June 11, 2017</i>		
	June 10th <i>Saturday, 6:00pm</i>	June 11th <i>Sunday, 8:00am</i>	June 17th <i>Saturday, 6:00pm</i>	June 18th <i>Sunday, 8:00am</i>
Intentions	+Robert Hoelscher +Ronnie Ranly +Mary Frenzel +Ben Kahlig +Zita Kahlig	For Parishioners	+Herbert F. Hoelscher +Florene Gudat +John E. Tobola +Connie Smiser Healing for Theresa Sagan	For Parishioners
Altar Servers	Kolby Kosel Kelby Kosel Brenden Dorskocil Kasen Ordner	Nolan Kahlig Logan Kleypas Bryce Fikes Maddie Dach	Emma Hering Preston Hering Nate Hoelscher Elizabeth Ordner	Adam Herwald Mike Lewis Helen Gausemeier James Lorenz
Lector	Shawna Ranly	Renae Willberg	Laurie Hoelscher	Jerry Loden
Gift Bearers	Calvin Wilde Family	A.T. Voltin Family	Don Culp Family	Jimmy Thornton Family
Ushers	Red Carson & Joey Hoelscher	Jerry Loden & Daniel Meyer	Walton Hering, J. & Carl Hubik	Mark Hoelscher & Matthew Hoelscher
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Greneta Ordner	Geraldine Kahlig	Doris Wright	Gary Ketterman
Money Counters		Ronnie & Rita Kleypas and Clifford & Susan Neumann		Lonnie Ranly and Bill & Kitty Reid
Rosary Leaders	Mike & Sylvia Heise	Kay Rabroker & Jane Kahlig	Mike & Sylvia Heise	Kay Rabroker & Jane Kahlig
Vocations Cross Family		Marvin & Jane Meyer		Deacon Julian & Rosalis Tyboroski
Church Cleaners	6/17 & 6/24	Geraldine Kahlig, Catherine Kahlig, Tassie Kahlig, Deidra McLaughlin		
	June 13th <i>Tuesday, 8:00am</i>	June 14th <i>Wednesday, 8:00am</i>	June 15th <i>Thursday, 8:00am</i>	June 16th <i>Friday, 8:00am</i>
Weekday Mass Intentions	+Doug Landry +Rupert Boeselt	+Mary Cox Living and Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance	+Charlotte Ann Thornton +Katherine Marguerita Zeig	+John Lingnau +Helen Lingnau

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Saturday Mass – 6:00pm
Sunday Mass – 8:00am

Reconciliation: Sat. 5:20pm - 5:50pm and Sun. 7:20am – 7:50am

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Our Mission is:

TO SEE JESUS & **TO BE JESUS**
In life and liturgy & *In family and community*

Sanctuary Candle – in Memory of Donna Thornton, LeRoy Garvey, W.M. Entrop & Elizabeth Entrop

Please pray for the sick & suffering:

Josie Kleypas, Dennis Fuchs, Beatrice Arnold, Steven Pletzke, Sr. Clemence Ribitzki, Pattie Pletzke, Mike Meyer, Kyla Frei, Bobby Bulls, Cathy Didner, Sr. Benedict Zimmerer, Don Drake, Al Buckholt, Gene Kreger, Hudson John Halfmann, George Wright, Charles Ordner, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, and Grace Hoelscher.

Free Book—Best known author, Matthew Kelly's recent publication – **Resisting Happiness**. If you want a copy, please contact the parish office.

Meetings:

Altar Servers Training 6/17 @ 11:00am

Offerings:

June 4th \$2,167.00
Children's Collection \$21.00
Building Fund \$2,034.00