

God Family Friends

Dear Parents,

The Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit are a communion of love in an eternal embrace of relationship. Is your family a communion of love? Pope Francis has said that because we are made in God's image, we are called "to understand ourselves as beings in relation and to live interpersonal relationships in solidarity and reciprocal love." (Last year's homily for this feast.)

What is God's love like? Our first reading at Mass tells us God is "merciful, gracious, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Because He loved the world so much, the Gospel reminds us, God gave Jesus, His only Son, to die for us. God literally sacrificed part of Himself on the Cross to give us everlasting life.

How much do you love others? How much are you willing to give up for them? Important questions. Examples of selfishness are easy to find these days, but thankfully, we also see real people willing to give themselves for others. Those First Responders during this pandemic are a prime example. That's what the Pope means by solidarity – we give because we see ourselves as bound together. When we feel empathy for others, it's because we see mirrored in them the same image of the loving God in which we, too, were created.

This is the most important Christian attitude you can pass on to your children: because God loves us, we must love others – even when it's difficult. Being a disciple of Jesus means when others are in need, we must be ready to give all because God is an eternal giver.



***"If you judge
people, you have no
time to love them"
- Mother Teresa***



2:00 PM
NEXT SUNDAY
June 14th

Live Mass with
Bishop Pates
for those
waiting to
receive their
First Holy
Communion!

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Last week, we celebrated the Holy Spirit coming down upon the Apostles at Pentecost, and this weekend, we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity.

Check your parish website to see if live-streaming is available. You are welcome to join Fr. Andy Davy's Mass for young families on Saturday or Bishop Pates' normal Mass on Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.

Great Question...

Parents, when you pray, do you pray to "God" or to "the Father" or to "Jesus" or to the "Holy Spirit?" You might consider asking that question to older children (Here's a [5 min Trinity video](#) for you & older youth if needed).

This weekend, give your children some insight into the Trinity by simply sharing with them how you pray.



John 3:16
song for kids



Gospel Reading - John 3:16-18

Reader

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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

LIVE

STREAM



4:00 PM
Saturday 6/6
with Fr. Andy



10:00 AM
Sunday 6/7 with
Bishop Pates

[Daily Readings](#)

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Prayer in Preparation for Reopening

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we await the opening and welcome of our parish home, please send us the gifts of your Spirit.

Help us to be patient as we eagerly await the reception of the Holy Eucharist.

Help us to share in your love and peace as we navigate through the difficult times in our daily lives.

Help us to show your goodness and kindness to our brothers and sisters in Christ and to always be kind when we speak.

May a prayer always be on our lips for our parish family as we await the opening of our church.

Be with us Lord and fill our hearts with the joy that only you can give when we meet again to worship You and offer our praise and thanksgiving for all your great works – especially for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, in the Holy Eucharist.

Amen.



Share your Sunday!

Share your family's faith experiences and activities on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), or post ideas for spiritual enrichment and prayer.

Outreach & Support

We have formed a team of people ready and willing to help those in need. If you would still like to offer your help, [please sign up here](#).

If you find yourself in need of errand help (i.e. someone to pick-up groceries for you), in need of a spiritual care phone call, or you just feel alone and isolated and could use a chat, [please sign up here](#).

Stay Connected

Please visit the parish home page at www.stpeteritasca.com for links to prayer opportunities, daily readings and Mass.



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Pray with us!

Although we love and truly appreciate the strong and loving leadership of Bishop Pates during these challenging times, we realize he came out of retirement to help us when Bishop Conlon became ill. Sometime in the future Pope Francis will send us a new bishop to lead and guide us.

We invite you and your family to pray this prayer with us as we await a new Bishop of Joliet:



O God, eternal Shepherd, who governs your flock with unfailing care, we ask you to guide and enlighten those who are tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese.

May the man they choose be a man of deep and true prayer, a man of joy and peace, someone with a compassionate heart who desires to do Your will.

Prepare him, we humbly pray, to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the Sacraments and the desire to actively work to build up Your holy Church, through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

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Write it Down...

Since we have been baptized in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we are all united with God and are members of God's Family. God's love for us is truly everlasting.

Trinity Sunday encourages families today and always, to see Christ in others and to be Christ for others. We see the face of Christ in another when we see beyond their anger and forgive them and we are Christ for others when we reach out to a friend in need when they are crying, upset, or sad.

For Younger Families:

Parents, consider how much you have loved your children (from before they were even born), and how much more God the Father love His children...

Make a list of 2-5 things that you love about each of your children (infants too!). Think about things that are unique to each child. Share what you love about each of your children while you are all together.

For Older Families:

Give your children slips of paper and something to write with. They should have one slip of paper for each family member.

Each person should finish this sentence for each family member: "I saw Christ in you when..."

Starting with the youngest, have each person read what they wrote about that person and continue one at a time.

I saw Christ in you when...
you played with me instead
of watching TV



This is one of the most famous verses from the Bible. You see it held up on posters at the End Zones at football games and behind home plate at baseball games. But have we ever really stopped to listen to the words?

“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.”

Take a moment and read this verse in the ‘drop-one’ practice. Here’s how:

- Each person takes a turn reading this verse out loud and leaving off the last word.
- Continue taking turns, until you are left with just one word - the first word.
- As each word is left off - take a moment to feel how the message of this verse changes. Notice how the emphasis changes.
- How does it feel as you arrive at just a single word - “God”?
- Take a moment and just sit with that last word – which is the very first word. How does it impact you now??



Coloring Page



The Glory Be

Dinner Conversation

- Who do you go to when you need something, want something, or if you are in trouble? Why?
- Who do you go to when you need a hug or to be comforted? Why?
- When you pray, who do you go to? Who do you feel comfortable with? Why? Look at the Trinity image above, and think of all the saints in heaven.



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Super Saturday (June 5-8)

Let your friends know! Illinois State Museum is hosting a weekend full of movement, art, wacky games, and crazy science. Across Illinois, families can participate in all activities while at home, including painting with bubbles, learning about expanding air, and creating an obstacle course. Additionally, Museum staff will share fun facts with educational resources to help families explore on their own.

To participate, families should visit the new [Illinois State Museum Family Fun website](#) for more details, or respond "going" to the event on the [Museum's Facebook page](#).

Show Some Love...

God so loved the world... and he wants you to love everyone too. How can we show people outside our immediate family how much God loves them?

- Donate to your local food pantry or to the [Catholic Charities Covid-19 Angel fund](#).
- Is there a nursing home near you? Make colorful posters showing love and hope. Put them in an envelope labeled "To our Friends in [name of nursing home] and drop them off at the front door.
- Take a drive, a walk or ride your bikes to a place near the parking lot of a nursing home or a hospital and pray for everyone inside who is sick and for all those who care for them.
- Take a look around your neighborhood. Is there an older person or couple who might need some help? Ask if you can mow their lawn or do something else for them. (Wear a mask if you knock on their door.)
- Wear a Mask – nothing shows how much we care for others right now more than wearing a face mask to guard others against droplets you breathe out – even if you don't think you are sick.

