Catholicism 101- Some Basics of our Catholic Faith- July 13, 2017  
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The Trinity- we are made in God’s image

* “Let us make man in our image.” Genesis 1:26
* We are made for relationship and communion with others and ultimately God
* That end goal is Heaven
* Created by the Trinity to share in their goodness
* Sin enters and divides God and humans, man and woman, and within one’ s self
* Christ comes to bridge the gap and unite God and Man
* The Church is the presence of Christ here on Earth and now the Church bridges the gap
* Called to live in Communion with God through living in communion with Christ in the Church

Faith –Gift that unites us to God

* Bridges us to Christ and his Church, in turn restoring relationship to the Father
* Is belief in God and all that He has said and revealed to us, and what Holy Church Proposes
* Faith is not Blind
* Is trusting in God, similar trusting in other people when they share themselves
* Is Certain. God is Truth itself, Jn 14:6
* Is a Grace. Gift of God, infused in the Soul. Peter, “You are the Christ.” Mt 16
* Restoring relationships:

-Trust in the Father

-Dignity of each person

-Sonship of oneself. Lessening of Pride manifest in self-reliance

Saints- Examples of Men and Women who lived in communion with God through Faith

* St. Joseph
  + Father of Jesus and Husband of Mary- hard living with two perfect people!
  + Man who responds to God’s will right away
  + Trusts in God even in uncertainly
  + Known as a just man who was chosen by God
  + Patron saint of workers as he taught Jesus how to work
* St. Hubert
  + Patron saint of hunters
  + Married and then widowed
  + Became a religious and then a bishop
  + He was noted for his miracles and for converting hundreds.
* St. John Paul II
  + Lost his mother as a boy, then his brother and then his father
  + Trusted in God the Father as his family
  + Used his gifts for God and brought joy to many people
  + Fulfilled through using his gifts and fulfilled others in doing so
  + Known for his courage and charming personality
  + Key to breaking down communism as he focused on the dignity of every human person
* **Next Meeting Bonfire at Steve Arndofer’s House- 1210 Holly Drive E, Lino Lakes, 6:30 PM August 17**