

**175 Years of Cultivating Faith**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
**June 4, 2023**



**Holy Trinity Catholic Parish ~ Alpine**  
**Comstock Park, MI**

# WELCOME HOME

**A**s fate would have it, northern Kent County was hit by an early snowstorm last November when parishioners were invited to begin planning the parish's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Even so, 17 hearty folks braved the snowy roads for the first of several "Dream and Commit Meetings."

A line from the previous Sunday's gospel for Christ the King prompted this question:

**What do you want Jesus to remember about Holy Trinity Parish's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary?**

These priorities emerged:

- A welcoming community for past, present and future members
- Healing and forgiveness
- A sanctuary/place of prayer
- Involvement by people of all ages

It was soon obvious that the number of ideas far exceeded what we could realistically do. We also realized early on that a milestone so big as 175 years warrants more than one day.

**T**his weekend's celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity launches an entire year of occasional events honoring this parish's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
**WE ARE DELIGHTED YOU ARE HERE!**

**Please take a moment to look at the schedule on page 16 and add these events to your calendar.** We hope you will take advantage of these unique opportunities to learn more about this parish—not only its past but the remarkable families who call it their spiritual home today. **After all, each one of us is a reflection of the Most Holy Trinity.**

**We are immensely grateful to our fellow members on the 175th Anniversary Steering Committee and all who are helping today.** Please reach out if you offered to help, but no one followed up. There will be plenty of opportunities for us to work, play, pray and cultivate faith together in the year ahead.

Through the love of the Holy Trinity,

**STEVE MILLER, TONY PARKER, MARY ANTOR AND REV. CHRIS ROUECH**  
*Steering Committee Chairs*



**THE 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY STEERING COMMITTEE:** MaryJane Cordes, John & Nancy DeWildt, Brian & Jeanne Herrmann, Mike & Pam Juno, Lisa Martin, Deacon Jerry Roersma, Chris Schweitzer, Joe Schweitzer and Sharon Steffens.

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**HOLY MASS & BRUNCH**  
*celebrating*  
**THE SOLEMNITY OF**  
**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
**&**  
**THE 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC PARISH ~ ALPINE**

COMSTOCK PARK, MI

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2022



PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT

**REV. CHRIS ROUECH**, 13<sup>th</sup> PASTOR (2020 – )

**DEACON JERRY ROERSMA**

CONCELEBRANTS

**REV. THOMAS G. SIMONS**, 12<sup>th</sup> PASTOR (2009-20) | **REV. DANIEL DEPEW**, 11<sup>th</sup> PASTOR (1997-2009)

**REV. STEVE CRON** (ASSOC. PASTOR 1981-94) | **REV. PAUL MILANOWSKI** (ASSOC. PASTOR 1965-70)

**REV. DICK HOST**, NATIVE SON



MUSIC MINISTRY

**EMILY MILLS**, MUSIC DIRECTOR | **JOSEPH SCHWEITZER**, PARISH ORGANIST

**HOLY TRINITY CHOIR & EXULTATION BELL CHOIR**



## A CONDENSED HISTORY

### Holy Trinity Catholic Parish — Alpine

**The parish traces its founding to 1848** when six German Catholic families began building a small frame chapel at what is now the southeast corner of Baumhoff Avenue and Five Mile Road.

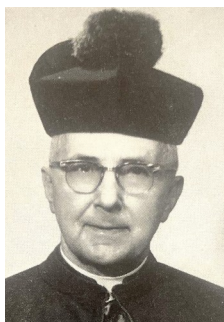
In September 1852, Fr Julian Maciejewski became the first priest assigned to the chapel and spurred its completion. A year later, on Oct. 17, 1853, the chapel was blessed by Detroit Bishop Peter Paul Lefevere.

With the original site too small for expansion, the growing congregation accepted the donation of four acres on Alpine Church Road in 1870. A single-classroom school was built. In 1883, a new church was built on a new and larger church west of the school.

**In 1901, more than 50 years after the first church, a rectory was built.** Fr. Francis Berhorst became the first residence pastor. A new school and convent was built and Dominican Sisters arrived to administer and teach.



### The last German speaking pastor was Fr. Charles



**Bolte.** He was installed July 1, 1923, and pastored until he retired in 1964. His 40 years saw much progress: electricity in 1925, a two-story brick school /parish hall in 1934, the third church in 1957. Many members still remember Fr. Bolte, who became a monsignor while serving at Holy Trinity. His body rests in Holy Trinity Cemetery.

### 1960S

On Palm Sunday 1965, a tornado devastated Alpine Township. Many homes and parish buildings were



Church Interior after tornado

severely damaged or destroyed. Only the church basement and the new convent were salvageable. Fortunately, no lives were lost.

The current school was built above the church basement. **The current church with adjoining rectory was blessed on May 5, 1968.** The church's striking midcentury-modern architecture evokes a tent—a tabernacle—for the Lord and a place of gathering.

**The parish burgeoned through the 1990s with the development of the Westgate subdivision** in the 1970s and other new housing. Enrollment swelled in the parish religious education program and school.



Wedding 1970s

### THE 1990S

The leadership of Fr. John Wisniewski (1987-97) shaped much of the campus as you see it today. **The Family Center was dedicated in 1993.** Funds were raised for an expanded Narthex. It was dedicated by Fr. Daniel DePew (1997-2009) in 1998 during the parish's Sesquicentennial. Another lasting prize from that anniversary is the book, "Holy Trinity Church: 150 Years – 1848-1998," by Donna O'Connor.

### THE 2000S

Fr. DePew is credited with renewing the custom of blessing parish farms each spring. The church received major repairs during the pastorate of Fr. Thomas Simons (2007-20). **Leaks over the altar prompted the design and construction of a new steeple in 2015.** It glows as a lantern above the countryside lifting hearts to God. **A few years later, the church interior was brightened by oak pews and carpeting.** Long-needed central air conditioning was installed.

### 2020S

The parish is still recovering from the 2020 Coronavirus Pandemic. In-person Masses were prohibited from early Lent through Pentecost, and facemasks were required when liturgies resumed. Mid-pandemic, Fr. Chris Rouech became the 13<sup>th</sup> pastor upon the retirement of Fr. Simons in October 2020.

The parish counts among its staunchest members descendants of the first families, along with many others who find this a wonderful area to raise a family. Trusting in the providence of the Holy Trinity, together we cultivate faith and share its fruits in the age to come.

# GATHERING RITE

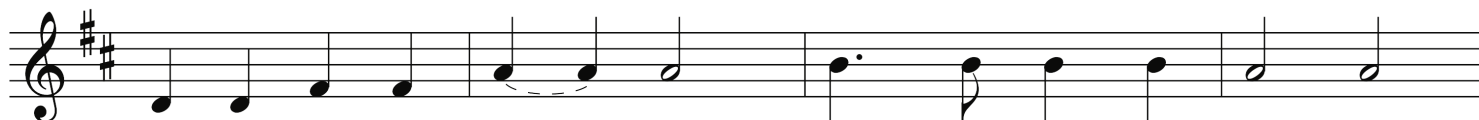
## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!



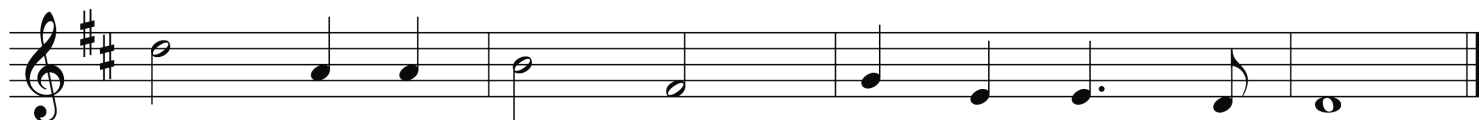
1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
God ev - er - last - ing through e - ter - ni - ty.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Tune: NICAEA, 11 12 12 10; John Bacchus Dykes, 1823–1876

Sign of the  
Cross and  
Liturgical  
Greeting

*Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**All: Amen.**

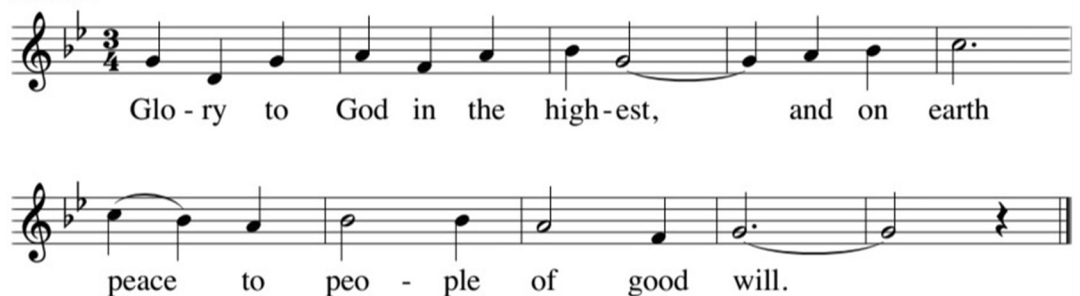
*Priest: May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ..... be with you all:*

**All: And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act

Glory to God

Refrain



Verses

1. We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.



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Collect

# LITURGY of the WORD

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

JEAN SCHWEITZER



Old  
Testament  
Reading

Responsorial  
Psalm  
*Daniel 3*

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

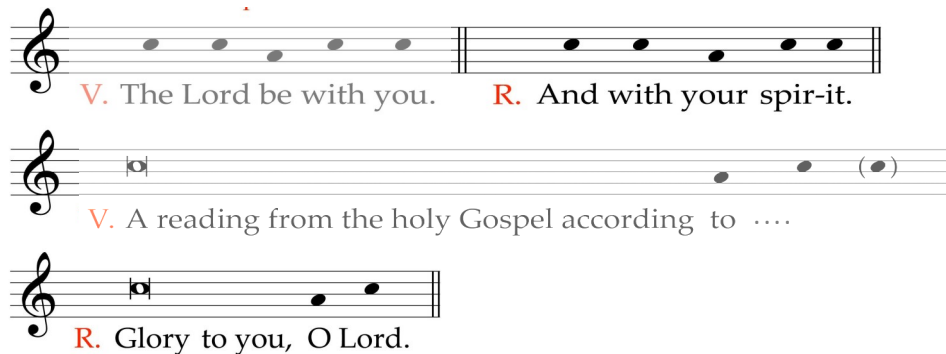
ANDERS THELEN



New  
Testament  
Reading

Gospel  
Acclamation  
*Celtic Alleluia*

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Gospel  
Dialogue

John 3:16-18

DEACON JERRY ROERSMA

Gospel

Homily

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

ALL BOW

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.

## Prayer of the Faithful

*We pray to the Lord: All: Lord, hear our prayer*

FRITZ SCHWEITZER  
SUSIE BRECHTING



# LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

## SING PRAISES TO THE LIVING GOD

*This song hearkens to the early years of the liturgical reform of the 1970-80s when Holy Trinity's music ministry included a folk-guitar group.*

### Verse I

Sing praises to the living God, glory, alleluia. Come, adore the living God, glory, alleluia. Though sun and moon may pass away His word will ever stay. His power is for evermore, glory, alleluia.

**Chorus:**

Glo - ry to the Tri - ni - ty the un - di - vi - ded u - ni - ty The  
Fa - ther Son and Spi - rit one From whom all life and good-ness come

### Verse II

To the living God we sing, glory, alleluia. Let our love and praises ring, glory alleluia. To His sons He always gives His mercy and His love. Praise Him now forever, glory, alleluia. *Chorus*

### Verse III

To the God who cannot die, glory, alleluia. To the living God we cry, glory, alleluia. He promised to be with us and He lives in everyone. Love Him now forever more, glory, alleluia. *Chorus*

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**Priest:** *Pray...that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.*

**All:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRIEST	PEOPLE

## Preparation of the Altar & Presentation of the Gifts

MARYJANE CORDES  
CHARLES MOMBER

## Prayer for Acceptance

## Eucharistic Prayer Preface Dialogue

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of  
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.  
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the  
high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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## Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-  
claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

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## Great Amen

A-men, a-men, a-men.  
A-men, a-men, a-men.

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## RITE of HOLY COMMUNION

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.

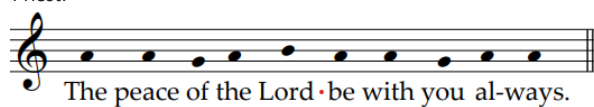
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil....

*Priest:* Deliver us Lord we pray from every evil..... Jesus Christ.

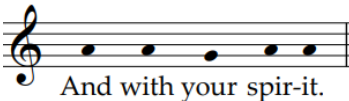
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

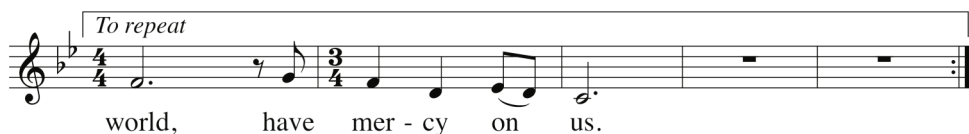
*Priest:*



*All:*



### Sign of Peace



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*Priest:* Behold, the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*All:* Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### Lamb of God

### Invitation to Communion

# Hymns for Holy Communion

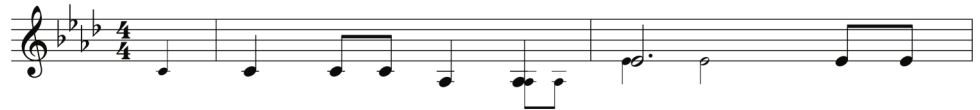
## I Am The Bread of Life

## Exultation Choir

## "In Remembrance of Me"

### I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

#### Verses



1. \_\_\_\_\_ I am the Bread of life. You who  
2. The bread that I will give is my  
3. Un - less \_\_\_\_\_ you eat of the  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, Lord, we be - lieve that \_\_\_\_\_



come to me shall not hun - ger; \_\_\_\_\_ and who be -  
flesh for the life of the world, \_\_\_\_\_ and if you  
flesh of the Son of Man \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
I \_\_\_\_\_ am the life. \_\_\_\_\_ If you be -  
you \_\_\_\_\_ are the Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_



lieve in me shall not thirst. \_\_\_\_\_ No one can come to  
eat \_\_\_\_\_ of this bread, \_\_\_\_\_ you shall live for  
drink \_\_\_\_\_ of his blood, - and drink \_\_\_\_\_ of his  
lieve \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ me, \_\_\_\_\_ e - ven though you  
Son \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ Who \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_

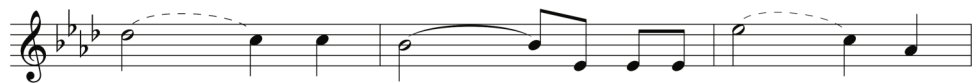


me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.  
ev - er, \_\_\_\_\_ you shall live for ev - er.  
blood, you shall not have life with - in you.  
die, \_\_\_\_\_ you shall live for ev - er.  
come in - to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ world. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Refrain



And I will raise you up, and I will  
Yo los re - su - ci - ta - ré, Yo los re -



raise you up, and I will raise you  
su - ci - ta - ré, Yo los re - su - ci - ta -



up on the last day.  
ré en el dí - a fi - nal.

## Prayer after Communion

Text: John 6 and 11; Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b.1927; tr. by anon., rev. by Ronald F. Krisman, b.1946  
Tune: BREAD OF LIFE, Irregular with refrain; Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b.1927  
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## Remarks

### Final Blessing

### Recessional Hymn

#### THE SILENT PRAYER AFTER MASS – This

custom originated in the 1960s while Msgr. William Hoogterp was pastor: "A parishioner left Mass early, immediately after receiving communion. He was in an automobile accident and died. Father Hoogterp asked parishioners to kneel after Mass and say a pray for the next amongst us to die. This habit continues to this day."

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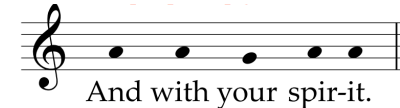
## CONCLUDING RITES

PRIEST



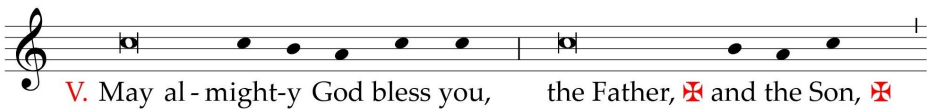
The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE



And with your spir-it.

PRIEST



V. May al-might-y God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R. A-men.

PEOPLE



and the Holy Spirit. R. A-men.

PRIEST OR DEACON

PEOPLE



V. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. R. Thanks be to God.

## O GOD ALMIGHTY FATHER



1. O God, al-might-y Fa-ther, Cre-a-tor of all things, The
2. O Je-sus, Word in-car-nate, Re-deem-er most a-dored, All
3. O God, the Ho-ly Spir-it, Who lives with-in our soul, Send



heav-ens stand in won-der, While earth your glo-ry sings.  
glo-ry, praise, and hon-or Be yours, O sov-'reign Lord.  
forth your light and lead us To our e-ter-nal goal.



O most ho-ly Trin-i-ty, Un-di-vid-ed u-ni-ty,



Ho-ly God, might-y God, God im-mor-tal be a-dored!

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Tune: GOTT VATER SEI GEPRIESEN, 7 6 7 6 with refrain; *Limburg Gesangbuch*, 1838; harm. by Healey Willan, 1880–1968

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