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June 4, 2023 The Most Holy Trinity

Pastor: Fr. Tom Brown

616-527-3610, ext. 12 616-755-1742 (evening)

Associate Pastor: Fr. Oscar Londoño, mxy 616-755-2279 (cellular)

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8 & 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. in Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule

English: Mon & Wed, Mass at 12:10 p.m. Tues, Communion Service at 7:30 a.m. Thurs, Mass at 8:00 a.m. (school year) Fri, Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Spanish: Wed, Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Schedule

English: Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. Monday 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Spanish: Wednesday 6:00-6:45 p.m.

For questions regarding Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, or any other sacrament, please call the parish office: 616-527-3610

Praver Chain

If you have a prayer request for immediate need, please call 616-522-0279, or 616-527-0438.

This weekend, like last weekend, we will be discussing the Eucharist in the homily. But this is Trinity Sunday, so here are a few reflections on The Most Holy Trinity. This blessed feast day is one we have from reflecting on the words of Jesus himself, as well as a few other words from Scripture.

We would know nothing about the Trinity if it were not for Jesus. Our Lord said, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. The Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one!" Jesus claims here that He and the Father are one. He goes on, "If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize and understand that the Father is in me and I in the Father." So Jesus clearly states that He and the Father are one. And the Jewish people try to kill him!

Jesus repeats this teaching to his apostles. Philip say to Jesus, "Show us the Father and that will be enough." Jesus appears to be surprised! "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father, who dwells in me, is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me." So our Lord was firm in confirming that He and the Father are one.

Jesus Christ also confirmed the coming of the Holy Spirit. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of Truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with vou and will be in vou." Also, Jesus added, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name. He will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

And so we have from the mouth of Jesus this belief in the Holy Trinity. How to integrate all this with faith in one God took a few centuries for the Church to work out. The Church Fathers debated as various heresies arose, as wars were fought and blood was shed, especially in the long process of overcoming the Arian heresy, which taught that Jesus was not equal to the Father. It wasn't until the Council of Nicaea in 325 that what we profess each Sunday was declared. The Father is God, the Son is God and the Holv Spirit is God. But one God in three persons. Should be we surprised that God is too great for us to understand? If we understood God then we would be as great as God. So we just accept this mysterv of the Trinity. This term of the Trinity was given to us around 200 AD. It matters to us because God, who is the greatest of all, loves us and wants us to love Him. Amen.

God bless vou! Fr. Tom

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The Week Ahead..

BC = Basement Chapel

AH = Apostles' Hall \overline{CR} = Cornerstone Room \overline{SC} = School

JUNE 4, 2023

CH = Church \overline{PO} = Parish Office VR = Veritas Room \overline{UP} = Upper Room

The Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9/(Ps) Dn 3:52-55/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18 Saturday, June 3

4:00 p.m. Marlene Chartrand & Kay Conner (family) Sunday, June 4

8:00 a.m. Intention of our High School Graduates

11:30 a.m. Bill Miller (Karen Miller & sons)

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, June 5—St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

Tb 1:3: 2:1-8/Ps 112:1-6/Mk 12:1-12

11:00 a.m. Confessions

12:10 p.m. Intention of Lorna Weitzel

Tuesday, June 6—St. Norbert, Bishop

Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-9/Mk 12:13-17

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

6:00 p.m. Intention of our 8th Grade Graduates

Wednesday, June 7—Weekday

Tb 3:1-11, 16-17/Ps 25:2-9/Mk 12:18-27

12:10 p.m. Frank Hudson (Melissa McKinstry)

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, June 8—Weekday

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1, 9-17; 8:4-9/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 12:28-34

8:00 a.m. (adult Mass) People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Friday, June 9—St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1-2, 6-10/Mk 12:35-37

8:00 a.m. SS. Peter & Paul School Family (End of Year Mass & Awards)

Saturday, June 10—Weekday

Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/(Ps) Tb 13:2, 6-8/Mk 12:38-44

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

3:00 p.m. Confessions

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Dt 8:2-3, 14-16/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58 Saturday, June 10

4:00 p.m. James Crowley (Kay Bellgowan)

Sunday, June 11

8:00 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

11:30 a.m. Timothy C. Smith (family)

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS-WEEK OF JUNE 4

GENERAL CLEANING:

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Sunday, June 4—Trinity Sunday

8:00 a.m. High School Graduation Mass (CH) 9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH) Youth Group Night (CR) 6-8 p.m.

Monday, June 5

6:30 p.m. Scripture Study (PO)

Tuesday, June 6

8th Grade Graduation Mass (CH) 6:00 p.m.

Reception follows (AH)

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting (VR)

Wednesday, June 7

School Fun Day

12:45 p.m. Luncheon after 12:10 Mass (PO)

Thursday, June 8

3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, June 9

Last day of school for Grades K-7 School Mass & Awards (CH)

Dismissal about 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 10

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Grief Support-last session (PO) 9:30-5:30 Into the Mystery (Aquinas College)

Sunday, June 11—Corpus Christi Sunday

Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever. Amen

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Schedule for "Into the Mystery" June 10 at Aquínas College



8:30—9:30 a.m. Arrival, Confession, Vatican Display of **Eucharistic Miracles**

9:30—10 a.m. Welcome & Morning Prayer

10—11 a.m.

Keynote: Fr. Jonathan Kelly

11:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Mass with Bishop Walkowiak

12:15—2:15 p.m.

Lunch/Ministry Fair/Eucharistic Adoration/ Confession/Eucharistic Miracles

2:15-3 p.m.

Keynote: Meg Hunter-Kilmer

3:20—5:30 p.m. Eucharistic Procession

5:30—7:30 p.m.

Family Festival including live music, with food and beverages for purchase

June 10 & 11, The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

4:00 p.m. Lector: Kara Griffith

Altar Servers: Kendall & Kyle Cusack

EMs: Jane Emelander, Cecilia Luke, Volunteer Greeters: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Lector: Walt Downes

> Altar Servers: Paul & Sam Mever EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Veronica Meyer.

Denise Peabody Greeters: Julie Bennett

11:30 a.m. Lector: Monica Mabe

> Altar Servers: Wyatt Johnson, Lillian Mabe EMs: Shannon Andrews. Vanessa Booth. Theresa Scholtens

Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

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We continue to pray for all who need healing. If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the parish office. Be sure you have the consent of the person or a family member. Names will remain on the prayer list for three months. Requests may be renewed.

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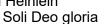
Knights' Corner

This Tuesday, June 6, is our monthly meeting. Please join us in the Veritas Room at 7:00 p.m. for the rosary, followed by the meeting at 7:30.

One item on the agenda is to approve a slate of officers for the coming year. The men who agree to accept an officer position provide a real service to our council. They make it possible for us to do the good work we are called to do. Thank you, brother Knights!

Youth Group Night

Our final Youth Group Night of the school year will be on Sunday, June 4, from 6-8 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. We will take a break for the summer and resume in September. --Kevin Heinlein



Mass with Anointing of the Sick



Fr. Tom will be offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at a special 12:10 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, June 13. The Mass will be held in the church. After the homily, those wishing to receive the Anointing of the Sick may do so. This would include

the elderly and those who are facing illness or surgery. A light luncheon will be served after Mass in the school cafeteria. If you'd like to volunteer to bring a dessert or a salad to share, please call the parish office (616-527-3610) or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Do you know someone who might like to attend this Mass but would need a ride? Perhaps you vourself could bring the person or ask a family member or friend to do so.



Saints Peter & Paul **Annual Garage Sale** Friday and Saturday.

July 28-29, 2023

It's not too soon to think Garage Sale! We invite you to consider donating your gently used and nolonger-needed treasures to our sale. Donations may be dropped off at the parish garage Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Reminder: we are unable to accept donations of box-style televisions. All proceeds will benefit our parish. Thank you for your generosity!

Helpers needed! Do you have a few free hours this summer? We'd love to have you join our garage sale team! Any time you can give is appreciated, even if just a couple of hours! Contact Toni at the parish office if you can help!



We sent in four more CSA pledges this week. We now have 98 pledges for \$52,138 towards our \$69,423 goal. We are three fourths of the way there. Will you join those who have pledged so far? We can only do this by working together!

Prison & Jail Ministry Information Sessions

We are seeking volunteers to help us offer weekly Catholic services including Masses, Communion services, RCIA classes and prayer services within 21 correctional facilities across our 11-county diocese. Join Bishop Walkowiak and more than 50 active volunteers in this vital ministry to the incarcerated.

Want to learn more? Attend an information session on Monday, June 26, at Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids, Ml. Come to either session: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Visit grdiocese.org/prison-and-jail-ministry/ to register. Questions? Contact Tricia Worrell, program director: 616-475-1255 or tworrell@grdiocese.org.

Save the Dates for our first-ever Saints Peter & Paul Parish **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

The program is developed and we will be working to fine-tune the details over the next several weeks. For now, please schedule these dates into your calendars. More information and registration forms will be available soon.

Session 1 - Monday, July 17, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Session 2 - Monday, July 24, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Session 3 - Monday, July 31, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Session 4 - Monday, Aug. 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Session 5 - Monday, Aug.14, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon



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Wednesdays 6-7 p.m. in the church

Into the Mystery

Saturday, June 10 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. **Aguinas College Sturrus Sports & Fitness Center**

A special invitation from Bishop Walkowiak

This event will serve as a mini-Eucharistic Congress for the diocese, gathering Catholics throughout the diocese for a daylong celebration of our unity in faith and sacrament as we transition to the parish year of the national Eucharistic Revival.

The day will include Mass with Bishop Walkowiak; talks by Father Jonathan Kelly and Missionary Meg Hunter-Kilmer; along with a Eucharistic procession to publicly witness to our faith.

In the morning, we will hear from Father Jonathan Kelly. Father Kelly is rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Our afternoon speaker will be Meg Hunter-Kilmer, a missionary and storyteller who travels the world telling people about the fierce and tender love of God.

The day will also include time for participants to:

- celebrate the sacrament of confession
- visit a ministry fair showcasing ways to serve and give within our diocese
- explore the Vatican display of Eucharistic Miracles provided by the Mary Our Mother Foundation
- participate in Eucharistic Adoration in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

All are invited to stay after the event for a festival which will include live music and food available for purchase from food trucks. The festival will run from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Boxed lunches will be provided to registrants. Registration cost for the day is \$10 per person or \$40 per family.

Please plan to join us for this day focused on worship of the Blessed Sacrament and growth in our understanding of its mystery.

To learn more, visit grdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival. You are encouraged to register for this event on the diocesan website or by calling Jennifer Baxter at the Diocese of Grand Rapids: 616-288-0908.

Wednesday, June 7, is our next potluck style luncheon after the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Lunch is served in the parish office living room, and all are welcome. Please let Deb Trierweiler (616-902-3473) know if you can bring a dish to share.

Parish Festival Guide 2023

Visit grdiocese.org/parish-festivals for a listing of parish festivals taking place this summer and fall.

Two men to be ordained priests for the Diocese of Grand Rapids

You may attend the ordination Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew on Saturday, June 3, at 10 a.m. or join the livestream on the diocesan website (grdiocese.org) or Facebook page.



Deacon Christopher T. Epplett, 39, is the son of Thomas and Mary Epplett of Spring Lake. He has nine siblings: Wendy, Delores, Tommy (deceased), Rebecca, Roberta, Joel, Jason, Ken, and Tim. He is a member of St. Mary Parish in Spring Lake and attended St. Mary Catholic School for grades K-8. After graduating from

Grand Haven High School, he received a bachelor's degree in theology from Aquinas College. He previously worked for several publications and newspapers, as well as in parish pastoral ministry.

Deacon Christopher was ordained a transitional deacon on May 21, 2022. He received his Master of Divinity from the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois, in spring 2023. He completed his pastoral internship at St. Luke University Parish in Allendale under the mentorship of Fr. Bill Vander Werff.

Father Christopher will celebrate his Masses of Thanksgiving at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 4, at St. Mary Church, 406 E. Savidge St., Spring Lake, and at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 11 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth.

Fr. Christopher is appointed canonical administrator of St. Alphonsus Parish in Grand Rapids, effective July 1.



Deacon Jacob M. Zemaitis, 29, is the son of Mark and Marilyn Zemaitis. His siblings are Daniel and Laura. He is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Wright. After graduating from Coopersville High School, he attended Grand Valley State University before moving on to St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Deacon Jacob was ordained a transitional deacon on May 21, 2022. He received his Master of Divinity from the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/ Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois, in spring 2023. He completed his pastoral internship at Holy Spirit Parish in Grand Rapids under the mentorship of Father Mark Peacock.

Father Jacob will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, at St. Joseph Church, 18784 8th Ave., Conklin.