

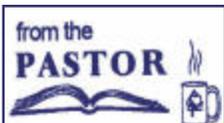
St. William Parish Community



Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

May 30, 2021

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“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Weren't you almost tempted to say "Amen"? So many of our private prayers as well as our liturgies include this phrase, that it's almost "second nature" to affirm it with an "AMEN!" The danger, however, is that the phrase is so familiar that we might not appreciate what we're saying. We're actually affirming a central dogma of our Faith, our belief in the Trinity.

Today is Trinity Sunday. It may be surprising, but I suspect that some Catholics (or, for that matter, some Christians—even though this doctrine is affirmed by mainline Christian groups) do not really understand what we mean by this teaching. It says that we understand our God to be a "trinity" of persons, although still ONE God—Three persons, one eternal God.

The Creed that we say at Mass on Sundays and major Feasts affirms this. "I believe in one God, the Father almighty.... 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..... 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."

To explore that just a little more, our Creed is saying that from all eternity our God has always existed as a community of persons, but so united in love, mind, and will, that they can only be understood as ONE God: Father, Son, and Spirit. The Creed suggests that the eternal Father, the loving God, always had someone to love: the Son. The first epistle of John says that "God is love", and, as the Creed goes on to say, that the Holy Spirit *proceeds* from the Father and the Son. One could almost understand the Holy Spirit as being the personification of the love of the Father and Son—but that love is so real and dynamic that it can only be understood as itself being a person, a person who completes the

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MEMORIAL DAY

Offices will be closed Monday, May 31st

Parish Mission: *"To live the Good News so joyfully, that we can't help but proclaim it!"*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm,
Sunday *10:00 am (*also Live-streamed)
and Sunday 12:30 pm
Tues., Wed. & Thur., 8:00 am



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Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Many issues can be taken care of with a phone call, 248-624-1421.

Registration

For many reasons it is important to be formally registered as a parishioner. Contact the rectory for friendly help. Ext. 341

Baptism

To begin the preparation process for Baptism please call Deacon Bob Dreyer at 624-1421, ext. 345. Baptisms are normally scheduled the first and third Sundays of the month.

Marriage

To celebrate a valid marriage Catholics must have the help of a priest or deacon. Call at least six months in advance.

Funeral

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Ministry To The Sick

We are happy to visit the sick and provide anointing. Please contact the Parish Office at 624-1421.

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Eucharistic Exposition

Saturday
June 12th
12 to 3:00 pm



Since attendance at Masses have declined due to concerns over COVID, contributions have greatly declined. If you are in a position to help, automatic giving can be easily arranged online. Go to Faithdirect.net, or follow the link from our website, www.stwilliam.com.

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Offerory Report

(The fiscal year begins July 1)

	Collected	Budgeted*	Over/(Under)
As of Apr., 2021	*\$707,972	\$833,330	(\$125,358)

*This does NOT represent *needed* income, but only the amount we expected would actually come in.

Note: For clarity and accuracy, this report now shows reconciled month-end balances.

The "One-Hour Challenge!"

To have a *happy, peaceful life*, it is important that we have our lives in order, with our grateful response to God for his gifts being our top priority. That is how a disciple responds in the areas of *prayer, family, finance, and service*.

If you need help to put balance in your life, take the "one-hour challenge": Each week, spend at least...

- One hour in prayer and worship.
- One hour, special, focused on your family or other important relationship.
- One hour's wage (if you have a job) for the Lord. No job? Then give what seems right for you.
- One hour in service. (Helping another, or working for some cause.)

It's important to be *specific* in what steps to take in order to ensure that each "hour" actually happens!

May God bless you!

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community. (A community isn't just two, it's always at least three.)

But wait, there's more! At one moment in our history, the Second Person of this eternal God took on flesh and became one of us! This Man, Jesus Christ, now has two natures: one Divine and one Human.

But wait, there's more! Jesus invites *US* to become one with him and join him in the community of life and love that he enjoys with the Father and Spirit.

This brief explanation of the Trinity that I just recounted hardly begins to tap into the awesome mystery that is our God. (By the way, *mystery* does not mean that it's incomprehensible; rather, it's a truth so profound—seemingly simple, and yet complex—that we can't grasp the whole of it all at once.)

The Church itself only gradually came to better understand the concept of God as a community of persons—and that we can share in the life of that community. In fact, the term "Trinity" is never referenced as such in the Hebrew scriptures, although it is germinally present in the New Testament. (For example, Jesus, at the end of Matthew's Gospel, instructs his disciples to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.") The term Trinity was probably first used in about the second century by the early church father, Tertullian, and wasn't officially defined until the great Councils of the fourth and fifth centuries. God has continued to gradually reveal himself throughout history.

Sometimes, because something is challenging to comprehend, there is a tendency to deny that it can be true. I have certainly found that some concepts in modern science, especially in cosmology or physics, tend to boggle the mind, but that doesn't mean they are not true!

I remember when I was a young priest, two gentlemen came to a prayer meeting that our parish was hosting, and tried to assert that Jesus was the *SON* of God, but *NOT* God. I had to state that our belief is that he *IS* God. They walked out.

I note that Islam has a hard time with the Christian belief in the Trinity. Although Islam believes that God is so far above humanity that he is incomprehensible to us, the concept of trinity doesn't make sense to them, and so it is rejected. In fact Muslims seem to think that Christians believe in three gods, whereas Muslims are very strict in their belief that there is only one God, Allah—and that He never took a wife and therefore never had a son. Muhammad (the prophet of Islam) encountered Christians, but they were most likely from heretical sects that did not have a clear, orthodox understanding of the nature of Christ. This, in turn, may have led to a mistaken belief that the Christian Trinity included Allah, Mary, and Jesus.



Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, June 12th
12:00 to 3:00 PM

Our parish is in need of "adorers" who can spend 30 minutes to an hour in the presence of our Lord during Eucharistic Adoration, which we have every second Saturday of the month from 12 to 3 PM.

For more information or to sign-up contact Sherri Szepietowski, 248-957-8244 or sherriszep@hotmail.com.

Of course, like Muslims, we too, believe in only one God. The difference is that we experience Him as a community of persons, and that we, through Jesus, are able to join in their love and life. God isn't totally incomprehensible to us. It is in community with the Father, Son, and Spirit that we truly discover ourselves, and begin to understand how God could have created us in his image. As the scripture says, "In the divine image he created him, male and female he created them." (*Gen 1:27*)

To sum up, I quote from the profound Opening Prayer (alternate) for the Mass on Trinity Sunday prior to the revised translation of the Roman Missal:

"God we praise you: Father all-powerful, Christ Lord and Savior, Spirit of love. You reveal yourself in the depths of our being, drawing us to share in your life and your love.

"One God, three Persons, be near to the people formed in your image, close to the world your love brings to life.

"We ask you this, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God true and living, for ever and ever."

In Jesus,
Fr. Michael

Mrs. Nancy Thomas, Director of Initiation
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How Do I Become Catholic?

St. William Parish has a year round process for those adults who have not been baptized, or have been baptized in another tradition and wish to become Catholic. You may join the process at any time of the year.



St. Vincent de Paul Society — 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 in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? -

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

Answer:

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).

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Intercessory Prayers

Intercessory prayer boxes have been placed in the tower entrances. Our Intercessory Prayer Teams will lift your intentions up in prayer for two weeks. You may also email your prayer requests by clicking the link on our website, www.stwilliam.com. All prayer requests are kept confidential.



Another Way Pregnancy Center

K of C Baby Bottle Drive

Changing Lives at Another Way Pregnancy Center

The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring a Baby Bottle Drive for Another Way Pregnancy Center. We were unable to do this in 2020 due to COVID restrictions but our 2019 total was \$3,879! We also understand that only 50% of the Churches who normally do this drive are participating this year! Specially-marked Baby Bottles are available for pick up after all Masses again this weekend. Please consider saving your change, writing a check, or making a cash donation and return it by Father's Day weekend June 19/20. And Pray for those who have chosen LIFE in the midst of many challenges. St. William Parishioners have always been generous, let's continue that tradition!

Baby Shower to Benefit Another Way Pregnancy Center

Sponsored by the Respect Life Committee

When: June 5 & 6 and June 12 & 13

Where: There will be designated receptacles in both tower entrances where you can drop your donations

In this year of the Coronavirus, organizations like Another Way Pregnancy Center have come up short in donations. There has been little fundraising because of the restrictions. At our request they have given us a list of the items they need. These items span a wide price range. Please help as much as you can, you will be blessed.

Needs:

Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6

Baby wipes

Baby shampoo and lotion

Clothes sizes 9 months to 2T

Highchairs - new and in the box

In the past St. William Parishioners have been very generous. I am sure that you will show the same generosity again this time.

If you have questions call Juli Simpson, 248-766-4501.

SIMPLE STEWARDSHIP: Offer Your Talent

Remembering that Christian Stewardship is a “converted way of life” acknowledging that everything we have is a gift from a loving God. Accordingly, we should receive God’s gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them, share them with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. In this way, stewardship of “the gift of talent” means nurturing and applying the God-given abilities and characteristics that individually define us.

“In service to one, in service to all.”

This phrase, which is the motto of the Knights of Columbus, encapsulates the two great commandments of Jesus Christ: *to love God with our entire being, and to love our neighbor as ourselves* (cf. Mt 22:37-40) and suggests that the way we best live out those commandments is in parish work where we share our “talents.”

When we volunteer to help others by sharing our talents with them, we give something more precious than our time or money. We give them something of ourselves, an intimate sharing of “who we are” for the good of others.

In his Pentecostal homily Father Michael called for a “good dose of the Holy Spirit” to come upon us all and renew our enthusiasm for serving the Lord. You may also remember that our “enthusiasm” comes from the Greek *enthousiasmos*, meaning “inspiration or possession by god.” He reminded us that our “faith on fire” also starts in our homes and (by extension) our parish home.

To be sure, our parish and school are blessed with many volunteers who share their talents with others. These Stewards share of themselves by visiting the sick or frying fish, from coaching youth to serving on our parish commissions. These gifts of self are every bit as important as the financial contributions we make to support the Parish’s ministry.

Soon the commissions and ministries will be ramping back up and you will be “called to serve” in alignment with whatever talents God has given you. We prayerfully ask that you answer His call, embrace the mantle of Christian Stewardship, and graciously offer those “talents” you have so richly been given by God.

Save the Date – K of C Pasta Dinner!

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pasta Dinner on **June 12** after the 4:30PM Mass, weather permitting! We haven’t done a Pasta Dinner in several years but want to do this for the Parish as we get back to doing NORMAL events! OTHER events are being planned as well during the Summer months and we’re planning to RESTART the Monthly Breakfasts in September!!

We’ll be set up in the Convent Parking Lot with tables, so bring a chair but if you don’t have a chair, we’ll have some available! We don’t want JUST the folks who attend the 4:30PM Mass to attend but EVERYONE ELSE as well and that INCLUDES our Council members!

Come and see your OLD FRIENDS, meet some NEW ones, and have a good time! We’re only asking for a Free Will Donation, so WHY NOT plan to attend?



USCCB *Word of Life*

"In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern. ... Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Live the Gospel of Life"
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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus commands, "Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you." This command is meant for every Christian. In light of this command, parenting is not only the most difficult task a person can take on, it is also one of the most apostolic and missionary tasks. Jesus commands all parents to teach their children "all that I have commanded you."

Right to Life — Lifespan Memorial Day

We all know that freedom is not free. It is provided and paid for with the lives of those who have served to protect it. We are profoundly grateful to those brave men and women and we offer our prayers to their families who grieve their loss.

Week of May 30th through June 6th

Tuesday June 1st

8:00 AM Mass
6:30 PM Legion of Mary, St. Paul's Room
7:00 PM Benediction & Adoration with rosary

Wednesday June 2nd

8:00AM Mass

Thursday June 3rd

8:00 PM Mass
4:30 PM Confessions
7:30 PM AA Mtg., Lower Zepf

Saturday, June 5th

4:30 PM Mass

Sunday June 6th

10:00 AM Mass- (also livestreamed)
12:30 PM Mass
1:15 PM Baptism Celebration

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. ©LPi



OUR MISSION

“We exist to provide a school environment in which Christ is encountered and Discipleship is fostered through the teaching and practice of Catholic Tradition, values and doctrine, while challenging each student to academic excellence.”

Dine & Donate

Friday, June 4
11A.M. — 9 P.M.

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Mass Intentions:

Tuesday, June 1st

8:00 am

Lee Elwart (D) and Donato Maggio (D) K of C; Sharon Rich (D) David Mansour

Wednesday, June 2nd

8:00 am

For all the mothers of our parish (L&D)

Thursday, June 3rd

8:00 am

Frederick Counts (D) and Frederick Counts II (D) St. William Parish

Saturday, June 5th

4:30 pm

Phil Rashid (D), Joan Kauffman (D) and Rachel Wagner (D) Goebel family; Dave Kozora (D) wife; Frank Orsucci (D) K of C; Maria, Tom, & Kaya (D) Ignatov family; Daniel Jablonski (D) by family

Sunday, June 6th

10:00 am

Members of St. William Parish (L&D)

12:30 pm

Ray & Marie Hibbeln (D); Pham & Hoang families (D) family; Ellen Dawson (D) St. William Parish; Jaime Gonzalez (D) friends; Adair-Poling families (L&D); Members of the RAS Confraternity

Readings for the week

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

Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

All-powerful and ever-lasting God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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*Happy are those who have died in the Lord;
let them rest from their labors for their good
deeds go with them—Rev. 14:13*

Agnes Bushaw

Fr. Alfred Miller

Fr. Dan Jones

Gospel Meditation

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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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.

Sharing the Gospel

When you were baptized, the priest used the same words as Jesus in today's Gospel. He said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The water of baptism is God's bath of forgiveness. Baptism washes all your sins away. Baptism makes you a forgiven child of God so that you can enter heaven's gate.

Prayer

Lord, when I hurt others, teach me to say, "I am sorry. Will you forgive me?"



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Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

AUTHORITY
ELEVEN
DISCIPLES

MOUNTAIN
GALILEE
NATIONS

BAPTIZE
TEACH
ALWAYS

A J E G S U L E T F A
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