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MAY 30, 2021 • THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

On this Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**. We believe in the Unity and Trinity of God: one God in three Divine persons: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. It is a mystery beyond our comprehension. But Scripture, the word of God, teaches it. The Old Testament speaks of God the Father. The New Testament speaks about the Son of God, Jesus about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Scripture tells us that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the three Divine Persons, making one single God. On this Sunday, let us pray that we may grow and proclaim this mystery.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day for this year is observed on Monday, May 31st. It honors those of our brothers and sisters who died serving in our country's military. It kicks off the start of the summer season.

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday 31st at St. Joseph Cemetery at 10 am. There will be no Mass in at St. Michael on Monday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Last Sunday, fourteen children received the Second person of the Holy Trinity, Jesus Christ, for the first time. Let us congratulate them for receiving the most beautiful sacrament:

Julie Boyce
Benjamin Bozynski
Keira Chaput
Benjamin Chesney
Lindsay Cooper
Hannah Howie
Ava Jaworski
Maverick Kuchna
Natalia LaBell
Parker Marcero
McKenna McTaggart
Sophie Olson
Justin Pente
Mattison Rostash

Special congratulations and many blessings my dear children. We pray you may grow in this most beautiful sacrament. We assure you of our prayers. I would like to thank Leslee Smith, our Director of Faith Formation, and all the catechists, parents, and godparents who played a big role in preparing them for this great sacrament.

SECOND FAMILY GATHERING

Thank you so much to all of you who participated in the first family gathering. The second one, **Growing together in Faith as a Family**, will take place virtually **Wednesday, June 2nd from 6:30 – 8:30 pm**.

If you did not participate in the first one, you can still join us for the second one. Kindly register at: **www.fopgatherings.org.** Thanks.

Happy Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

God bless you

Fr. Kishore Babu Battu SAC

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

God Doesn't Take a Break

An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation. This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up nicely. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or waterskiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if — like typical Americans — our break is full of productive work.

Thank God — literally — that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is — and remember the thanks we owe the Giver.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Mass Sunday, June 13th to honor ALL High School & College Graduates

Please join us for 10:30 Mass on June 13th. Wear your cap and gown and take part in the procession, arriving at 10:15 am. Seating will be reserved for you.

If you are able to attend, please call or email the parish office so that the correct seating may be reserved, parishoffice@stmichaelmonroe.com.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions as well as the construction in our school building, we are not able to hold a reception.

We would also like to honor graduates in our bulletin. Please send the graduate's name, school attended, degree attained/next steps, etc. and a picture to the office no later than June 6th, preferably by email.

St Mary Catholic Central High School is pleased to announce their **2021 Summer Youth Sports Camps** schedule:

Falcons Youth Boys Basketball Camp - June 14-17
SMCC Youth Soccer Camp (Co-Ed) - June 21-24
Kestrels Youth Softball Camp - June 21-23
Falcons Youth Wrestling Camp - June 28-30
Kestrels Youth Girls Basketball Camp - June 29-July 1
Falcons Youth Football Camp - July 13-15
Kestrels Youth Volleyball Camp - July 19-21

The camp flyer and registration form is available at **www.smccmonroe.com**.

Questions? Please contact Kyle McElvany, Director of Summer Camps, kmcelvany@smccmonroe.com.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Most Holy Trinity

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

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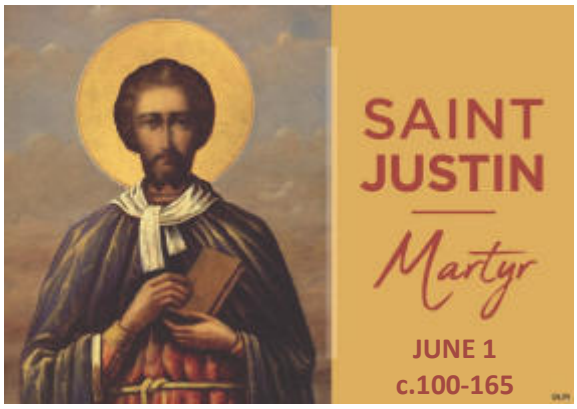

Saint Justin Martyr's Story

Justin never ended his quest for religious truth even when he converted to Christianity after years of studying various pagan philosophies.

As a young man, he was principally attracted to the school of Plato. However, he found that the Christian religion answered the great questions about life and existence better than the philosophers.

Upon his conversion he continued to wear the philosopher's mantle, and became the first Christian philosopher. He combined the Christian religion with the best elements in Greek philosophy. In his view, philosophy was a pedagogue of Christ, an educator that was to lead one to Christ.

Justin is known as an apologist, one who defends in writing the Christian religion against the attacks and misunderstandings of the pagans. Two of his so-called apologies have come down to us; they are addressed to the Roman emperor and to the Senate.

For his staunch adherence to the Christian religion, Justin was beheaded in Rome in 165.

Reflection

As patron of philosophers, Justin may inspire us to use our natural powers—especially our power to know and understand—in the service of Christ, and to build up the Christian life within us. Since we are prone to error, especially in reference to the deep questions concerning life and existence, we should also be willing to correct and check our natural thinking in light of religious truth. Thus we will be able to say with the learned saints of the Church: I believe in order to understand, and I understand in order to believe.

https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-justin-martyr

Monroe Vicariate & St. Anthony Parish present...

Abby Johnson

Former Director of Planned Parenthood Clinic; Author of the book, "Unplanned"

Monday, June 14, 2021

St Anthony Soccer Field - Next to Kenna Hall

4635 St Anthony Rd; Temperance MI 48182

- Tickets $5 (Suggested Donation), 12 & Under Free
- Doors & Concessions open at 5:30 pm, Music at 6 pm
- Abby Johnson speaks 7-8:30 pm
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- For additional ticket and event information, please contact:

St. Anthony Parish Office 734-854-1143

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TICKETS FOR SALE AFTER ALL MASSES MAY 29 & MAY 30.

REFLECT AND RESPOND

First Reading:
In the closing remarks of the speech delivered to the Israelites in the desert, Moses reflects on God's fidelity and love for them. In return for God's favor, the Israelites are instructed to keep God's statutes and commandments. Why do you think so many people are resistant to this divine expectation?

Second Reading:
Paul sees the Holy Spirit as integral to our identity as "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." How do you sense our Triune God at work in your life?

Gospel:
We hear today the closing words in the Gospel of Matthew — Jesus' final commissioning of the disciples to evangelize and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What insights to the nature of God does this divine relationship offer?

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Excellence in Education

Each year, the Archdiocese of Detroit recognizes teachers from all schools for their hard work and dedication to their schools. Each campus nominated a teacher for their contributions to our school. This year, we have three very special Catholic school educators who answered a call to support our school in a greater way: as assistant principals of their campuses. These responsibilities were in addition to their regular responsibilities. We are grateful for their dedication to this worthwhile vocation.

Congratulations Recipients of Excellence in Education Award!

Melody Setzler, St. Michael Campus
Kindergarten Teacher & Assistant Principal

Karol Applin, St. John Campus
Interventionist & Assistant Principal

Amber Scudder, St. Mary Campus
ELA Teacher & Assistant Principal

MCES 2nd Grade Teacher Terri Knapp featured on NCEA Podcast

Terri Knapp, a veteran 2nd grade teacher at MCES, was invited to participate in the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) weekly podcast during Teacher Appreciation Week.

MCES is a member of NCEA, a national organization that promotes and supports Catholic Education.

Mrs. Knapp joined two other Catholic educators - one from California and one from Massachusetts, as well as the interim CEO of NCEA, Kathy Mears, to discuss their call to education and the joys, struggles, and learnings from their time in Catholic education, and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can access this podcast by visiting: **http://nceapodcast.cast.rocks/**.

Thank you for representing MCES well, Mrs. Knapp!

Pray for:

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Readings for the Week of May 30, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/ Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/ Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35 -37
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

THIS WEEK ~ MAY 31 - JUNE 6

MONDAY, MAY 31
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Memorial Day
Mass 10 am - St Joseph Cemetery
Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY, JUNE 1
St. Justin, Martyr

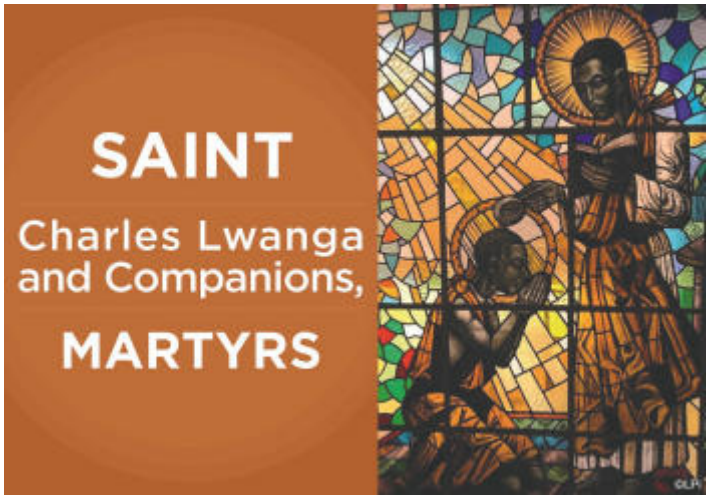
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2
Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Family of Parishes 2nd Gathering 6:30 pm - Virtual

THURSDAY, JUNE 3
St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

FRIDAY, JUNE 4
Mass 8:15 am - church

SATURDAY, JUNE 5
St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Confession 3:30 pm - church
Mass 5:00 pm - church

SUNDAY, JUNE 6
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Mass 8:30 am - church
Mass 10:30 am - church



LITURGY SCHEDULE MAY 31 - JUNE 6

DAY & TIME		INTENTIONS
Monday	**10 am**	**at St Joseph Cemetery**
Friday	**8:15 am**	✝ Russ Theisen 27 years ✝ Clayton Charron 1 year
Saturday	**5:00 pm**	✝ The People of St Michael
Sunday	**8:30 am**	✝ Mary Ann Mead 1 year ✝ Tom Westover
	10:30 am	✝ Joseph Giarmo ✝ Maria DeLuca

2021 CSA STATUS - 83 %

75 families have pledged $56,415 of $67,793

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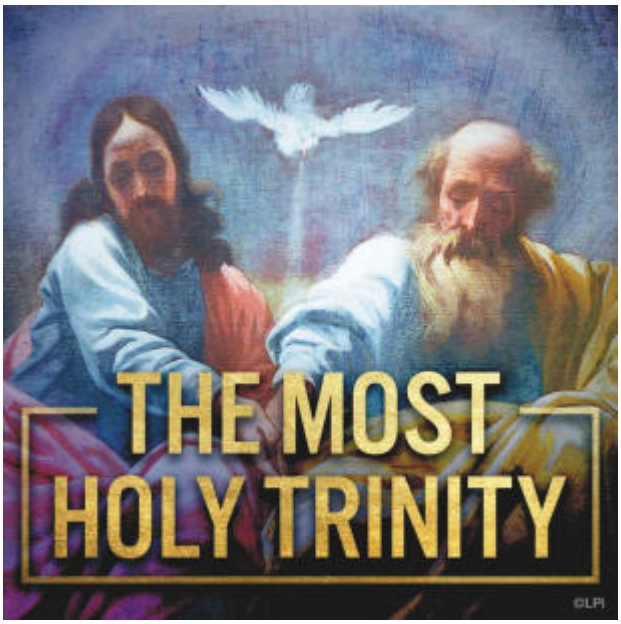
If you have any questions or need help, call DeeDee at the parish office: 734-241-8645.



Unfortunately, we will not be holding our Memorial Day Weekend collection. We are attempting to arrange a date for later this year.

Most Holy Trinity:

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

Your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

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LIVE THE LITURGY

The immensity, scope, intimacy, and pervasiveness of God's presence is too intense for the human mind. We often limit God by our expectations of Him and have a hard time just letting God be God. Some people all too easily lose faith because God does not meet their expectations. Worse still, the idea of faith is rejected altogether by others because of polarities and experiences they have that don't square with who they need God to be. The Holy Trinity is one of those teachings that is best encountered rather than dissected. It is only through being present with the Trinity that we can experience both the immensity and otherness of God's presence as well as the intimacy of the God who wants us to call Him "dad." We feel the loving guidance of a God who wants to take us from fear and give us confidence. Our God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow is a God of all ages whose three-fold Presence invades all senses, seasons, and times. God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is much more than any of our expectations if we simply let God be who God is.

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