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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month at **11:00 AM** in the Sacristy at St. Gabriel Parish **\*Currently Suspended**  
**\*Please call Parish Office for appointment.**

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**WEATHER POLICY**

If Bay City Public Schools 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 JUNE 8, 2020

### MONDAY

359:1 Kgs 17:1-6 Ps 121:1b-8 Mt 5:1-12

### TUESDAY

360:1 Kgs 17:7-16 Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 5:13-16

### WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass

361:1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1b-2a, 4-5, 8, 11 Mt 5:17-19

### THURSDAY 8 am Mass

580:Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6 362:Mt 5:20-26

### FRIDAY

363:1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14 Mt 5:27-32

### SATURDAY 4:30 pm Mass

364:1 Kgs 19:19-21 Ps 16:1b-2b, 5, 7-10 Mt 5:33-37

### SUNDAY 9:30 am Mass

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



## EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Which person of the Holy Trinity do you relate to best: God the Father, Jesus Christ (God's Son), or the Holy Spirit? What does it mean to say that God is love? What does it mean for your life?

### Reflecting on the Word:



The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls the doctrine of the Trinity "the central mystery of the Christian faith" The Trinity is the mystery of God's very identity – God is Love. Through the revelation of the Trinity, we learn that the inner life of God is communion.

The love they share is so great, it has been overflowed out into creation and into each of us. So, let us also contemplate the mystery of ourselves, that we have been made, formed, and destined for love.

### Living the Word:

Find a selection of depictions of the Holy Trinity in fine art through the ages (icons, paintings, sculptures) and share them with your family. Discuss what each depiction tells us about the Trinity. For prayer this day, begin by crossing yourselves and praying that we might live in God's love. Close your family prayer by praying or singing words of praise and thanksgiving to the Triune God.

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### Clark Switalski, Principal

Having final pick up/drop off and our 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation this week was quite surreal. As we have been remote for the past few months, getting some closure on the year is nice, but also bittersweet. I have missed the students and the teachers have missed the students and I am certain from their responses at pick-up that the students missed us as well! Our kids are always the priority, and we will always push to make them better students and disciples of Jesus.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade GRADUATION



This week's Gospel tells of how much God loves us. He loves us so much, that he sent Jesus to form discipleship in person and die for our sins. God makes the ultimate sacrifice in order to save us from our sins. I love my children and my family with all my heart, and I can't even fathom how difficult the decision was for God. Spreading love instead of hate is the message we all should adhere to when we are interacting with people, as Jesus taught us.....**God Bless**

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Welcome Back!** Although Mass has been reinstated, parish activities are currently suspended, we will keep you informed of any new developments.

*This is the Mass schedule for the upcoming weeks: (Daily masses, 8 am Wednesday and Thursday will be open attendance)*

\*June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, L thru P

\*June 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, R thru Z

**Remember a mask is REQUIRED to attend mass, including children over the age of two and we ask that you observe the social distancing rules of 6 feet apart.**

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$10,962 Offering: \$8,653.78

Food Pantry: \$200 Priests Retirement Fund: \$110

*Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the parish so generously. It is truly appreciated!*

Children G☺☺D Deeds

We did have *one* child's envelope this week from John Hadd. We would say that John's "good deed" this week was coming to church and bringing his envelope!

## Liturgy Corner by Rev. Robert E. Brassard

**Do you know why...**we sing the "Lamb of God" before Communion? Originally, loaves of bread had to be broken into smaller pieces for distribution. That "breaking of the bread" was accompanied by singing a chant. By the 7<sup>th</sup> century the "Lamb of God" was fixed as the proper chant to accompany this breaking of the bread. The text of this chant is taken from the acknowledgement given Jesus by John the Baptist (cf. John's Gospel).

History and development moved the singing of the "Lamb of God" away from the people and made it a work done only by the choir. When loaves of unleavened bread were replaced by hosts, the text was sung only three times with the words "grant us peace" coming at the end of the third chant.

Today we have restored the use of this chant to its original purpose – to accompany the breaking of the bread and the preparing of the bread and cups for Communion.

## Congratulations!

*Melody Marie Mouser*  
Daughter of Heather Hirschy



**Last Week-end Recap...** We re-opened the church last weekend for Masses. There were very few people who came, 40 on Saturday at 4:30 pm and a few less on Sunday at 9:30 am. It is obvious that many people are leery of going into any gathering that might include large numbers of people.

However, the Masses afforded us the opportunity to test our preparation for re-opening. When people feel comfortable to come back, we are ready. Whether that time is close at hand, one can only guess. In the meantime, stay safe and well, and we will see you when you return!

~ Fr. Tom ~

**P.S. We have resumed weekday Mass on Wednesday and Thursday at 8 am.**

**"God be with me in love, peace and fellowship**





**FROM  
FR. TOM'S  
DESK**

**Most Holy Trinity**

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

Today's Gospel tells us that God does three things: God loves the world, God gives the Son, and God sent the son into the world. Just to be sure we make no mistake: The Gospel explains that God's purpose in sending the Son was not to condemn but to save.

God's love is no new revelation. Love is the theme that underlies all the Hebrew and the Christian Scriptures. Our reading from Exodus reminds us that God's key self-revelation in ancient times began because God heard the cry of the people and Moses to lead them to freedom. In today's reading from Exodus 34, the God whose name is incomprehensible to the human mind and unpronounceable by the human tongue, stands and talks with Moses. God tells Moses that being God means loving with a motherly, generous mercy, exercising long-lasting patience, and demonstrating unshakeable fidelity.

That is like the image of God presented in Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd." The God of Abraham and Moses is the God who continues to beckon humanity toward fullness of life. Then with the Incarnation, Christianity adds the unthinkable to that image. When today's Gospel says, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son," we need to understand that with the backdrop of John 1:14, "The Word became flesh. "That means that being our tender, creator-redeemer and shepherd was not enough. God's love is such that all those roles or images were still too distant, too separate. The God whom Christians know entered our very condition, not as an alien ambassador, caring but distinct, but as one of us. Christianity knows God not just as the Lord of history, but as Emmanuel, God in our history. John says that the Son became one of us so that everyone might have eternal life.

With his words Pope Francis summed up this feast, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Today we celebrate because the God we know, the God whose self-revelation began from the moment of Creation and continues until now is "God for us," ever desiring to be in closer, deeper, fuller union with humanity. God became flesh to share our life and to bring us to divine life. Jesus bequeathed the Spirit of his own interiority to attract us toward the community of love we call the Trinity. No image will ever be adequate to describe God, but God will always be near, luring us toward greater union through and with and in Christ.

**Image of God: (Exodus 34)** *Celebration*

When Scripture says that God is merciful, the image is that God's tenderness for creatures is like that of a mother for her little ones. The word for mercy derives from the same word as womb and refers to an almost instinctive response of protective care. It is what God expressed when telling Moses, "I have heard the cry of my people."

The image of being slow to anger literally means long-nosed. That implies that God does not react with a tyrant's flashing fury or sputtering rage, but with a patient long-suffering that revels divine power as something quite different from what humans might imagine.

Being rich in kindness advanced these descriptions of God from divine feelings to action. Kindness, more literally loving-kindness, is active, involved love which implies interaction and involvement to bring about the good of the beloved. Finally, God is rich in fidelity. That could be the story of the Scriptures summarized in one phase. God's love is everlasting. No matter what human creatures do, God's faithfulness will not be overcome.

**Called to Community: (2 Corinthians 13)** *Celebration*

The fellowship or communion of the Holy Spirit has a double meaning. This blessing refers to the life of God's Spirit in each person and the community. It recognizes a circular dynamic: As the Spirit fills individuals, they will be drawn into a union with the community and the community will be one that manifests the presence of God's Spirit

Taken as a whole, this reading tells us how to become a Christian community. The beginning gives specific instruction about how to be with one another and become together all that we were created to be. The second part calls for God's blessing on each and all, reminding us of how tremendously gifted we are and of the great vocation that flows from being so blessed. Spending some time reflecting on this blessing could deepen our awareness of just who we are called to be each time we begin our eucharistic celebrations with these words.

**The Son is Sent: (John 3)** *Celebration*

As we meditate on this reading for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity we find ourselves looking over the whole of salvation history. The passage begins with God's love for the world, reminding us of the myths which speak of the wonder of creation: how the great God Almighty tenderly fashioned the universe and created humanity capable of reflecting the divine image. From the beginning God loved this world with all its potential.

It is to this world with all its good and evil, with all its goodness and potential and with all its destructive tendencies that God sent the Son. And while preachers have long been famous for highlighting the sin lurking in every hidden corner and calling for the fear of God in the face of the handing over of God's Son, this Gospel proclaims "God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved."

**It is a Mystery:** David Heimann, *Celebration*

Today is the church's celebration of the "rule of three"—the of the Holy Trinity. It is important within our faith tradition that the Trinity is our acclamation whenever we begin or end anything. From our baptism to our daily prayers to our final farewell at a funeral, we do these things "In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

The mystery of the Trinity is vast, rich deep and wonderful. Saints, poets and artists have exhausted countless efforts to explain and illustrate this mystery. Each attempt to describe this fundamental tenet within our faith both inches us closer to understanding the nature of God while at the same time pushes our understanding farther away. The Trinity is something to ponder more fully, in the same way we learn to deeply value a favorite movie, a good book or a cherished friendship. The more we explore it, the more we value it.

Just like a comedian's finely tuned set-up to a joke, there are some things we know certainly about God. God is absolute and dependable. We can ground ourselves in God. And like a comedian's unforeseen wrinkle, God is also the unexpected, the surprising and ever new. We can rest assured in knowing that God is one, but we should also be astounded by the unexpected twist in knowing that God's oneness is three. This mystery is God's delight.. We are invited into his ever-unfolding revelation as we do everything in God's "rule of three."

**On Believing:** Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

For some, the notion of believing may at this point lean toward the cerebral. Believing may be associated solely with dogma, which may be perceived as an intellectual assent to a revealed truth. Although it is true that our human intellect is indeed a significant aspect of our responsiveness to God, there is more than the mind at issue here. Today, our celebration of the Trinity summons forth, from deep within each of us, a quality of believing that integrates mind and heart, hands and voice, feet and willpower. Our faith response to the mystery who is our God becomes spiritual and physical, emotional, psychological and even philosophical so that faith professed becomes faith lived. Love expressed in words becomes love expressed in deeds. Hope becomes a hope that reaches out to embrace others with its contagion.

Believing in the Trinity means welcoming all God's faces and persons in faith, hope and love and responding to God as our steady companion on each leg of our life's journey. "Do come along in our company" is an invitation to God that challenges us to relinquish our personal GPS. Going where God leads, doing what God wills, seeing and hearing as God does Loving and parenting as God does and reaching out to others as brothers and sisters who share the same spiritual genes...this is belief in God.

## Online Giving...

During these uncertain times, your parish still needs your support. Do not forget the availability of online giving. You can go to the parish website and "click" online giving, you can also go to My parish App or use the link below. Your vital support can still happen regardless of where you are.

<https://www.osvhub.com/auburnac/funds>



## Masks Available: Stay Safe!

The Bishop has mandated that with masses resuming, ALL parishioners attending, over the age of 2, MUST wear masks to services. We do have face masks (including kids!) available at the Parish Office. A couple of parishioners have generously donated masks to make available to anyone who needs them. You are welcome to come by anytime that the office is open and pick-up what you need.



## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We have been working diligently on the pictorial directory. However, we are at standstill with the shutdown as Lifetouch has closed per the executive order in their state. Know that we are still in the process and hope that we can have it completed in the near future and then get it into the publisher when they reopen. Thank-you for your patience!

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| Inurnment          | \$ 250 per niche     | \$ 300 per niche     |
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| Plot               | \$ 500               | \$1,200              |
| Burial             | \$ 650               | \$ 850               |
| Burial of Cremains | \$ 150               | \$ 175               |
| Saturday Burial    | \$ 200 additional    | \$ 200 additional    |
| Foundation         | \$ 0.40 per sq. inch | \$ 0.40 per sq. inch |

Contact St. Gabriel Parish Office at 989-662-6861

Prices Effective July 1, 2019



## Migrant Ministry Program

We are happy to announce that St. Gabriel Parish will again be collecting donations for *The Migrant Pantry* this year. This program provides food, household items, toiletries and diapers to local migrant workers. Below is a list of items most needed. We thank-you in advance for your donations!

**Food:** (please only donate food before its expiration date) \*High Demand Items

|                          |                     |                |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Pinto Beans (dry or jar) | Salt & Black Pepper | *White Flour   |
| Corn                     | Rice                | *Shortening    |
| Pancake Mix & Syrup      | Green Beans         | *Baking Powder |
| Cereal                   | Cooking Oil         |                |

**Household Items &Toiletries:**

|                   |                |                     |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Laundry Detergent | Dish Detergent | Blankets/Bed Sheets |
| Hand Soap         | Lotion         | Disposable Diapers  |

Hygiene Items: deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrush, shampoo/conditioner, feminine products

**Clothing:** (Gently used , clean, summer weight clothing; **no wool!**)

Children's Clothing- All Sizes

Men's & Women's Clothing-long sleeve shirts, work pants, blue jeans, shoes, socks (Appropriate for the fields)

***We will begin taking donations immediately thru June 15<sup>th</sup>.*** We will have a trailer parked near the parish office that will allow you to drop off donations at your convenience. You can also make monetary donations if you prefer.