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MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM Wednesday 8:00 AM (Not July)
 Sunday 9:30 AM Thursday 8:00 AM (Not July)

WORD & COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday 8:00 AM (Labor Day through Memorial Day)

NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated the 2nd weekend each month. (Please check with parish office for current schedule) Must be active, registered member of parish family. Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made by contacting Parish Office at least six months in advance. Must be active, registered member of parish family.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Notify Parish Office of parishioners experiencing serious illness, injury, or hospitalization. Communal Anointing of the Sick is celebrated annually in the Fall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available 1st Saturday each month at 11:00 AM in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish *Please call Parish Office for appointment.

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND

Clark Switalski, School Principal..... (989) 662-6431

WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools or AACS close due to inclement weather, daytime (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM), parish activities are canceled. Cancellation of evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5.

WEEK OF MAY 31st, 2021

MONDAY

572: Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

355: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a Ps 25:2-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mk 12:18-27

THURSDAY 8 am Mass

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

FRIDAY

357: Tb 11:5-17 Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10 Mk 12:35-37

SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

358: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 (Ps) Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7-8 Mk 12:38-44

SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

168: Ex 24:3-8 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 31st - Memorial Day – School & Parish office closed.

Wednesday, June 2nd – NO MASS

Friday, June 4th - Last Day of School

Saturday, June 5th - Confessions 11 am

Baptism 11:30 am

Sunday, June 6th - Graduation Mass 9:30 am

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 **Offering:** \$8,130.71

Catholic Relief Service: \$120 **Food Pantry:** \$40

In Memory of Brett Alvesteffer: \$25

Children G😊d Deed...I helped deliver flowers...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

We have officially reached the final week of school! We will have field day, graduations, and other fun “end of the year” events to celebrate a successful school year. It has happened with a lot of hard work from the parents, staff, and parish. Truly, the Body of Christ has come together to work through the difficulties this year has presented.

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The disciples went where Jesus told them to go, they worshipped, but had doubts. It is human to have doubts and they can be quite difficult to overcome. The more practice we have helps to build an exposure to dealing with difficult situations, thus instilling perseverance in our lives. Experience is important, but faith is crucial. Jesus says that he will always be with us through both difficult times and good times, when we doubt and when we have faith. In the end, our faith is what helps us to overcome the doubts of our lives, and Jesus is there to help us along.

The raffle drawing will happen Friday, June 4th! There are only a few more days to purchase tickets in the school office. Tickets are \$50 per ticket with only 500 tickets being offered in all. Please call the school office (989) 662-6431 and we can accommodate you! Thank you for helping to make our school raffle a success!

God Bless

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, Sara McGinnis Lee

We most often say, “In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit” when we begin and end prayer. What does it mean? When you pray, do you think of God the Father, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit?

Reflecting on the Word:

In today’s Gospel, we hear from Jesus how to baptize in the Person of the Trinity. We invoke the Trinity not only when we baptize, but also when we make the Sign of the Cross. Praying in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit enables us to center ourselves, our thoughts, and our prayers toward God. It also reminds us that God is present in all our daily lives.

Living the Word:

Throughout the centuries, there have been many names for the three persons of the Holy Trinity. For example, God is called Father, Mother, Creator; the Son is called Redeemer and Beloved; and the Holy Spirit is called Sustainer and Love. Create with your children a chart with three sections and list new names that help your children identify with the Persons of the Trinity. Look to the Bible and Catholic artwork to help with this. Which name do you identify with most?



Vacation Bible School Days!



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K-5th grade (Fall 2021)

July 27 – 30 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Registrations are due by Monday, June 28th

No registrations will be taken on Tuesday, July 27th

Youth volunteers are needed grades 6th–12th (Fall 2021)

Forms are available at the school entrance, at the Parish Center or by email request: parishoffice@auburnac.org

Graduation Mass

High school and college graduates are invited to attend the Graduation Mass, Sunday, June 6th.

We would like to acknowledge your accomplishments give you, our blessings. The graduates are invited to wear their caps and gowns and sit with their families. If you plan on attending, please call the Parish Office, 662-6861, parishoffice@auburnac.org





FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Trinity Sunday :

Anthony Martinelli, *Service*

How is it that biblical faith began to understanding God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit? The Hebrew Scriptures emphasize God's absolute domain and power as the one true God above all others. At the heart of Jewish faith and spirituality is this conviction expressed in the *Shema*: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone" (Duet 6:4). The problem occurs after the resurrection of Jesus. Christian faith recognized that Jesus is the Lord. Jesus is God in person. Yet he is not the Father, and that is where the problem arises. If Jesus is God but not the Father, then God must be different than first understood. The same held true for the Spirit. The Spirit truly was the life of God in the community, yet the Spirit was distinct from the Father and the Son. The one true God had revealed himself as Father, Son and Spirit (it took hundreds of years before the Church officially worked all this out in terms of three divine persons with one nature).

The revelation of God as Trinity was something that grew out of the faith experience that grew out of the faith experience of the community. Unfortunately, this doctrine has often been relegated to the limbo of being a "mystery" as if it has no discernable meaning for human beings. This is completely wrong. Trinitarian doctrine describes what our tradition has discovered about God. It means that God, the creator, and goal of creation, is the power of love (Father). It means that this love has given itself to us totally in our humanity and made our humanity his own (Son). It means that the life of God is capable of transforming our lives from within and uniting us deeply with him and with each other (Spirit). It is a mystery," not because it means nothing but because it means so much and can never fully be comprehended.

Moses' Reflection:(Deuteronomy 4)

Eugene Hensell, OSB

The first reading depicts Moses reflecting for the people on the reality of God that they have experienced throughout their long sojourn in the wilderness. This God was and continues to be in charge of everything and clearly surpasses anything reported to be from the gods of other nations. This God is unique. There is no other God like this God anywhere. Clearly this God is all powerful. This God is Lord. Clearly the author of Deuteronomy did not have the Trinity in mind when composing today's first Scripture reading. But what is presented here is the understanding of God as a dynamic, unique being who is all-powerful and creative. These are the ingredients that will appear later-on when the early Christians began reflecting on the person of the Father in relationship to the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Paul's Reflection: (Romans 8)

Eugene Hensell, OSB

The brief second reading from Romans 8 show Paul reflecting on the new relationship believers have with God due to the Spirit that is within them. Believers are now understood to be adopted children of God and thereby also heirs of God and therefore Joint heirs with Christ. All this has happened because believers were led by the Spirit of God. While Paul has not put together all the ingredients needed for a full doctrine of the Trinity, it is clear that the pieces are present, and they are intimately related one with the other. Paul is focusing on the dynamic role of the Spirit and how important that role is for every believer.

The Great Commission: (Matthew 23)

Eugene Hensell, OSB

The gospel passage for this solemnity is the famous commissioning scene from the closing of Matthew' gospel. Jesus calls his disciples together on last time and commissions them to go and make disciples of all nations. This is important because it indicates that the scope of the Christian mission is universal; it includes all nations and peoples. What is especially significant, however, is Jesus' mandate that his disciples baptize these new followers in the name of the Father and of

the Son and of the Holy Spirit. This might be an ancient baptismal formula from Matthew's community, but regardless of where it is from, it is one of the clearest expressions of the belief in the Trinity that we have. At this stage, there are no details given regarding each aspect of the formulation. It seems to come from a baptismal ritual, which would fit right in with how the church first expressed its belief through prayer and worship.

Love and Truth:

Douglas Fisher, *Service*

By our very presence in this church, we are saying that there is something beyond ourselves, something greater than ourselves, and we "know" that in the same way that we "know" our own heart. But how does that God "get" to us? Or how do we get to God's soul? Is he just "out there" or is he there for and with us?

The great theologian, Father Karl Rahner, says there are two ways God "gets into" our lives.

There are two fundamental modalities In God's self-communication to human beings, namely, truth and love. In virtue of his truth (or, better, truthfulness), God reveals himself to men and women in history, making them an offer of friendship of intimacy. And, in virtue of his love, God creates in human beings an ability to respond to his offer of friendship, thus revealing to them a transcendent future, that which lies far beyond their normal hopes and desires. Yet in the thinking of the Church, truth and love have traditionally been identified with the Second and the Third Persons of the Trinity. Hence in the very concept of God's self-communication to mankind, the Persons of the Trinity stand revealed.

The Trinity is not just a theory which gives us an insight into our very souls. There is the transcendent God whom we call "Father." And our God wants to give himself away to us. He created us so he might have someone to love. He offers us his love in Jesus, the bearer of truth. And he creates right within us the ability to say "yes" to this offer of love. He gives us the Holy Spirit. The Triune God is a circle of love and we are caught in the middle—a pretty good place to be.



"Bless me, Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

Sharing our Inheritance:

Grace Works, Dallas Texas

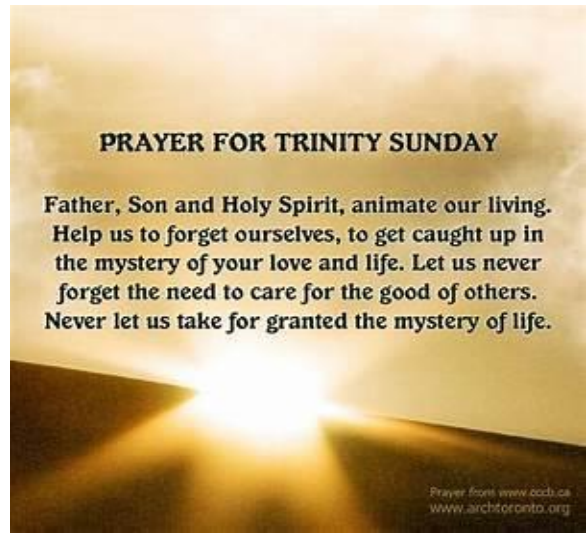
We who are the inheritors of God's gifts are commanded to be witnessing members of God's family. From stories of God's people wandering in the wilderness over 3000 years ago to the life of our Lord and those who followed him in the early Church, we of faith cannot keep this generous inheritance to ourselves. Truth to tell, keeping God's fortune to ourselves dissipates our inheritance faster than a plummeting stock market or a real estate bust. This good news is so outrageous, that it flies in the face of everything we heard about investments and the wise conservation of resources. Anyone with any lick of sense will tell you that only fools spend their inheritance, wasting it on trivial pursuits and tawdry trinkets. But not here. Not in these rexts. So outrageous is God's generous inheritance to us in our Lord Jesus Christ that if we fail to give it away, we lose it. Poof! It's gone.

So dear ones, beloved of God, wandering this world with good news to share; give it away. Give away the generous inheritance of grace God has given you. And you will be rich beyond all measure indeed.

Memorial Day Ceremony The VFW #6950



of Linwood/Kawkawlin will have several holiday ceremonies at local cemeteries between 9:30 am and noon on Monday, May 31st. The time for our St. Anthony Cemetery is at 10:25 am. Please feel free to join them to celebrate Memorial Day and honor those who have died in service to their country.

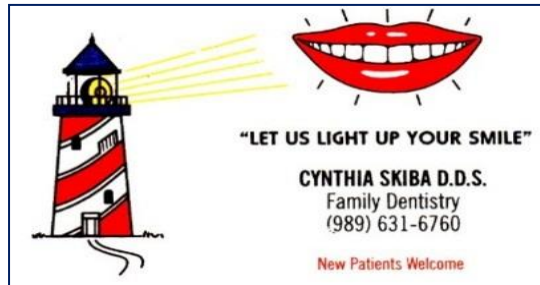


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