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June 15, 2025: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Year C)

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Day, Month & Date	<u>Mass Schedule for June 15 – June 22, 2025</u>
Sun June 15	<i>The Most Holy Trinity: 9 am Mass @ ICC & 11 am Mass @ St. Margaret's. (Intention: Shirley Yirsa RIP, R/B Staci Corder).</i>
Wed June 18 th	9 am Mass @ ICC (St. Barnabas, Apostle)
Thurs June 19 th	10 am Mass @ Hospital.
Fri June 20 th	11 am The Angelus, Novena and Mass @ St. Margaret's (St. Anthony of Padua).
Sat June 21 st	9 am Mass @ ICC (St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious).
Sun June 22 nd	<i>Corpus Christi: 9 am Mass & Benediction @ ICC & 11 am Mass @ St. Margaret's. (Intention: Jackie Welty RIP, R/B Betty Sandvig).</i>

Sunday Collections:

June 08, 2025 Pentecost Sunday	ICC, Ft. Benton: \$ 1,325.00 + \$ 40 (Maintenance) = \$ 1,365.00 ICC: Savings Balance: \$ 2,524.78 & Boiler Fund: \$ 48, 696.29. St. Margaret's, Geraldine: \$ 1,500.00
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Reflection by Pastor: Dear Loving Sisters, Brothers and Children in Christ!

The Essence of the Most Holy Trinity

“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” [Matthew 28:19–20](#).

Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity presents us with a Mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. The Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity.

As we consider that fact, it's important to understand that the Trinity is not *first* a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is *first* a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all, since they are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into knowledge of Him if we let Him.

Prayer often begins by saying prayers, by meditating upon Scripture, and by listening. But true prayer is something much deeper. True prayer is contemplative prayer that ultimately leads to divine union. Only God can initiate this form of prayer in our lives, and only God, through this deep form of prayer, can communicate Himself to us as He is. Some of the greatest mystics of our Church, such as Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Ávila, explain in their mystical theology that the deepest knowledge of God does not come through concepts or images. In fact, if we wish to obtain knowledge of God in His essence, we must allow Him to purge every concept of Who He is so that the pure light of His essence can be poured forth upon our minds. This knowledge, they say, is beyond knowing "about" God. It's the beginning of knowledge "of" God.

Reflect, today, upon the Most Holy Trinity. As you do, say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of Him. Ask Him to communicate to you His divine love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of Who He is. Try to humble yourself before the great Mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the Mystery of God means that we know how little we know about Him and how little we know of Him. But that humble truth will help you move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which you are called.

St. Margaret's Bulletin

Church Custodian - Don't forget to sign up to clean the church. It takes only 1 to 2 hours during the week you sign up for.

Reflection by Trish - Rich in Giftedness

The janitor for the New York City Public Library lived in an apartment above the library until the 1970's. I listened to an interview with a man that grew up in that apartment 50 years ago. He said he had to be quiet during the day, but at night his family was the only ones there. He thought his family was rich. When he told his parents he was happy that they were rich, his father nearly choked on his supper. His mother explained that they were not rich.

If he ever had a question he just went down to the library and got a book and read about it. Sometimes he read until 3 in the morning. He was the first on in his family to graduate from college. He recognizes he experienced a rich childhood surrounded by knowledge and opportunity.

Do we recognize that we are experiencing a rich life? Most of us are rich in many ways. We may not have all the money we desire. We may struggle to pay some of our bills; we may struggle with relationships, our workplace or lack of a steady job. We may have physical or mental health problems. There are many things that can impact our lives making it feel like the world is crumbling under our feet, or that an avalanche is rolling down on us.

What makes everyone's life rich? What are the gifts you possess? You are entrusted with the gifts of the Spirit of God. They are:

Fortitude gives us firmness of spirit—a steadiness of “will” for doing well in the face of difficulties. It provides the courage to endure when it would be easier to quit. Fortitude also allows us to keep unreasonable fears and anxieties under control which is helpful in achieving goals and dreams.

Reverence and Awe for God fills us with awe and wonder at the miracles of life and all creation. Reverence is reflected in how we treat others, how we respect them as “Children of God” just as ourselves. Respect for God's laws and truths, includes the awareness of our responsibility to care for the Earth and all who share this planet with us.

Knowledge helps us to evaluate things at their true worth—especially in relation to God. As we grow in knowledge we will understand more clearly God's plan for our lives. Knowledge increases through reading and prayer. This also requires careful choosing of materials that are read or viewed. Jesus knew and followed God's will all his life.

Piety or Love, inspires us to love and respect others—even those to whom we are not drawn to or with whom we have differences. Jesus admonished us to “Love one another

as I have loved you...” There is love of family and friends, love for church and community and a universal, all-inclusive, unconditional, selfless perfect love toward everyone on the planet.

Understanding helps us to grasp the meaning of God’s Word—to appreciate and cherish the truths we read, hear and see—to deepen our understanding of “inner” meanings. Understanding encompasses knowledge, discernment, comprehension, interpretation, and explanation.

Right Judgment enables us to judge quickly and correctly what should be said or done—especially important in difficult situations. It is a kind of “supernatural common sense.” A good friend will offer right judgment or advise when asked or even when they see an occasion that requires it.

Wisdom is the gift of knowing what is right and true. Wisdom is said to be the most perfect of all the gifts as it embodies all the others and enlightens the mind.

Jesus expressed his deep wisdom by explaining the principles of holy living through parables.

The above list is the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that each of us possess. The young person growing up in the library had to read the books and study information to gain from being surrounded by information. We need to continually take time to reflect, pray and practice living these Gifts. The effects of living with the Holy Spirit are manifest (made clear or plain) to others by our behavior, the fruits how we live each day.

At a time when there is much chaos and struggle

May each of us grow stronger in realizing the gifts we possess.

May we put into practice the Gifts of the Spirit which will have a positive

Impact on the world around us in ways we may not see.