

Holy Trinity Sunday June 4, 2023

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

Has Gallup ever surveyed God's opinion? The Scripture for this weekend has to do with God's point of view. These passages respect human opinion yet challenge us to discern and act in accord with God's will.

The Jeremiah excerpt is one of the so-called "confessions." Jeremiah resents his role as messenger of exclusively bad news. He is tempted to abandon his prophetic career, but the Word of God is an all-consuming fire (see Jeremiah 5:14); thus he will continue to preach.

Paul urges the Romans to think and act beyond the world's pragmatic views: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds" (Romans 2:2). They, too, must attempt to think as God would think.

Peter, by God's revelation, understands that Jesus is the Messiah (Matthew 16:16). On the other hand, Jesus' mission as a suffering Messiah is too much for Peter to comprehend. Suffering and death should not be the path to glory. Peter suggests an easier way to fulfill God's will and thus becomes an obstacle to the mission. Jesus says, "You are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things" (Matthew 16:23). Jesus knows that to lose oneself for God's sake is to find oneself.

We are practical people. We seek the opinions of physicians, lawyers, business consultants, and friends. These are reasonable paths; clearly, God is able to speak to us through other people, especially through the Christian community. Our task is to constantly monitor God's counsel. Like Jesus, we assume that God may have a bigger and better way to accomplish God's plan!

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

VOCATION CORNER JUNE 4, 2023

Yesterday, Saturday, June 3rd, the Bishop McGovern ordained another group of Deacons for the Diocese of Belleville. We heartily congratulate them on completing their discernment and training. We wish them well as they begin their ministry. How appropriate that they begin this weekend when our Gospel is the famous John 3-16 verse of "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son". May they follow in this "giving" of themselves in service to the Lord.



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Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

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HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**

Schedule of Masses

June 4 8 am Mass- *1st Sunday Social*
June 9 6 pm Mass
June 11 8 am Mass

BIRTHDAYS

Tyler Bishop	6/6
Mont Bishop	6/7
Suzanne McHugh	6/9
Dick Bigler	6/10
Stan Treat	6/10
Arlene Dueker	6/10

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
June 4	S. Widowski	D. Irby	X. Gruszczuk Z. Garrett P. Widowski	C. Bergmann M. Bergmann	* J. Nelson R. Weeks

Gift Bearers K. Retz & R. Weeks **Cantor** S. Pobst

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
June 11	A. Dueker	D. Irby	B. Palmer V. Anderson S. Widowski	C. Levesque	* M. Slife A. Irby

Gift Bearers Alan & Donna Irby **Cantor** S. Pobst

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING *May 28, 2023*

General	\$635.00 (15)
Loose	\$218.50
Candles	\$10.00
Dio Collection	\$155.00
Other	\$100.00 (Cemetery)

Total \$1118.50

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (1) \$50.00

Total \$50.00

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

SUN JUNE 4 8am Mass- *1st Sunday Social*
FRI JUNE 9 6 pm Mass
SUN JUNE 11 8 am Mass

THREE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

St. Mary's Harrisburg, St. Mary's Eldorado and St. Paul will be meeting on Wednesday June 7, 2023 at 6pm in Eldorado. Father would like five parishioners from each individual council to attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Faith Alive needs volunteers for *June 22, 23 & 24*. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the church.

THE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Help support the programs of the *Metropolis Crisis Pregnancy Center* and *Hope Unlimited*. Please take a bottle home to fill with change and return it to church by **June 18**.

HOGGS HOLLOW POTLUCK

Let's come together to share our Catholic faith and friendship at an outdoor gathering of ladies from our 3 parish family. The event will take place at Hoggs Hollow Winery outside of Glendale, IL on Saturday, June 24 from 11:00 until 2:00. Bring a dish to share if you wish, but don't feel obligated. We'll introduce ourselves, play some Catholic Trivia, and just eat, sip, and visit. **Questions? Call or text Pam Shallenberger at 217-714-4568.**

CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL 2023

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

On Memorial Day, let us take a moment to honor those who gave their lives for our country. Our warmest wishes on Memorial Day, 2023, and deepest gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice of our fallen heroes.

-Bishop Michael McGovern and Agencies and Ministries Supported by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

LOOKING AHEAD

June 4	<i>First Sunday Social (After Mass)</i>	
June 7	<i>Three Parish Council Meeting- St. Mary's Eldorado</i>	6pm
June 18	<i>Fathers Day</i>	
June 21	<i>Parish Council Meeting</i>	6pm
June 22-24	<i>Faith Alive Work Days</i>	
June 24	<i>Parish Family Women's Potluck at Hoggs Hollow Winery</i>	11am-2pm

****Office Hours to contact Theresa are M-F 8am-4pm at the rectory (618) 658-4501 or via email spccil@frontier.com. Wednesday at 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions. Wednesdays Theresa will be at the rectory 11am- 1pm.****