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celebrating

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



the conclusion of the

175th Anniversary Year Holy Trinity Catholic Parish ~ Alpine

COMSTOCK PARK, MI

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT

BISHOP DAVID J. WALKOWIAK,

DEACON JERRY ROERSEMA

CONCELEBRANTS

REV. CHRIS ROUECH, PASTOR

STEVE CRON (ASSOCIATE PASTOR 1981-94)

MUSIC MINISTRY

JOSEPH SCHWEITZER, PARISH ORGANIST & MUSIC COORDINATOR

JACOB NORTH, CORDINATOR OF HANDBELL CHOIR

HOLY TRINITY CHOIR & EXULTATION BELL CHOIR

Snapshots from our Anniversary Year

MORE PHOTOS and the 175th ANNIVERSARY VIDEO AT Holytrinitycp.org/ministries/175th-parish-anniversary/





TRINITY SUNDAY 2023 - All but one of the living priests who served at Holy Trinity made it to the launch of our 175th Anniversary. Left photo: Fr. Dan DePew. Above, from left (back): Native son Fr. Dick Host, Fr. Steve Cron, Fr. Tom Simons, Fr Paul Milanowski, Fr. Chris Rouech, Deacon Jerry Roersma. Front: Danika Nielsen, Jeremia Rozema, Mariah Beuschel, Johnathan Looks. Obligations in his parish, St. Thomas the Apostle in Grand Rapids, prevented Fr. James Chelich from attending.



REMEMBERING ALL SOULS — A procession to Holy Trinity Cemetery concluded Mass on Nov. 5. A memorial plaque was dedicated and carnations placed on many of the graves.



ALPINE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL - The parish's 50-year tradition of hosting a Fall Festival was better than ever and featured the Pop-Up Museum. Find the video at Positively Michigan.net.



"BARN DANCE" - We learned to Square Dance in honor of the pioneers of our parish.



LENTEN RETREAT — Dr. Marv Amore spoke from the head and heart about the Eucharist and shared a chuckle with mission participants Chuck and Ed Thome.



MANY THANKS TO THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY STEERING COMMITTEE:

Mary Jane Cordes, John & Nancy DeWildt, Brian & Jeanne "Jeanie" Herrmann, Mike & Pam Juno, Lisa Martin, Deacon Jerry Roersma, Chris Schweitzer, Joe Schweitzer and Sharon Steffens.

A CONDENSED HISTORY

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish — Alpine

The parish traces its founding to 1848 when six German-speaking 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, the parish built a new 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 resident pastor. A new school and convent was built and Dominican Sisters arrived to administer and teach and grow the school.



First Rectory, 1901



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



Church Interior after tornado

buildings were 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 (pastor 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 (pastor 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.

THE 2020S

The 2020 Coronavirus Pandemic meant in-person Masses were prohibited from early Lent through Pentecost, and facemasks were required when liturgies resumed. Fr. Chris Rouech became the 13th 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 for ages to come.

GATHERING RITE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!



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.

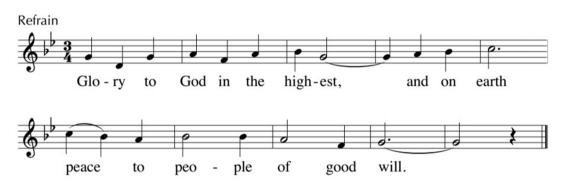
All: Amen.

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



Verses

- 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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LITURGY of the WORD

Dt 4: 32-34, 39-40

Friar Maximilian Rewa, Kolbe

Old **Testament** Reading

Bless-ed the peo-ple the Lord __ has [cho-sen,] cho-sen to

Responsorial **Psalm**

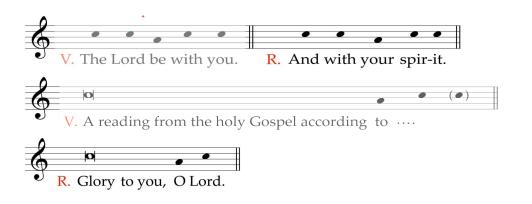
Romans 8: 14-17

Susie Brechting

New **Testament** Reading



Gospel **Acclamation**



Gospel **Dialogue**

Matthew 28: 16-20

Deacon Jerry Roersma

Gospel

Bishop David Walkowiak

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

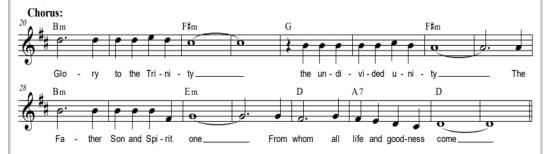
LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

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.



Verse II

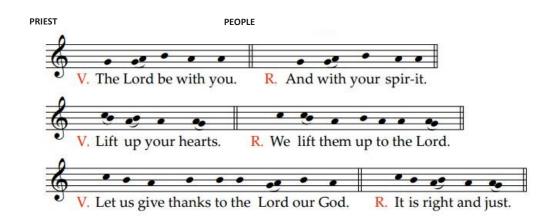
To the living God we sing, glory, alleluia. Let our love and praises ring, glory alleluia. To His sons He always gives His mercy and His love. Praise Him now forever, glory, alleluia. Chorus

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

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.



Presentation & Preparation of the Gifts

Prayer for Acceptance

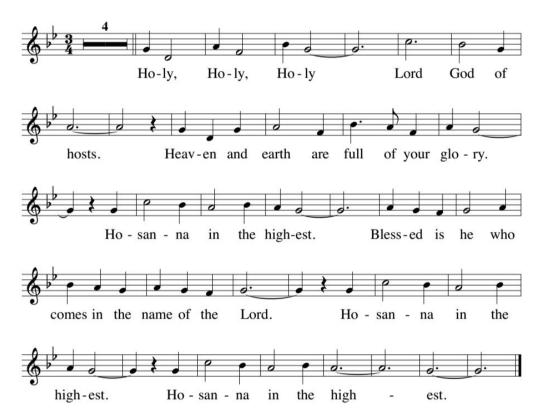
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Holy, Holy, Holy

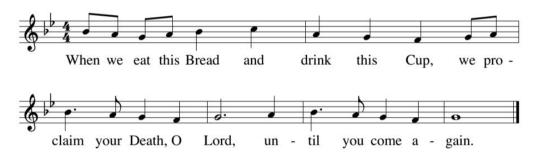




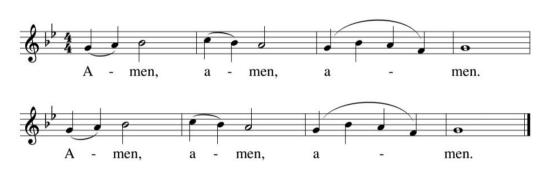
Great Amen



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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;

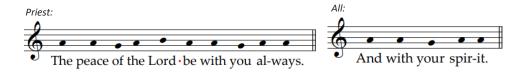
and lead us not into temptation,

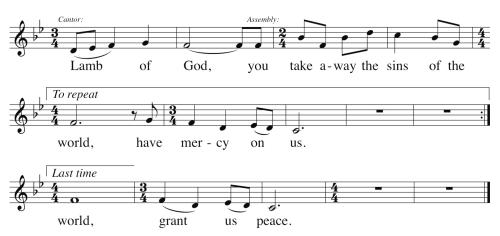
but deliver us from evil....

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.





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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.

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

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Invitation to Communion

Hymns for Holy Communion

I Am The Bread of Life

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE



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 © 1966, 1970, 1986, 1993, 2005, GIA Publications, Inc.

Remarks

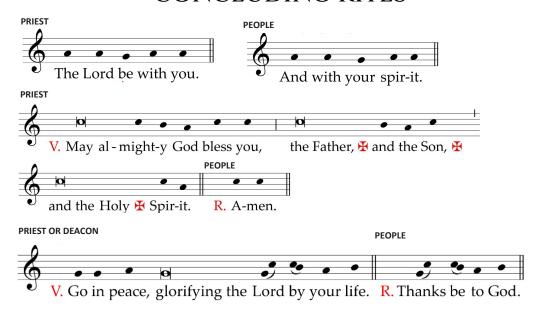
Final Blessing

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."

> "Holy Trinity Church: 150 Years – 1848-1998," by Donna O'Connor

CONCLUDING RITES



O GOD ALMIGHTY FATHER



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Parish 175th Anniversary Prayer

You, Eternal Trinity, are the One who sowed the pines and maples that once towered above the ridges of Alpine. 1848-2023

You are the One who knows the footprints and trails of every being who has drawn nourishment from these fertile lands.

The Ottawa hunted, sugared, and traded.
The lumbermen cleared.
Immigrants from afar settled,
and with persistent faith
raised crops and families
while humbly building this parish in your name.

We thank you,
Most Blessed Trinity,
for all the graces
that have enabled this community to cultivate faith
and magnify your presence these past 175 years.

O Holy One, that you continue to invigorate your people with the healing powers of the Holy Spirit. Help us grow together in the mercy of your Son and share more abundantly the everlasting fruits of his love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray,



Prayer for Vocations

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come to You. Bless the Diocese of Grand Rapids with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Give Your sons and daughters the confidence to accept Your call, and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your beloved Son with courage and dedication to Your will.

Amen.

Ad Page

Graduation Vespers for these students is 6pm Thursday, followed by small reception hosted by 7th grade parents. The school families will enjoy a day at Michigan Adventure on Wednesday. The Home and School paid a portion of each student's ticket which includes lunch.

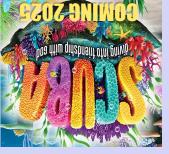
We continue to enroll students for the 2024-25 school

year. Come check us out by scheduling a tour at 616-784-0696 to see what we have to offer your child. Our two-day preschool is quickly filling with only a few spots left.

SMART AID for the 2024/25 continues to be OPEN for financial aid. Any family who will need financial assistance for next year must submit an application to SMART aid. Visit their website at smartaidforparents.com. If you have applied in the past, most of your information will be prefilled in. If you are new you will need to complete the application. Our school code is 13301.

Last day of school—Thursday, June 6

~ Kathy Rand



MOTICE: We are sorry to inform you that "Scuba" Vacation Bible School planned for the week of June 23 is postponed until

uext summer. We made

the difficult decision to cancel VBS this year for the safety of the children. The church roof will be replaced beginning June 17. Workers will be onsite 7am-6pm daily and traffic flow will be disrupted on weekdays. THANK YOU to the volunteers and catechists who had ben preparing for our children to "dive into friendship with Christ."

School News





for our 8th graders. They have been a wonderful group of young men and women who have shown exceptional leadership skills, strong morals, and high academics. We wish them well as they enter the next chapter in their lives reminding them to pray often and to know God is always with

Caleb Anderson, Adam Antor, George Armock, Hunter Blaszak, Mariah Beuschel, Wyatt Debski, Ashley Koerner, Adelyn May, Sophia Perez, Jack Pfeiffelmann, Ziva Rasch, Henrik Thelen, Sam Williams and Morgan Willick.

We also say goodbye to seven of these families graduating their last child from Holy Trinity School. Thank you for partnering with us and trusting us to help educate your child in Roerne said Mary Antor, Michelle Koerner Stewart/Duane Koerner, Nate and Katie May, Alejandro and Liz Perez, Suzanne Larson/Jim Pfeiffelmann, Jeff and Annukka Thelen, and Todd and Jennell Willick.

Knights of Columbus

Congratulations to **Jill Hennessey family** as the Knights of Columbus Family of the Month for May.



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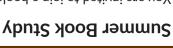
CLASS OF 2024

COLLEGE GRADUATES

10:30 am on June 9, 2024

We would be honored by your presence, wearing your cap and gown. Refreshments will be served after Mass.





You are invited to join a book study this summer in which we will be reading "Unforgettable Women of the Gospels", by Melanie Rigney. The eight-lesson study explores eight unnamed women in the Gospels and their encounters with the Gospels and their encounters with summer Rigney.



Park on Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm starting June 12^m . Bring a comfy patio chair. Please contact Jean Schweitzer at 248-881-4817 with any questions and to sign up.



Did you recently have a baby or are you expecting one? If so, you will want to attend our next PARENTS & BAPTISM PREPA-June 4 from 6:30 to 8pm. Raising a child is one of the most fantastic ways you can deepen fantastic ways you can deepen

your relationship with God. Infant baptism is a very important tradition of the Catholic Church and an essential part of your child's spiritual journey.

This informal class will give you a better perspective on the significance of the sacrament of Baptism and the responsibility parents accept when they present their children for baptism. Babies are welcome to attend, too!

Contact Shellie Taylor at care@holytrinitycp.org. Or call the parish office at 616-784-0677.

We're looking for you! Catholic schools, parishes, affiliated organizations, and the diocese are hiring! See available opportunities at: grdiocese.org/employment/

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TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Attendance at Mass | May 18-19

5pm: 143 | 8:30am: 154 | 10:30am: 214

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Parish Financial Support May 18/19		



Join us in celebrating the

SOLEMNITY OF THE

Mass & Diocesan Eucharistic Procession with Bishop David J. Walkowiak

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT ANDREW
JUNE7|6P.M.

PROCESSION FOLLOWS MASS





Living The Mystery*

Pastor

disappears." 4:14 səmbl ~ You are a puff of smoke that appears briefly and then ou have no idea what your life will be like tomorrow.

every two years in the cycle of Lectionary readings. That line came from the first reading at Mass last Wednesday. It comes up

That message really fits as we end our yearlong celebration of this

First, last month's sudden death of Parish Maintenance Director Chris Hoparish's 175^m Anniversary. I say that for a couple of reasons:

Second, we learned last week that work on the replacement of the church and depended upon his knowledge and skills. dyna continues to reverberate in the lives of those who worked with him

ing weeks. altered, including the location for Daily Mass. Watch for details in the comweekends will see little change, activities during the week will need to be ject would disrupt daily life of our campus. While Lord's Day Masses on roof begins June 17. We on staff had no idea how much this necessary pro-

"You have no idea what your life will be like tomorrow."

taking God's will into account. against Presumption." The author cautions us about making plans without The section of the Letter of James with that reminder is titled "Warning

in mind. We began our meetings with this question: "What do you want When we began planning our 175th Anniversary, we truly held God's will

Jesus to remember about Holy Trinity's 175th Anniversary Year?"

main relevant today: ■ A welcoming community for past, present and future The priorities that emerged from our "Dream and Commit" meetings re-

members ■ Healing and forgiveness ■ A sanctuary/place of prayer ■

Involvement by people of all ages.

what we do here daily as a parish. Among the highlights were last Novem-Tew and chose to be more intentional about the historic significance of nstead of adding a bunch of special events to the calendar, we added a

ber's procession to the cemetery, February's Barn Dance, and the Lenten

I feel honored to be pastor during this important milestone for this faith Mission about the Eucharist and the Holy Trinity.

enough space in this column.) all the people I wanted to thank in particular, then realized I would not have and leading the various activities throughout the past year. (I started listing community. I am enormously grateful to all who have taken part in planning

You are a puff of smoke that appears briefly and then disappears." "You have no idea what your life will be like tomorrow.

vating the faith of the Holy Trinity and sharing its fruits. Alpine since this parish's founding in 1848. It takes faith. Let us keep cultieternal. That is what Catholic-Christians have strived to live on the ridges of we are always on the edge of the kingdom, of something new; something their disappointments, hardships and surprises, we disciples of Christ know strates the truth of that statement. Yet as brief as many days seem, with all The quickness with which this anniversary year has flown by demon-

ongoing reality we live daily and experience most deeply while celebrating the Eucharist. The Paschal Mystery: The life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. An

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pastoral care should you need it. receive parish mailings, and it will help us provide regularly, kindly register as a parishioner. You'll PARISH MEMBERSHIP – If you worship with us

appointment with Fr. Chris. Reconciliation — 10-11am Saturdays or by

one of the most important duties as a Infant Baptism - Raising your child in the faith is

expecting. or call the parish office when you are parent. Please email care@holytrinitycp.org

you are engaged. At least 6 months of Marriage - Please contact Fr. Chris as soon as

covenant. preparation are needed for this life-long

Christian Initiation of Adults — Contact the

Parish Office

or other afflictions. are coping with chronic pain, terminal illness received a troubling medical diagnosis, or Chris if you are facing serious surgery, have The Sacrament of the Sick —Please contact Fr.

Prayer Line and Parish Book of Prayer — Kindly

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Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

The Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Mov 27 | Mem. of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

T bf T:3-8; bs TTT:T-5, 5-6, 9 and 10c; Mk 10:17-27

MEMORIAL DAY | PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, May 28

T H: T:T0-T0; L8 68:T; Z-39b; 30d-4; MK T0:28-3T

9am ~ MASS in CHAPEL (†Larry VanderZand and †Alex Penny)

9:30am-8pm ~ ADORATION/EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT in CHAPEL

Today | 175TH ANNIVERSARY BRUNCH in the Family Center (RSVP Req'd)

7:30pm - Rosary in the Chapel

MEDNESDAY, May 29

T Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; MK 10:32-45

9am ~ MASS in CHAPEL (People of the Parish)

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T Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5; Mk 10:46-52

6~pm 8th Grade Graduation Vespers in church

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56 FRIDAY, May 31 | Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am ~ MASS in CHAPEL (Intention of Rita Bonser)

SATURDAY, June 1 | Mem. of Saint Justin, Martyr

10de 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 11:27-33

10-11am ~ NO CONFESSIONS due to ordination to the priesthood of Deacon Nicolas Baker

1848-2023

June 2, 2024

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BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

EX 54:3-8' L2 T10:T5-T3' T2-T0' T1-T8' HGP 6:TT-T2' MK T4:T5-T0' 55-50

(†Bill Dalsaso) 10:30am Sunday (People of the Parish) 8:30am Sunday

†Dick Koperski) (†Jake Koperski and Spm Saturday



Mt. 28:19-20 commanded you.

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