**Holy Trinity Parish June 22, 2025**

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***Parish Council*** *(Trustees, Board, PCCW Officers):* Josh Pelan (Trustee), Wayne Pernicek (Trustee), Kevin Behne, Lyle Jakub, Jerry Bongers, Aaron Behne, Julie Novacek, Karla Wall, Andrea Svoboda, Sara Hofpar.

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***Prayer Circle Leaders:***

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***Confessions:*** 30 min. before weekend Masses

***The Holy Rosary:*** 20 min. before each Mass

***Perpetual Help Devotions:*** after Mass each Tuesday

***Divine Mercy Chaplet:*** after Mass each Friday

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***Weekday Masses***

June 23 Mon. 7:30 AM Char Greguras

June 24 Tues. 7:30 AM Loran Kudlacek

June 25 Wed. 7:30 PM Bud Kriz

June 26 Thurs. 7:30 AM Richard Steager

June 27 Fri. 7:30 AM Martin Nugent

***SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles***

June 28 Sat. 6:30PM For the Parishioners

June 29 Sun. 9:00 AM Rudy Jakub

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Adults **6/15/2025** $ 1,795.00

Children $ 5.00

Online Giving $ 650.00
Loose Plate $ 58.45
Votive Candles $ 66.25
Cemetery Fund $ 350.00

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**Holy Trinity Quilters** will meet on June 23, at 1:00 p.m. at the Klein Center.

**Parish Dinner Sign-Up Sheets** are in the back of the church for workers and baking. Please Sign up! Lists will be in back of church now - July 6th

**Parish Dinner Grocery Lists** are due by July 15th. Please give them to one of the Head Chair Couples (Josh & Elizabeth Pelan, Dwayne & Kathy Pelan, Chris & Brenda Janak, and Mitchell & Wendy Janak) or place in the collection basket.

**The Ladies of Holy Trinity PCCW**, as part of the David City Deanery, are asked to pray the *Prayer to St. Monica* during June. Prayer cards can be found in the back of church. The Prayer Auxiliary of St. Monica was established in the Diocese of

Lincoln by the LDCCW in 1978. In emulation of St. Monica’s never-ending prayer of petition, each of the 13 Deaneries in our Diocese take turns throughout the year to pray for the return of those who have fallen away from the Church through St. Monica’s intercession.

**"In The Upper Room" ~ A Holy Hour to pray for our Priests ~ Thursday, June 26, on the Vigil of the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel at John XXIII Diocesan Center** sponsored by MAGNIFICAT and Seven Sisters Apostolate.   Join us in prayer for our Diocesan Priests before Jesus in His Most Blessed Sacrament in Exposition and Adoration.  Father Robert Barnhill will preside. The Holy Hour will include:  a community rosary led by the mothers of Priests; meditations from "The Priests Is Not His Own" by Fulton J Sheen; and silent time for personal prayer.  There will be Benediction and Music by Simple Faith.  Material will be available for purchase in praying for our Priests from Gloria Deo, along with free material from Magnificat, Seven Sisters Apostolate, and other sources.  Please contact Rhonda by text at 402.525.6396 for further information.

**St’s Mary & Joseph PCCW** presents LAUGH OUT LOUD Annual Salad Supper, Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 6:30pm. Join us for some comedy and great food! Tickets SOLD AT THE DOOR $12. All Welcome! Bucket Raffle, Wine Table, Door Prizes and an Auction of 6 SPECIAL BASKETS (Movie Night ~ Garden Goods ~ Fiesta Party ~ Game Night ~ Spa Day ~ Summer Fun). We hope to see you for an enjoyable evening with friends, family, and neighbors! SSMJ Parish Hall 637 Iver Street, Valparaiso.

**Chairs for the parish dinner in 2025:**

Darell & Theresa Aerts - Aaron & Lacey Behne - Chris Blatny & Jerome Kudlacek -Marcia Bohuslavsky – Jerry & Sandy Bongers-Allen & Pamela Brezenksi - Alice Eckstein - John & Katie Fencl - Scott & Julie Foral - David Havlovic - Jeremy & Danielle Hlavac - Steve & Vicki Hines - Eric & Sara Hofpar - Ron & Vicky Hula - Lyle & Pam Jakub - Bill & Katie Janak - Greg & Susan Janak - Mark & Denise Janak - Jerry & Dee Kabourek - Don & Deb Kost - Ken & LuJane Kotera - Dean & Lynelle Kriz - Nicholas & Jessica Miller - Rick & Julie Novacek - Matthew & Kayla Novak- Kurt Palik & Shelly Blatny - Art & Jodi Pelan - Ron & Deb Pelan – Tim & Erin Pelan - Irvin Pernicek - Teresa Pernicek -Tom & Gretchen Pesek - Leon & Nancy Piitz - Neil & Shannon Pleskac - Larry & Barb Ratkovec - Joel & Taylor Schommer - Marc & Tracy Spatz – Bob & Lisa Steager - Dave & Bev Struebing - Eric & Andrea Svoboda - Gary & Diane Svoboda - Dave & Val Tvrdy - Nathan & Karla Wall - Chris & Karen Zetocha - Dan & Rachelle Zysset

**Traveling this Summer?** If you are traveling over a weekend this summer, you can check [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to look up Mass times for parishes at your destination.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**: Take the best summer vacation you could have by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Spend quality time with the person you vowed to love for a lifetime. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is on: Sept. 19-21, Grand Island, NE. Early registration is highly recommended.  For more information visit our website at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call 402-370-5839. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter

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***June 28 Saturday Mass at 6:30 PM***

Acolyte: Mitchell Janak

Lector: Lyle Janak

Servers: Volunteers

Rosary: Kathy Janak

***June 29 Sunday Mass at 9:00 AM***

Acolyte: Lyle Jakub

Lector: Larry Ratkovec

Servers: Vincent & Spencer Vandenberg

Rosary: Larry Ratkovec

**Corpus Christi Sunday**: Today is called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for Body of Christ. It is on this day that we especially express our devotion to Christ present in the Eucharist. Why do Catholics believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist? We are the only Christians (other than the Orthodox and Coptic churches) that hold this belief. We claim the Eucharist is not just a symbol, a representation, or a commemoration of the Last Supper, but it is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ. This is why we genuflect at the tabernacle when we enter church. If we are genuflecting to a piece of bread, then we are guilty of the grave sin of idolatry. The reason for our belief is simple. We believe it is the body of Christ because Jesus said it was. It is worth reading the sixth chapter of John. It is just one chapter and takes a few minutes to read. When people question Jesus, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” he doesn’t say it is just figurative, but he repeats himself four times, saying “My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.” At the end of the chapter, some of the disciples walk away from Jesus and no longer follow him. Jesus did not tell them to come back because they misunderstood him. He just let them walk away. Then Jesus turned to Peter and the Apostles and told them they could walk away too if they don’t believe. Some people (non-Catholic Christians) read John 6, yet still claim that Jesus was just talking figuratively or symbolically. To settle this debate, we just need to look at what people believed in the very early Church. Were the apostles and early theologians teaching that it was just a symbol, or were they teaching that Jesus was speaking literally and he is truly present in the Eucharist? If a person studies history, they will discover that for the first 1500 years of the Church all Christians taught that Christ was present in the Eucharist. This does not mean that there weren’t individuals who struggled with the teaching or doubted it, but it means that the official teaching of the Church was always the same. It was not until the Protestant Reformation that this teaching was called into question on a large scale and entire denominations were started that taught something different about the Eucharist. Even Martin Luther, a leader of the Reformation, spoke out against people who denied the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. He said, “Of all the early Fathers of the Church, as many as you can name, not one has ever spoken about the sacrament as these fanatics do. None of the Fathers uses such an expression as, ‘It is simply bread and wine,’ or ‘Christ’s body and blood are not present.’ Yet this subject (the Eucharist) is so frequently discussed by the Fathers, it is impossible that they should not at some time have let slip such an expression as, ‘It is simply bread,’ or ‘Not that the body of Christ is physically present.’ Actually, they simply proceed to speak as if no one doubted that Christ’s body and blood are present.”[[1]](#footnote-1) On this point, Martin Luther is correct; there are no early Church theologians that claimed the Eucharist is just a symbol. St. Ignatius of Antioch was a friend of the Apostle John, who was present at the Last Supper. St. Ignatius wrote (around 110 AD), “The Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, flesh which suffered for our sins and which the Father, in His goodness, raised up again.”[[2]](#footnote-2) St. Justin, around the year 150 AD wrote: “We call this food Eucharist; and no one else is permitted to partake of it, except one who believes our teaching to be true. For not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these; but since Jesus Christ our Savior was made incarnate by the word of God and had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so to, as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer and set down by Him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nourished, is both the Flesh and the Blood of that incarnated Jesus.”[[3]](#footnote-3) St. Cyril, around the year 350 AD, wrote: “Do not, therefore, regard the bread and wine as simply that; for they are, according to the Master’s declaration, the Body and Blood of Christ. Even though the senses suggest to you otherwise, let faith make you firm. Do not judge in this matter by taste, but be fully assured by the faith, not doubting that you have been deemed worthy of the Body and Blood of Christ.”[[4]](#footnote-4) The teaching of the True Presence is not easy, but we can have faith because Jesus himself confirmed it in John 6 and we have the testimony from the theologians of the early Church. When a person truly accepts this teaching with firm faith, it leads to an increased desire to be near the Blessed Sacrament and receive it regularly. It leads to a desire to make visits to the church during the week, participate in Eucharistic adoration, and look forward to Mass.

1. *Luther’s Works*, St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing, 1961, volume 37, page 54. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *Letter to the Smyrnaeans* 6,2; William A. Jurgens, The Faith of the Early Fathers (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1970), Vol. 1, p. 25, #64. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. *First Apology*, 66, 20; Jurgens, p.55, #128. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. *Against Heresies*, 5, 5, 5; Jurgens, p. 99, #249. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)