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OUR VISION: TO OFFER EVERY PERSON A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS, GROW DISCIPLES, AND SEND THEM ON MISSION.

JUNE 7, 2020 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm
Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am
 10:45am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm
Monday-Friday8:00am
Rosary prayed after all daily Masses

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm
1st Fridays of the Month....8:30-9:00am
Or by Appointment

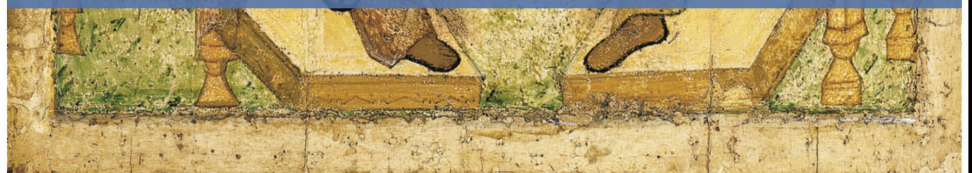
PRAYER CHAPEL

Open Daily7:00am-8:00pm
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday
 8:30am-6:00pm
Benediction.....Monday, 6:00pm



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might not perish but might have eternal life.

~John 3:16





From The Pastor's Desk...
Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Here it is, the first weekend in June and we are slowly emerging from two and a half months of isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some have used the time as an opportunity to grow spiritually and accomplish some long put off goals or projects. Others were stressed out with the lack of community and sense of a loss of freedom and new demands that life became burdensome of a challenge. Which are you? For me, I think I am a combination of both. I did spend some of the time doing spiritual reading, but I never seemed to get around to most of the projects I had planned to do. I did get one project done.....cleaned out the basement of the rectory. At other times, I felt overwhelmed by the ever-changing directives that came from the governor and bishop. I dealt with the stress by what I call the other COVID-19.....the 19 or more pounds I put on by eating every sweet and dessert in sight. But that is now behind me...three things I resolved on Memorial Day weekend to do: 1. Start bike riding again, which I have done every day. 2. Pay more attention to my diet. I have stage III kidney disease since I had a kidney removed four years ago due to cancer. I have to reduce protein, and avoid foods high in potassium, sodium and phosphorus. And since glucose level is at 110, I need to STOP eating bread and sweets. 3. Laugh more! They say laughter is the best medicine, and maybe it just is the best way to deal with all the stresses of this pandemic. So, every night when I go to bed, I take my iPad, go to YouTube and watch an episode of "I Love Lucy" or the "Carol Burnette Show" or "Hollywood Squares" or animals doing goofy things. Anything to make me laugh! And then I try to do something each day to make someone else laugh. That's been the penances I've been giving lately, do something to make yourself laugh and do something to make someone else laugh. Pray for me St. Philip Neri....he gave goofy penances too!

On this Trinity Sunday, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit offers new pathways for us to reflect on his love for us and draw us into an intimate, dynamic, and life-changing relationship. God the Father: "receives us as your own." The words of Moses remind us that God has created us as his own, loves us, and we belong to him. God the Son: If we forget God's love for us, we need only look to the cross to be reminded. God the Holy Spirit: Our relationship with the Spirit is not an abstract proposition. The Holy Spirit can impact our lives in concrete and life-changing ways. The Holy Spirit pours out God's love into our hearts. The Holy Spirit transforms fear into freedom, isolation into community, and sends people out with purpose. May the power of the Blessed Trinity touch your life!

Have a blessed week!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, June 8 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Bob Vela, by Tom & Letty Nolan

Tuesday, June 9 - St Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM † Paul O'Connor, by The Rusnak Family

Wednesday, June 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Richard Ceci, by Barbara Markowski

Thursday, June 11 - St Barnabas, Apostle

8:00 AM † Eristaquo Arabejo, by Family

Friday, June 12 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † Annemariea Schmidt, by Family

Saturday, June 13 - St Anthony of Padua

4:00 PM

Vigil - Corpus Christi

† Tranquilino Sebastian, by Imelda Brink

† Joyce Markus, by Family

† St Anthony, by Agnes Schlobohm

Sunday, June 14 - Corpus Christi

7:30 AM

† Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Melva Purnell, by John Salentine

9:00 AM

† Wayne Leckey, by His Children

10:45 AM

† Thomas Francis O'Donnell, by Family

12:30 PM

The People of Our Lady of Mercy

5:30 PM

† Edward C. Schmidt, by Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Since the reduction of Sunday Masses due to the closure of church during the COVID-19 pandemic, those intentions are offered by the other priest con-celebrating the 8:00am weekday Mass.

Due to the Governor's and Bishop's order, all Masses are limited to 100 people. 9:00 AM Mass will continue to be live streamed on Facebook.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions:

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| 1. Megan Gabaldon | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Jim DeZellar |
| 3. Dcn Senovio Sarabia | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Dcn James Guarascio | 12. Fr Don McLaughlin |
| 5. Vocations | 13. Fr Mark Bernhard |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra | 14. Mental Health |
| 7. Those with Anxiety | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. The Homeless |

If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

We remember in prayer those in service to our country

TSgt Leah Harvey, USAF
 Airman Melanie Hodges, US Navy
 Nicholaus Laurie, US Marines
 SSG Sean Murphy, USMC
 Capt. Tara Trammell, US Army
 Roberto Ramos, US Army
 Lt. Joshua Puscas, US Navy
 Capt. Keith Harris, USAF
 SSG Gina Maro, USAF
 Juan Gabriel Sindac, USAF
 Aaron Godinez, US Marines
 SPC Mason Webber, US Army
 LC/Cprl Ryan Ludwig, US Marines
 Capt. Brian Strohmaier, US Army
 Elizabeth Pattermann, US Marine
 Ensign Marion Eunece Bautista, US Navy
 SSG Karla Venegas, US Army
 SSG Jeremy Norris, US Army
 Capt. Carmen Lockett, US Army

We pray for our sick, confined and their families

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

Mark Hoeksema

Wayne Draper

Ailani Banulos

Julia Schremp

Billy Walowski

Kathy Walowski

Flo Paprzycki

Helga Manglinong

Michael Dandan

Charlene Oates

Maria Luna

William Nimmow

Jill Brisceno

Lexi Brisceno

Michael Butler

Hailey Hartnett

Thomas F. Sterling

Henrietta Pineda

La Moua

Valerie Plesha

Hedy Sterling

Diane Pazos

Diane Ramonas

Diane Singer

Joyce Craig

John Swanston

Robert Ciulla

Bridget Garry

David Bakke

Bill Morse

Please note: Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that person, or in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care, calls to give permission.



DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR.....
¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Aquí está, el primer fin de semana de junio y estamos saliendo lentamente de dos meses y medio de aislamiento debido a la pandemia de COVID-19. Algunos han usado el tiempo como una oportunidad para crecer espiritualmente y lograr algunas metas o proyectos pospuestos. Otros estresados con la falta de comunidad y la sensación de pérdida de libertad y nuevas demandas de que la vida se convirtió en un gran desafío. ¿Cual eres? Para mí, creo que soy una combinación de ambos. Pasé parte del tiempo haciendo lecturas espirituales, pero nunca me pareció llegar a la mayoría de los proyectos que había planeado hacer. Realicé un proyecto... limpié el sótano de la rectoría. En otras ocasiones, me sentí abrumado por las directivas siempre cambiantes que vinieron del gobernador y el obispo. El estrés que causó me ocupó con lo que llamo el otro COVID-19... las 19 o más libras que subí al comer cada dulce y postre a la vista. Pero eso ahora está detrás de mí... tres cosas que resolví hacer el fin de semana del Día de los Caídos: 1. Comenzar a andar en bicicleta nuevamente, lo que he hecho todos los días. 2. Prestar más atención a mi dieta. Tengo enfermedad renal en estadio III desde que me extirparon un riñón hace cuatro años debido a un cáncer. Tengo que reducir las proteínas y evitar los alimentos ricos en potasio, sodio y fósforo. Y como el nivel de glucosa está en 110, necesito DEJAR de comer pan y dulces. 3. ¡Reír más! Dicen que la risa es la mejor medicina, y tal vez es la mejor manera de lidiar con el estrés de esta pandemia. Entonces, todas las noches cuando me acuesto, tomo mi iPad, voy a YouTube y veo un episodio de "I Love Lucy" o "Carol Burnette Show" o "Hollywood Squares" o animales que hacen cosas tontas. ¡Cualquier cosa que me haga reír! Y luego trato de hacer algo cada día para hacer reír a alguien más. Esas han sido las penitencias que he estado dando últimamente, haz algo para hacerte reír y haz algo para hacer reír a alguien más. Rueda por mí San Felipe Neri... ¡el también dio penitencias tontas!

En este Domingo de la Trinidad, Dios el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo nos ofrecen nuevos caminos para reflexionar sobre su amor por nosotros y atraernos a una relación íntima, dinámica y que cambia la vida. Dios el Padre: "nos recibe como los suyos". Las palabras de Moisés nos recuerdan que Dios nos ha creado como suyos, nos ama y le pertenecemos. Dios el Hijo: si olvidamos el amor de Dios por nosotros, solo necesitamos mirar a la cruz para recordarlo. Dios el Espíritu Santo: nuestra relación con el Espíritu no es una propuesta abstracta. El Espíritu Santo puede impactar nuestras vidas en formas concretas y que cambian la vida. El Espíritu Santo derrama el amor de Dios en nuestros corazones. El Espíritu Santo transforma el miedo en libertad, el aislamiento en comunidad y envía a las personas con un propósito. ¡Que el poder de la Santísima Trinidad toque tu vida!

¡Que tengan una semana bendecida!

Padre Don

GRACIA Y VIDA ETERNA

Moisés es un hombre como nosotros, ¿acaso no hemos tratado también con cabezas duras? De hecho, ¿acaso no hemos sido nosotros mismos los cabezas duras? Quejumbrosos. . . impacientes. . . rápidos para enojarnos. ¡Qué suerte la de Moisés y qué suerte la nuestra que Dios es precisamente lo opuesto! Y ni siquiera tenemos que adivinarlo. El Señor nos lo dice directamente. Y en concordancia, Moisés hace lo que todos necesitamos hacer. Pese a tener las tablas en las manos, se postra y pide el perdón y la gracia de Dios.

Alentándonos a vivir juntos en paz y con el favor de Dios, el apóstol Pablo sabe de esta gracia, e invoca con alegría la gracia del amor de Dios y del Espíritu Santo sobre nosotros. "Estén alegres", dice. Y cuando se trata de alegrarnos, Juan nos ofrece las palabras más regocijantes: la seguridad de la vida eterna en Jesús. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: 1 Re 17:1-6; Sal 121 (120):1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12
- Martes: 1 Re 17:7-16; Sal 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
- Miércoles: 1 Re 18:20-39; Sal 16 (15):1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
- Jueves: Hch 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Mt 5:17-19
- Viernes: 1 Re 19:9a, 11-16; Sal 27 (26):7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
- Sábado: 1 Re 19:19-21; Sal 16 (15):1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
- Domingo: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

GRACE AND ETERNAL LIFE

Moses is a man after our own hearts, for haven't we all dealt with more than our share of stiff-necked people? Indeed, haven't we all gotten a little stiff-necked ourselves at times? Complaining . . . impatient . . . quick to anger. How lucky for Moses—how lucky for all of us—that God is exactly the opposite! And we don't even have to guess about it. The Lord tells us so directly. Accordingly, Moses does what we all need to do. Even with the tablets in hand, he bows down and asks for God's forgiveness and grace.

Encouraging us to live together in peace—and in God's favor—the Apostle Paul knows all about this grace, joyfully invoking Christ's grace on us along with God's love and the Holy Spirit's. "Rejoice," he says. And when it comes to rejoicing, John offers us the gladdest words of all: the assurance of eternal life through Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).

Psalm — Glory and praise for ever! (Daniel 3).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (2 Corinthians 13:11-13).

Gospel — God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (John 3:16-18).

ON A SUMMER'S DAY

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time. —John Lubbock

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
 Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58





ROCKY RAILWAY VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you someone who would love to share your organization skills for a couple of hours to assemble the children’s “VBS-At-Home Student Packs” the week of June 28th? Are you tech savvy and would you enjoy sharing your technical skills of recording and editing videos or help with the design of the VBS webpage on our parish website? Are you a tween, teen, or adult who would be happy to participate in a video(s), sharing your talent of storytelling, acting and/or singing for the Bible Discovery Station?

Dates for recording the videos will be coordinated between the availability of tech person(s) and those participating in videos.

Anyone wanting to assist with the design of the VBS-At-Home webpage will coordinate dates with Mary Jo and Jean.

If you’re eager to offer volunteer support, **please contact Mary Jo by Friday, June 19th! She is excited for you to email or call: marvjot@olmercy.com, 331-707-5376**

What is VBS-At-Home?

VBS-At-Home is a **blended learning experience combining online content and hands-on resources** with faith discussions best suited for children, preschool through grade 5. With R.E. staff and volunteer support, you will be equipped as parents to guide your child(ren) through the VBS-At-Home program.

What is the Commitment of Parents?

This is an overwhelming time for parents and that is why VBS-At-Home promises to be user-friendly and flexible. Our Sunday Visitor offers a once a week format that runs for five consecutive weeks. **Each of the weekly experiences may be as short as thirty minutes and no longer than two hours, depending on the age of your child(ren), the activities you select, and the frequency with which you would like to engage the activities during each week.** The pre-recorded portion for each week will become available online by Sunday afternoon (see dates below) at olmercy.com on our VBS webpage.

What are the dates and cost of VBS-At-Home?

Week of July 5: Pick-up & Pay Days! Registrants will be given designated dates and times the week of July 5 to come to the OLM drive through line to pick up student packs and pay \$12 per child (cash or check). **Checks payable to Our Lady of Mercy.** The cost covers the hands-on resources and 1 CD per family. ***No one is turned away because of an inability to pay!*** For a confidential conversation, contact Jean Palasz if in need of financial assistance. Her email is jeanp@olmercy.com and her direct ministry line is 331-707-5369.

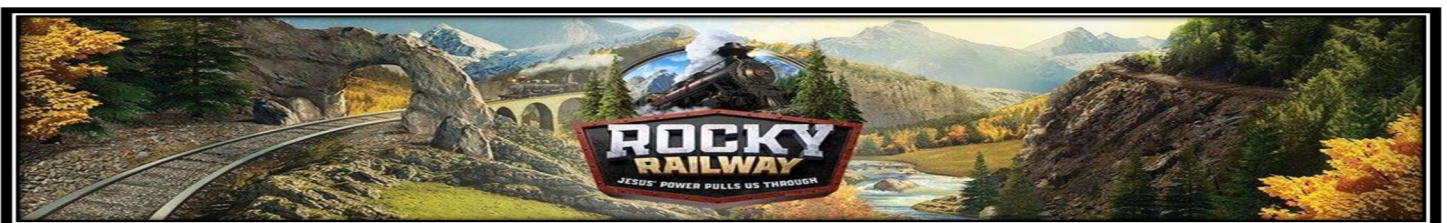
Weekly VBS-At-Home Dates & Themes

- Sunday, July 12 *Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through!*
- Sunday, July 19 *Jesus’ Power Gives Us Hope!*
- Sunday, July 26 *Jesus’ Power Helps Us Be Bold!*
- Sunday, Aug. 2 *Jesus’ Power Let’s Us Live Forever!*
- Sunday, Aug. 9 *Jesus’ Power Helps Us Be Good Friends!*

Who can register? Where do you register for Rocky Railway VBS-At-Home?

ALL ARE WELCOME TO REGISTER FOR VBS-AT-HOME!!!

Our non-Catholic friends and non-parishioners are most certainly invited to register their children.



Summer Safety Tips

Summer has not officially arrived but we have experienced warm weather that reminds us to take care of ourselves. It is important to be aware of heat-related illnesses that can occur and at times, lead to death. The National Safety Council offers the following information. People who are at the most risk include: infants and young children, especially left in hot cars; people 65 and older; people who are ill, have chronic health conditions or are on certain medications and people who are overweight.

Do you know the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke and how to treat them? Heat exhaustion occurs when the body loses excessive water and salt. Symptoms include: sweating; pale, ashen or moist skin; muscle cramps; fatigue, weakness or exhaustion; headaches, dizziness or fainting; nausea or vomiting; or a rapid heartbeat. Treatment for heat exhaustion is to move the person to a shaded or air-conditioned area; give water or other cool, nonalcoholic beverages; apply wet towels or have the person take a shower.

Heat stroke requires immediate medical evaluation and treatment. Signs of heat stroke include: body temperature above 103 degrees Fahrenheit; skin that is flushed and hot to the touch; rapid breathing; headache, dizziness, confusion or other signs of altered mental status; irrational or belligerent behavior; convulsions or unresponsiveness. If heat stroke occurs, take immediate action by calling 911; move the person to a cool place; remove unnecessary clothing; immediately cool the person and keep cooling until body temperature drops to 101 degrees Fahrenheit; monitor the victim's breathing and be ready to perform CPR if needed. If someone is experiencing heat stroke, do not force them to drink liquids; do not apply rubbing alcohol to the skin and do not allow the person to take pain relievers or salt tablets. (Source: www.nsc.org)

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, ways to avoid heat-related illness are: drink fluids, even if you do not feel thirsty; avoid alcohol; wear loose, light weight clothing and a hat; replace salt lost from sweating by drinking fruit juice or sports drinks; avoid spending time outdoors during the hottest part of the day which is between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; wear sunscreen as sunburn affects the body's ability to cool itself and pace yourself when doing physical activities outdoors. As you spend more time outdoors and look for safe ways to have fun in the sun this summer, keep in mind these safety tips for a healthy and enjoyable summer!



Calming Strategy

As each one of us looks for ways to experience peace and calm in our lives, one calming strategy to try is mindful movement that is rhythmic and repetitive. Examples of mindful movement are walking, running, playing a sport, lifting weights, dancing, playing a musical instrument, singing, drawing, coloring, knitting, crocheting, clenching fists and then releasing them or progressive muscle relaxation.

Ways to include our faith in experiencing calm are: prayer - especially praying the Rosary or Divine Chaplet; Lectio Divina or reciting a mantra or prayer such as "Jesus, I trust in you" or "Be still and know that I am God".

Community support resources are available. The *DuPage County Crisis Hotline* is available 24/7, 365 days a year: 630-627-1700. *AMITA Health Behavioral Health Services Resource & Referral Center* is available Monday through Friday from 9am to 5:30pm at 844-569-5200. *Illinois Call4Calm Text Line* is available 24/7, seven days a week at TALK to 552020 for English or HABLAR for Spanish. *National Suicide Prevention Hotline* 24/7 at 1-800-273-8255.

Pastoral Care Needs

If you have any questions or concerns about your physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health or need resources or support, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolene@olmercy.com. You are not alone as your faith community is here for you!



Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11

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SPEAKING OF THE TRINITY

The Holy Trinity is one of those mysteries that we will never understand, yet we still believe. A homiletics teacher once warned never to speak of the Trinity for more than ten minutes, or for sure you would get into heresy. Good advice. It is easy to talk in circles around this great mystery and never get close to understanding three Persons in One God. We are only one person each, and never one in being with another person. So how can we possibly understand this? We can't. But we can contemplate the varied faces of Father, Spirit, and Son as they are presented to us in today's scriptures, and give glory to God and believe.

GLORY AND PRAISE FOREVER

When Moses went up Mount Sinai, God revealed the divine Self to him by name. "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God" (Exodus 34:6). In the Old Testament, we are accustomed to assuming that the "Lord God" indicates the Father only. But in the retrospect with which we look at these readings, we can see that the title is inclusive of the three persons of the Trinity. Never has there been any separation of the three persons in one God, and although there may be mention of only one person, it is understood that all three persons are present. Jesus taught many times that he and the Father are one, and that the Holy Spirit would come upon us and remind us of all things. We believe in God, creator of all that is, the Son, redeemer of our human lives and giver of eternal life, and the Holy Spirit, inspiration of the prophets and lover of all humanity; holy Wisdom, inspiring in us the understanding of all things holy.

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

When we hear in the oft-quoted text in John 3:16 that "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," we begin to see how language that expresses the sending of the Son fails to express the unity of the Holy Trinity. This failure of human language in the presence of the mystery of the Trinity is what makes it so hard to explain and comprehend.

So how can we respond when we see a reference to "God"? We can strive to remember that God is three persons, not just one as we are, but one in being. Our best response is praise to the Holy Trinity. "Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to God who is, who was, and who is to come." And we can bless each other when we pray with Saint Paul, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you" (2 Corinthians 13:13).

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 34:4b–6, 8–9
 Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55
 2 Corinthians 13:11–13
 John 3:16–18

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 5/24/2020)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$ 1,408,371
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$ 1,472,000
Amount Short of Budget:	\$ (63,629)

5/24/2020 Sunday Collection:	\$ 29,092
Sunday Goal:	\$ 32,000
Amount in Short of Goal:	\$ (2,908)

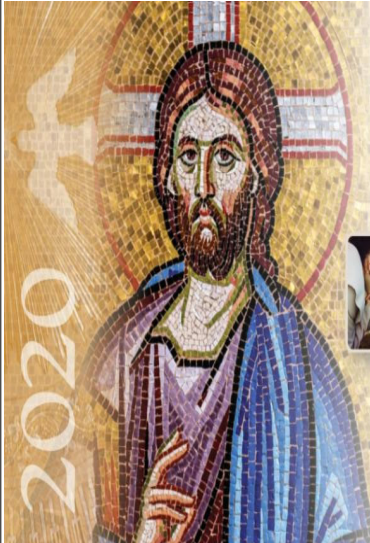
**We have received 81% of our Budgeted Collection during this lockdown period.
We have had over 190 parishioners sign up for on-line giving during this time,
an increase of over 100% since the Lockdown began.**

Thank you for your generosity!!

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

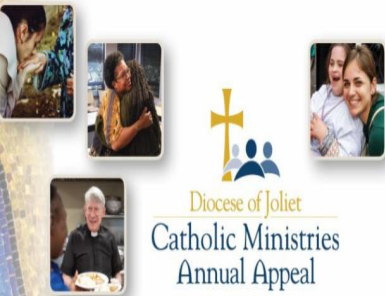
April, 2009	\$1,950,000
March, 2020	\$ 843,642
April, 2020	\$ 831,220



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It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.



Diocese of Joliet
Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal


Parish Goal	\$ 146,700
Amount Pledged	\$ 162,914
Amount Paid	\$ 101,950
Remaining Balance	\$ 60,964
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	640

Today's Gospel has a wonderful message for us
(John 3:16).
Read it in this jigsaw puzzle.
Then find and color these three pieces.
When you're finished, show the puzzle to someone.
Don't forget to tell them how much God loves them!



God so loved
the world
that He
gave His
only Son.

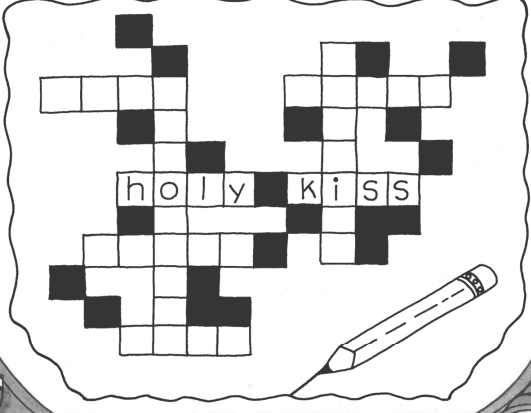
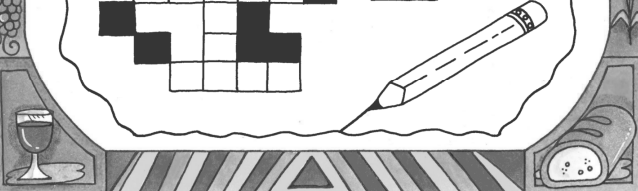
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The Most Holy Trinity

Paul wrote to the people of Corinth that they should
"greet one another with a holy kiss" (2 Corinthians 13:12).
He also told them how they should behave,
using the words below.
Fit the words into the crossword.

rejoice mend encourage
agree peace love


*Just as your brain and your heart are part of
you but have different functions,
the Holy Trinity is made up of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Each its own identity, but part of the whole.*

Directions: Match the correct word to the definition.

The Spirit	The Father
The Son	Holy Trinity

1. Allows us to understand God -

2. Sent to earth to save us from our sins -

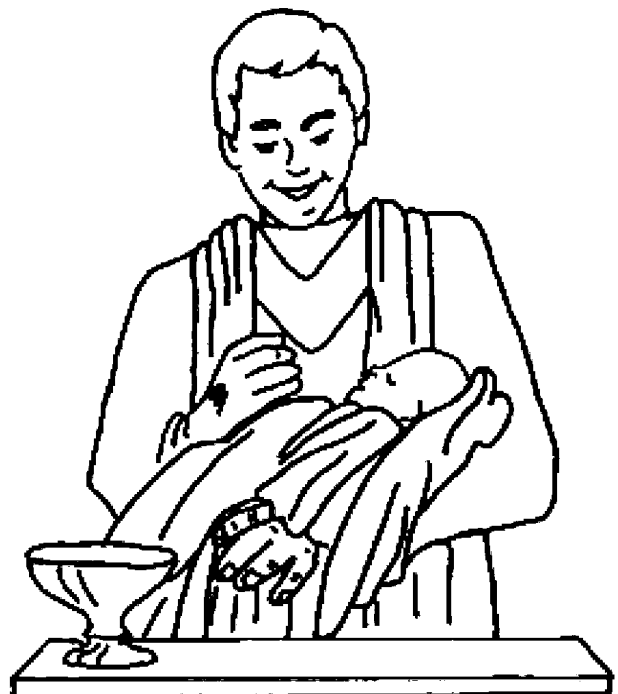
3. God is made up of this -

4. The Almighty, creator of heaven & earth -

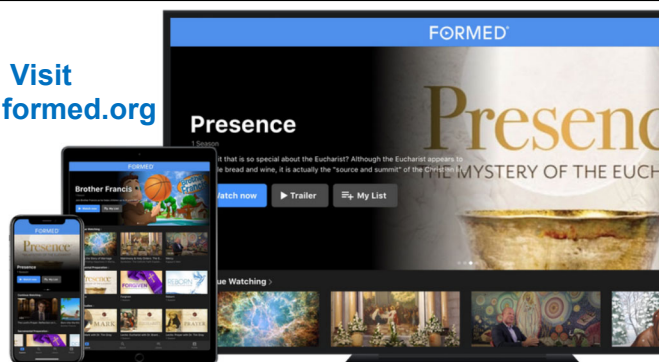
*Jesus tells his disciples to baptize people in the
name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit.*



Directions: Color the picture.



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HOSPITALIZATION: If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must attend a parent meeting held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Baptisms are held at 12 noon the first Saturday of the month and at 2:00 p.m. the second Sundays of the month. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

WEDDINGS: The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome you! Please register by attending our “New Parishioner Registration/Welcoming” meeting the last Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. For more info call: 851-3444, ext. 221.

HOSPITALITY: “Hospitality” weekend is held in the Parish Life Center Multi Purpose Room after all Saturday/Sunday Masses on the last full weekend of each month (excluding December).

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