



God So Loved
THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE
His Only Son

JOHN 3:16



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 31, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

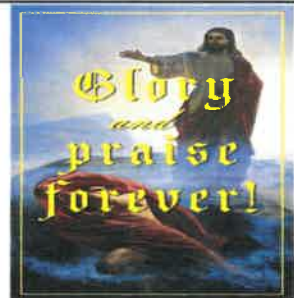
May 30	5:45pm	Poor Souls req. by Ed & Judy Phelan +Jose Antonio Rickarday req. by Roxanna & Mark May +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family
June 3	5:30pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Dan Phelan req. by Carmen & Jerry Kinsella Parish Family of St. Patrick
June 6	5:45pm	+Deceased Members of the Jim & Rita Phelan Family +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
June 10	5:30pm	+Dan Phelan req. by Dan & Judy Robbins +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Grace Niemiec req. by The Family
June 13	5:45PM	+Jim & +Rita Phelan req. by Ed & Judy Phelan +Dan Phelan req. by Lynne Phelan & Family +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
May 30 - 5:45pm	Mark May	L. Cakora
June 6 - 5:45pm	Jim Kreske	P. Engler
June 13 - 5:45pm	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of May 31, 2026**

Sunday Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Monday Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16; Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs 2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday 2 Tim 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Mk 12:28-34

Friday Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr 2 Tim 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday 2 Tim 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
5/24/2026**

Sunday - \$1308.00

Maintenance - \$45.00

Ascension of Our Lord - \$20.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1211.54
Thank you for your faith filled support.

**HOLY FATHER INTENTION FOR
JUNE**

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Please Remember our sick: especially:

Greg Harnois, Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski, Lisa Price, Barbara Schriver, Joe & Carol Price, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Haley Donzella, Ken Smith, Laura Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE A LOVED ONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST.



**Our Blessed Mother
Candle Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**



**Our St. Joseph Candle
Is Burning for
+DAN PHELAN
Req. by The Dan
Phelan Faily**



Are you navigating life as a widow or widower?

We invite you to join us for support, healing, and community.

Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop & Spiritual Retreat June 27th & 28th 2026

St Julie Billiart Parish, Tinley Park IL

No Overnight Accommodations available

For further information, call: 708-354-

7211 or e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org

For Registration visit: www.joyfulagain.org



From pre-med to priesthood – one man's answer to God's call.

Joshua felt empty despite every worldly success. Through a community that prayed, encouraged, and walked with him, he discovered his calling. Now he's preparing for ordination in 2027. Your support through the CMAA helps form the future priests of our diocese.

"I finally knew what I was being called to do."

– Joshua



Watch the video and see the good your donation to the CMAA brings to our community

*Plan Today
for
Peace of Mind Tomorrow*

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow.

Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit diojoliet.org/cemeteries for more details.

We're here to help!

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL: 10,500.00

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$5,585.00

AMOUNT PAID: \$4,4875.00

DONORS - 23



Dear Friends,

June is a month filled with grace and gratitude — a time to welcome the warmth and abundance of summer and to honor the remarkable men who have shaped our lives through their loving guidance. To all the fathers and father figures in our faith community, I wish you a most happy and blessed Father's Day!

It is especially fitting, then, that June also invites us to turn our hearts toward our parish priests — men who have answered God's call and given their lives entirely to us as our spiritual fathers.

These dedicated shepherds pour themselves into the care of their parishes and parishioners, faithfully present through every season of life. When illness visits one of our beloved priests, the call falls to us, as Catholics, to stand by their side. In accompanying our clergy through their most vulnerable moments, we live out the Gospel's summons to care for the sick and to love one another as Christ loved us.

The Father's Day Second Collection exists for this singular purpose: to support our diocesan priests who are facing serious, long-term illness. Your gift helps provide essential medical care when a health crisis strikes and brings meaningful relief from the mounting costs of specialized treatment.

I ask you to take a quiet moment in prayer to discern how you might help. To give online quickly and securely, please scan the QR code below. Or, if you prefer, you are warmly invited to place your offering during the Father's Day Second Collection on June 20–21 at your parish.

On behalf of every priest who will be touched by your generosity, thank you. Your open and giving heart is a true blessing — a living witness to the faith we share.

With best wishes and God's blessings,

As I remain—
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis E. Spies
Apostolic Administrator and Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet



Scan to make a gift to
the Father's Day
Second Collection.

That All May be Saved

In today's Gospel we read perhaps the most quoted verse of Scripture, 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." It's printed on t-shirts, coffee mugs, those fancy picture frames that everyone has hanging in their bathroom, and on pencils to hand out to youth groups.

I wonder if this is one of those verses that is so often quoted that it has lost some of its importance and just become a commonplace phrase. But today, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, let's take some time to really dive deep into what this passage means. If we go all the way back to the beginning we see Adam and Eve in the garden. They have been given everything they could possibly desire, but through an act of disobedience and selfishness, they lose their inheritance. They want to be God and in trying to become like him, they turn their back on the very One they want to imitate.

God, of course, knew this was going to happen and had a plan from the beginning. The irony is that God wanted to allow all of us to share in his divine life. He wanted us to participate fully and intimately in his very divinity. This was the desire of Adam and Eve, to be more like God, but they tried to get there through disobedience, while Christ brings us there by his obedience to the Father. I have shared this quote from the Catechism (221) before that states, "God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange."

Adam and Eve lost their inheritance through disobedience. Jesus gave us our inheritance back by his obedience to the Father and offers to make us partakers of the divine life through the Holy Spirit. It's the ultimate comeback story. This is why John 3:16 is such an important verse. Not because it can sell more merchandise to the Christian world than any other verse, but because it tells us of God's plan right from the beginning to perfect us.

This perfection does not come without a cost. As Scripture says, "We have been purchased for a price." That price is the death and torture of Jesus Christ, who became man in order to allow us to fully participate in the life of the trinity. What Adam and Eve did in the beginning, and what we continue to do today through our sin, can only be rectified by God stepping in and saving us. Today, let's rejoice that he has.

**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
WEDNESDAY AT 5:30PM
COME AND PRAY FOR OUR PARISH**

The Most Holy Trinity Life, the Universe, and Everything

Why does God love us so much? And why are we able to love others? The answer to these questions is found in the meaning of today's feast. Trinity Sunday celebrates not so much an idea of three-in-one as the relationship of the Persons of the Trinity with each other and with us.

The idea is that the Father expressed himself as the Word. Since it was a perfect expression, the Word is his Son and equal to the Father. The love of Father and Son is expressed as the Holy Spirit. Being a perfect love, it too is equal to Father and Son. So even the idea of the Trinity is based on love. But God's love was so great, God went even further. God created us to be loved by God.

In the second reading Paul blesses the Corinthians with the "love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit." The book of Genesis (3:18) says that it was not good for man to be alone. So God created woman, and through man and woman all humanity, to be able to love each other. Though human love is not perfect, the love of man and woman can produce another person, a child. The three Persons of the Trinity share one life in God. But through baptism, we also share in God's life. Just as parents love to see how their children look like them, so God loves to see the divine in us.

The first reading reminds us of God's closeness to humanity. Moses can speak to God and God responds by granting his request. The Gospel tells how much God loves the world, that God's own Son was sent to die for us. But we sometimes forget that God's love comes first. We think that the more loving we are, the more God will love us. But love comes from God (1 John 4:7-11), so when we love someone it doesn't make God love us more; we love because God loves us first. Our decision to love is a response to God's love, and our ability to love is itself a gift from God. The meaning of life, the universe, and everything is Love, the love of the Trinity for each other and for us. The question now is, how well do we use that gift of God's love by loving each other?

Tom Schmidt

The Most Holy Trinity TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The liturgy seems reluctant to return to Ordinary Time from the joys of Easter, and so the festivities extend to today's celebration of the mystery of God's relationship to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Gospel today centers the question of our relationship with God in the struggle of Nathaniel to believe that it is possible to experience "rebirth" in the Spirit. The answer of Jesus is that God's response to the messes of this world is the mystery of saving love in Jesus Christ and the outpouring of an empowering Spirit.

Western church architecture often tops a church building with a spire, indicating humanity's reach to a transcendent God. The Eastern Church responds with onion-shaped domes, indicating the Spirit's being poured down upon humanity precisely at this locale, the gathering of the faithful for the Divine Liturgy. This familiar design encodes a great mystery: here, at the Lord's table, we experience the outpouring of the Spirit for the life of the world. Nathaniel came to Jesus by night, since he was still working out the meaning of his life. A life attuned to the inner life of the Trinity must always be given to the light of day.

—Rev. James Field

Love is the Key to Everything

“For God so loved the world...”

Love is the key to understanding God. And love is the key to becoming truly who we were created out of love to be. On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we speak about the deepest truth of God’s identity: a God who is Love (see 1 Jn 4:8), who, because of His great love for us, brought us to life in Christ (see Eph 2:4-5).

From the beginning, before the foundation of the world, the Father has loved us and chosen us (see Eph 1:4). He loves the world—the whole world, in all its brokenness—and moves toward it in mercy. The origin of our salvation is not human pleading, but divine initiative. Love begins with the Father.

Jesus gave His life for us that we might live (see 1 Jn 4:9-10). Jesus, the Word made flesh, enters our story not with condemnation but with compassion. In Him we see what divine love looks like: it walks with the poor, heals the sick, forgives the sinner, and lays down its life. To believe in Him is to trust that we are loved beyond measure. It is to allow ourselves to be drawn into the relationship He shares with the Father.

The Holy Spirit is love poured into our hearts, the bond between God and us (Rom 5:5). The Spirit is the hidden presence of God who awakens faith, convicts the heart, and dwells in those who believe. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son poured out into our hearts, drawing us into their communion.

It is not easy for us to allow ourselves to be loved like this. On this earth you and I know only imperfect love. Indeed, we ourselves can give to others only a love that is broken. Love on this earth is confined and distorted and confused and manipulated. In the name of love people are used and treated as objects. The beauty of love is lost when it is traded for gain, prestige, advancement, and power.

And yet we long to love and to be loved and to give love. We yearn to live in the communion of love we see in the Triune God, in the perfect, eternal, self-giving communion of love that overflows and reaches out to us. Our thirsty souls stretch out to this everlasting well of life-giving water so that we might be the presence of the Kingdom on this earth precisely through the way we love like God.

*Draw us, most Holy Trinity, into Your divine communion,
God the Father and Source of Love, we praise you.
God the Son, Love made visible, we praise you.
God the Holy Spirit, Love poured into our hearts, we praise you.
Amen.*

By Sr. Kathryn Hermes