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MASSES

***Weekday masses suspended until further notice**
 Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 9:30 AM

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 the 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

***Monthly schedule suspended until further notice**

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
 SPREADING THE SPIRIT FUND**

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WEATHER POLICY

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

Week of June 5th, 2023

Monday

353: Tb 1:3, 2:1b-8 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 12:1-12

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, 8-9 Mk 12:18-27

Thursday

356: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 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) Tb13:2, 6efgh, 7-8 Mk 12:38-44

Sunday 9:30 am Mass

167:Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a Ps147:12-15,19-20 1 Cor10:16-17 Jn6:51-58



PARISH ACTIVITIES

School is out! Summer vacation begins!

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 Offering: \$15,326

Priests Retirement: \$5

Children's Good Deeds

...Listening to Mama at the park....Helping Dad make breakfast...

AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Clark Switalski, Principal

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The summer has officially started for AACCS students, and I hope they have a nice summer vacation. At the end of the month, there will be our annual Vacation Bible School experience! It will be a lot of fun for all the students. Mrs. Mocny and the other volunteers have been doing a great job putting together an engaging and fun event. Thank you Mrs. Mocny! Aside from that, the teachers have a few training sessions to complete before they are fully dismissed for the summer, but it will be worthwhile training! Happy June everyone!

...God Bless...

Loons Tickets...Breaking News! You can still purchase tickets up until June 8th for the Loons game on June 11th. You can contact Jennifer Squires at 989-430-0069 for more info or to order tickets. Remember this event is a **fund raiser for AACCS**, so come out, enjoy some baseball, and support the school!!!

EDUCATION / FORMATION

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

Why did God send us his son? Do you think it was hard for him to do? How does it make you feel knowing that God gave his only Son so that you can live for eternity with him?

Reflecting on the Word:



The first verse of today's Gospel is one of the most popular verses in the whole Bible—and for good reason. In one line John is able to express the lengths to which God show how much he loves us and wants us with him. God gave his Son, knowing that he

would be misunderstood, an outcast, poor, and then painfully crucified like a criminal. Why would a father allow this? For love. He knew his love would not only save his Son but also us. God does not force us to love him back. We have a choice. We have choice to believe and follow him so that we may have the eternal life that Jesus gave his life for eternal love from an eternal King.

Living the Word:

John 3:16 is a popular verse of the Bible to memorize. As a family, memorize it together and see who knows it best by the end of the week! Ask your children why this verse is important for us to keep in our hearts.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar!

July 25, 26, 27 from 9 am - noon.

For children in grades K – 5th

(Fall 2023). Help is needed from

youth in grades 6th – 12th. Registration forms & youth volunteer forms are now available at the west entrance of the church. If you have any questions please contact

Mrs. Mocny, kmocny@auburnac.org





Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Sr. Mary McGlone, *Celebration*

Today's Gospel 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 as well as 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 sent 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 of those roles or images were still too distant, too separate. The God whom Christians know entered into 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.

Our Image of God?

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." God's graciousness can be understood as God's favor, as in the way God regarded Mary. Adding affection to protection.

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 reveals divine power as something quite different from what humans might imagine.

Being rich in kindness advanced these descriptions of God from divine feelings to actions. Kindness, more literally loving-kindness, is active, involved love which implies interaction and involvement to being about the good of the beloved. Finally, God is rich in fidelity. That could be the story of the Scriptures summarized in one phrase. God's love is everlasting. No matter what human creatures do, God's faithfulness will not be overcome. This selection from Exodus is no new revelation, but a summary, a list of qualities that can be found throughout Scripture. It depicts God as loving and consistently involved with humanity. We could well imagine Jesus, meditating on this reading from Exodus before he came up with the story of the prodigal son.

Signed in the Trinity

Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*

Understanding the significance of Trinity Sunday can be as simple as 1-2-3. It begins with God the Father—who gave us his only begotten Son; then Jesus—who in turn promised that he would send us the Holy Spirit. That is declared every time we sign ourselves, saying "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

Yet, the mystery of a triune God equally confounds the simple child and the wise old man as the well-known story of St. Augustine teaches us. One day while walking alone along the seashore, pondering the Trinity, Augustine encountered a boy pouring ocean water into a hole in the sand. The boy explained: "I am going to put the entire ocean in this hole." St. Augustine told him that it was impossible. The hole in the sand was too small to contain all of the vast ocean. Surprisingly, the boy replied, "And neither can you fit the Trinity into your little brain." When the boy vanished, St. Augustine realized he had been talking to an angel.

We continue to walk by faith, affirming the Trinity every time we cross ourselves.

John 3:16

Celebration

The last part of today's reading takes us back to Deuteronomy 30 when Moses invited the people to choose the life God was offering them. John says that those who believe will be saved and those who do not have been condemned. As many other things in the Gospel of John, this can be mistakenly understood in a narrow, almost magical way or, alternatively, as an invitation to ongoing reflection on what we believe about God, God's love and human life.

The solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity celebrates God revealed simply as "God for us." God gave Moses a limited vision but still so overwhelming that his face, his very soul, would never be the same. In Christ we have received the ultimate image of God's unceasing, invincible, and overwhelming love. Paul reminds us that to the extent that we believe in that revelation, God's Spirit can work in and through us, thereby allowing the love of God to be ever more present in our world.

Near/Far Away

David Heimann, *Celebration*

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.

There are some things we know certainly about God. God is absolute and dependable. God is the expected constant. We can ground ourselves in God. God is also the unexpected, the surprising, and the 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 and with a smile, we are invited to enter into his ever-unfolding revelation.

Call to Faithfulness

Fr. Richard Gribble, Collegeville, MN

God—as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Trinity that we celebrate today—has always been faithful. As we celebrate the presence of God in our life, as we contemplate the mystery of the Trinity, let us imitate the Trinity's life, as suggested by St. Paul in today's second reading, and live in harmony and peace. Let us be faithful, not only to country and family, but to God, the Father who created our world, the Son who died to set us free, and the Holy Spirit who continues to be with us today and to eternal life.

"May I always remember I am signed in the Trinity by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

Food Pantry needs... We finished the month of May having handed out **78 boxes** of food! The ladies helping in the pantry worked very hard! We know that with the kids out of school there will be an even greater need so we hope you can help.

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| Tissues | Toothpaste | Bar Soap |
| Shampoo | Deodorant | Dish Soap |
| Paper Towels | Cereal | Pancake Mix |
| Hamburger/Tuna Helper | | Mashed Potatoes |
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Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 350 per niche
CEMETERY	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional

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