

From the Pastor's Desk

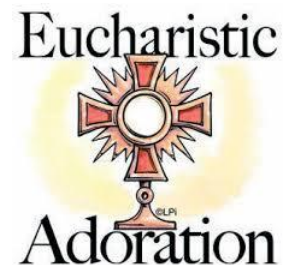
While it is impossible to explain fully the mystery of the Trinity, nor should we attempt to, I thought I might just summarize the “basics” of the theology of the Trinity: We firmly believe in one God, rejecting any notion of polytheism (the belief in multiple gods). This means that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit all share the same divine nature or substance, being fully and completely God. While sharing the same divine nature, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are truly distinct persons, not merely different aspects or modes of the same person. The distinction between the divine persons is understood in terms of their relationships to each other. The Father eternally generates the Son. The Son is eternally begotten of the Father. The Holy Spirit eternally proceeds from the Father and the Son. The divine persons are “consubstantial,” meaning they are of the same substance or essence. This implies their equality and co-eternality. The divine persons are inseparable in who they are (their nature) and in what they do (their actions). While certain actions may be attributed more prominently to one person (e.g., creation to the Father, redemption to the Son, sanctification to the Holy Spirit), all three persons are involved in every divine action. The Trinity is considered a mystery that human reason cannot fully comprehend. It is a truth revealed by God and accepted through faith.

The doctrine of the Trinity is fundamental to Christian life and worship, informing how Catholics pray, relate to God, and understand their own creation in God's image. Through the Incarnation of the Son and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are called to share in the very life and love of the Trinity. The relationship of perfect love between the divine persons is seen as the essence of God and the foundation from which God's love for humanity flows.

In a nutshell, that's it...and it doesn't even scratch the surface! Therefore, embrace the mystery!

PARISH HOLY HOUR(S): There will be exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, June 22nd, The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM (Our parish picnic begins at 2:00 PM that afternoon). This Solemnity is one of the most important feasts of the liturgical year. In Europe, East and West, it is celebrated by festivals and processions. The

Eucharist is the “source and summit of our lives” as Catholic Christians. Please consider participating in Adoration and or Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament that day! I believe that we owe the Lord so much for all that he has given to us! Could we not spend even 15 extra minutes with him that day, SUNDAY...THE LORD'S DAY...**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST?** He has of course given us the gift of life eternal. The possibility for an eternal present marked by perfect happiness. Could we not give him even 15 minutes on HIS FEAST DAY! There will be a sign-up sheet with 15-minute time slots for visits to the Blessed Sacrament both this week and next week. Of course, you can stay as long as you like – 15 minutes is merely suggested as a minimum amount of time. Please do justice to this great feast justice by coming to worship the one who has freed us from sin and death so that we might enjoy eternal friendship with God!





SAVE THE DATE!!! VISITATION ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

VISITATION ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC: The Visitation Parish Annual Summer Picnic is being held Sunday, June 22, from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM on the parish grounds and at the school gymnasium and cafeteria. There will be lots of food including hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, fresh fruit, other desserts, water, soda, and other *cool foamy adult summer refreshments*, all provided by the parish. There will also be several games onsite. From 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM there will be live entertainment provided by **the Irish Band, Full Kilt (All FREE OF CHARGE!)**. Please consider spending some of your afternoon with us on June 22nd for fun and an opportunity to socialize with your fellow Visitation community members. Remember we experience Christ very powerfully in community! Be part of this opportunity to grow in grace and have lots of fun while doing it. **There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church. Even if you are just considering coming to the event, please sign up to assist us in planning for food! Thank You! See you there!**

1st Annual Visitation Parish Ice Cream Crawl:

Visitation Parish will be holding its 1st Annual Ice Cream Crawl during the weekends of the summer months on Saturdays or Sundays (depending upon the weekend) through August 2025 at 7:00 PM. Dates and location will be advertised in the parish bulletin. The next two ventures of the “crawl” will be this **Sunday, June 15th at the Ranger** and **Saturday, June 21st at the Koolit Corner in Seward**. All are welcome to join in our sweet treat trek. Please contact Kristyn Amendola at 814-248-2942 for more information or to arrange transportation.