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Our Mission Statement: The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.

May 29th, 2016 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Readings (Missal p 176 et seq.): Gen 14:18-20 • Ps 110:1-4 • 1 Cor 11:23-26, 12-13 • Lk 9:11-17

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Wolfgang Felber

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Jennifer Evans

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Jackie Anders •

Designated collection: Friends of All Saints

Trinity Sunday: Keep it relational

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. God is Trinity. Our Christian God is relational. And we are like God: we are all connected as a community of faith, hope and love, we want to be a community of justice and peace, a community that hopes to be one family; a community that brings rich and poor together. The Spirit of God is part of this community. Let us have a look at two of the three readings we just heard:

The **Book of Proverbs (Ch. 8)** includes two themes which I really like:

* The first is: the Spirit of God was present in creation from the very beginning: The Wisdom of God cries out aloud (Ch. 8): *“From the beginning, I was with the Lord. I was there before he began to create the earth. At the very first, the Lord gave life to me. I was right beside the Lord, helping him plan and build. I made him happy each day, and I was happy at his side. I was pleased with his world and pleased with its people.”*

The sacred and the secular are connected. There is no separate space only for the sacred. In other words, God is found to be intimately connected to the world. We can find God in God's creation and we hear God's call to respect creation. Ignatius of Loyola said: *“Find God in all things”*.

* The second theme is: God takes *“special delight in the human race”*, God is pleased with the human race (Prov 8:31) or in other words, every human person has a special dignity and goodness. The wisdom of God says: *“I was at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons and daughters of men.”* The sacred and the secular are related and God delights to be with us, the human race – these are the two topics I read in the book of proverbs.

The **gospel** according to **John** (Ch. 16) reminds us not to forget that it is the very Spirit of God that will guide us through all the complexity of our life. The Spirit that is with us is the same spirit that creates, redeems and sanctifies. The Spirit is present in the challenges of our human life. John writes: *“The Spirit shows what is true and will come and guide you into the full truth. The Spirit doesn't speak on his own. He will tell you only what he has heard from me, and he will let you know what is going to happen.”*

From all of this, it follows that as friends of Jesus we are concerned with the issues of the world and everyday life. Our concerns are as big as the world. God is Trinity. Our Christian God is relational. So are we. With the **Creator**, we respect the creation. With our **Redeemer**, we work together to heal divisions and promote a more just, a more humane world. With the **Spirit**, we are committed to the way of peace and nonviolence in order to change our world. This is our faith in the Trinity – and don't forget: *“Keep it relational!”*

Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ cf <https://educationforjustice.org/resources/lectionary-reflections-trinity-sunday-c-may-26-2013>

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Today

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME! *Visiting for the first time?* Please introduce yourself and tell us where you are from at the end of Mass, so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake in the Community Hall!

Attendance on May 22th: 129

Collection: All Saints: €235.93 German Catholic Day €30.85

Registration open for preparation for First Holy Communion

Registration for Communion classes is now open! Classes will begin in the fall with the beginning of the new school year. Please fill out the registration form of the English-speaking Mission which can be found outside the church office. Please submit it to the office (directly or via the mail box). Watch our website for more details.

Make a Note . . . Friday Mass

Father Sylvester will celebrate weekday Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at All Saints every Friday beginning at 18:00 h.

Would you like to become more involved in our community activities??

If you have considered becoming more involved in our community now would be a great time to speak up. From helping to host hospitality to teaching our young people; helping hands are always welcome! Ask Konrad, Vanessa, Jenny or Buck and they will connect you with the head of the ministry that you are have an interest in. Thanks.

Spring BBQ Potluck

Our annual spring BBQ was a huge success!

Many thanks to the confirmation class for all their efforts as our hosts. Our thanks also to all those who volunteered to help with the set-up and clean-up. Special appreciation to Lupita Wilhelm for her time and effort to purchase all the supplies.

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

Mark your calendars:

- June 3rd – **Friday Mass** - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 18:00 h.
- June 3rd – Join us for our 7th film in our “**Explore the Faith**” series at 19:00.
- June 5th – **Meeting of the church ministries** to plan for the coming quarterly events (Conference Room).
- June 5th – **Confirmation Class** 11:15 – 13:00 h.
- June 5th – **High School Youth Group** – meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the Classroom.
- June 5th – **Eucharistic Adoration** for 1st Communion class with Fr. Sylvester (Blessed Sacrament Chapel).
- June 6th – **Altar Server training for our first communion children** in the church from 18:00 – 20:00.
- June 10th – **Confirmation Class** 18:00 – 19:30 h
- June 12th – **All Saints Council** meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the conference room.
- June 12th – **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during Mass.
- June 13th – **Altar Server training for our first communion children** in the church from 18:00 – 20:00.

Explore the Faith: "Catholicism" Film Series Continues after Friday Mass on May 27th!

Please join us for our third in-a-series of Bishop Robert Barron's “**Catholicism**” series” after Friday evening Mass. The theme this week is:

“A Body Both Suffering and Glorious The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church”

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June 5th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Sylvester Ajunwa

Lector: Jennifer Evans • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang •
Designated collection: Friends of All Saints

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