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September 6, 2020

*The Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon – Fri	8:15am
Wednesday	2:15pm (school Mass)
Saturday	5:30pm
Sunday	8:00, 9:30, 11:15am
Holy Days	8:15am, 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Friday	8:45-9:30am
Saturday	4:00-5:00pm

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GREETINGS FROM FR. DAVE

Labor Day Weekend, 2020! Sure wonder what life will look like come Thanksgiving. With so much uncertainty and so many unknowns facing us, we can only let go and put our trust in God. Geepers, what do people without faith in God do?

Hope is the virtue that keeps us rooted; hope counters the fear that is inevitable in times like this. Holy Trinity has always broadcasted hope by being a welcoming, inclusive, and mission-driven parish. *Knowing* Jesus personally, *Growing* in that relationship, and *Going* forth is exactly what we are about, and precisely how Hope is broadcast. Keep it up, good people.

Okay, elections coming up.....and the divisions and rhetoric are increasing. I read a good quote last week about political speeches: "Political speeches are like antlers on an elk, a point here and a point there, and a lot of bull in-between." I encourage you to read an article posted on our website titled "Trump or Biden: What's a Catholic Voter to do?" (see h.t.org/faithful-citizenship). It is not going to tell you how to

vote, but does acknowledge the difficulty in choosing between two candidates, neither of which align fully with our Catholic values.

Remember, we are not electing a Messiah! Jesus is fully in that role, and in every election we have had to choose between flawed candidates. What the Church does ask of us is that we take voting seriously and do all we can to make a good decision. Come Holy Spirit and guide us.

With school starting Tuesday, we are resuming our Wednesday School Mass. It will only be open for the hosting class and their families, though, not the general public.

Blessings to Mason Neeway, who were baptized this weekend!

Funeral services were held last week for John Fallin, and last week we received notice of the death of Elizabeth Knapp. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday 7th

1 Cor 5: 1-8 | Lk 6: 6-11

Tuesday 8th

Mi 5: 1-4a
Mt 1: 1-16, 18-23

Wednesday 9th

1 Cor 7: 25-31 | Lk 6: 20-26

Thursday 10th

1 Cor 8: 1b-7, 11-13
Lk 6: 27-38

Friday 11th

1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22b-27
Lk 6: 39-42

Saturday 12th

1 Cor 10: 14-22 | Lk 6: 43-49

Sunday 13th

Sir 27: 30 – 28: 7
Rom 14: 7-9
Mt 18: 21-35

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5th

5:30pm +John DiFalco

Sunday 6th

8:00am +Marie Grommesch

9:30am Improved Health
for Luke Lennon

11:15am Holy Trinity Parish

Monday 7th

8:15am +Alessandra Arnold

Tuesday 8th

8:15am In Thanksgiving
from the Varela family
and
+Joseph Truong

Wednesday 9th

8:15am +Shari Allison
and
Phi & Milan Lam

2:15pm +Warren & +Betty Wills

Thursday 10th

8:15am +Earl Butler

Friday 11th

8:15am +Dan & +Joe Shea

The flowers for this weekend
are in loving memory
of Marie Grommesch.

BRETT'S TWO CENTS

Hello, everyone! I'm sure some of you have seen these, but I still think they're incredibly clever. So, to put a smile on your faces, I give you "Pew signs in a time of pandemic":

- ✦ Jesus said, "Take up your cross, not this pew."
- ✦ Zaccheus climbed a sycamore to get a better seat. This pew was not it.
- ✦ Jesus sat the 5,000 down in rows, just not in this one.
- ✦ Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born. And if he were still around today, he still wouldn't be allowed to sit in this pew.
- ✦ Remember when God put a flaming sword at the entrance to the Garden of Eden so that Adam and Eve couldn't come in? "Flaming sword" can also be translated as "blue tape."
- ✦ Reserved for Elijah only.
- ✦ Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you, just not this pew."
- ✦ 6 feet apart today is better than 6 feet under tomorrow.
- ✦ Jesus cleans the heart; we disinfect the pew.
- ✦ "A time to live and a time to die. A time for war and a time for peace. A time to stand and a time to sit. (But not in this pew)"

✦ Jesus said, "Seek and you shall find. But not in this pew."

Okay, on a more serious note, several of you have asked about what more we could be doing in the face of all the unrest and upheaval in which our country finds itself immersed. One thing I hope we're all doing is increasing our prayers.

Last weekend, Fr. Hans announced in his column the resumption of Thursday Holy Hours. We've decided to go ahead and host these every Thursday evening (rather than just 1st and 3rd Thursdays) from 6:00-7:00pm in the church. There's nothing fancy about these services – a rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and some silent time before the Blessed Sacrament. It doesn't feel like much, but so many of the saints and spiritually wise have talked about the power of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Here's what J.R.R. Tolkien had to say:

"Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament. . . There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves on earth, and more than that: Death."

Come join us this Thursday as we pray for the healing of our country and our world!

***The Parish Office
will be closed on
Monday, September 7th
in observance of
Labor Day.***



This day has its foundation in the union organizing history of our country and the rise of the workers to strive for a better life. Let us remember today all those who labored to obtain for us the right to work in a safe environment with decent wages.

Prayer for the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers (from USCCB)

Lord God, Master of the Vineyard:

How wonderful that you have invited us who labor by the sweat of our brow to be workers in the vineyard and assist your work to shape the world around us.

As we seek to respond to this call, make us attentive to those who seek work but cannot find it. Help us listen to the struggles of those who work hard to provide for their families but still have trouble making ends meet. Open our eyes to the struggles of those exploited and help us speak for just wages and safe conditions, the freedom to organize, and time for renewal.

For work was made for humankind and not humankind for work. Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation but a radiant expression of our human dignity. Give all who labor listening hearts that we may pause from our work to receive your gift of rest.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit that you might work through us to let your justice reign. Amen.

Faith Formation



For kids, teens, AND adults, because even grown-ups have stuff to learn!

FAMILY FAITH REFLECTIONS

Chris Storm – cstorm@htsch.org

This past week, we celebrated the Memorial of Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory just might be the most important saint you've never heard of! He is a patron saint of schoolchildren, teachers, plague victims, musicians, and other popes!

Gregory's father was very wealthy. He was sent to good schools and appreciated the education he received. One day, in Rome, he saw a slave auction taking place. He was shocked to see children from England who had been stolen from their homes and were being sold as slaves in his hometown! Immediately Gregory took his family fortune to England. He used it to build safe schools for poor children, hospitals for people during an outbreak of disease, and defense against the slave-trading pirates who were raiding the island.

Later, he retired to a monastery to live a quiet life of prayer. God, however, had bigger plans for him! The city of Rome had come under attack by northern armies, and Pope Pelagius died before the invasion was fully repelled. The Romans wanted their next pope to be

someone who could defend them! They called Gregory out of the monastery and proclaimed him Pope Gregory (the First!).

Pope Gregory did protect the city, but then he turned his attention to his true passions: prayer and music. Gregory wrote instructions on how to use music in the liturgy, gathering lists of sacred songs so that people all over the empire could learn to pray together in song. Although our style of music has changed a lot, the way that we incorporate music into our Masses is really built on his ideas! There's even a style of music named after him: *Gregorian chant*.

Gregory was such an important saint that he has been given a few special titles. He is called a Doctor of the Church because his teachings were so wise; he is also called "the Great" because his ideas are still so important, almost 1500 years later.

Pope Saint Gregory, pray for our children, our teachers, and our world. Sing your song in Heaven for us today, and ask the Holy Spirit to inspire praise in our hearts as well. Amen.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH: THOUGHTS ON FAITH

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"It's not about me!" This should be our #1 rule. The #2 rule should follow accordingly: **"When I think it is, go back to rule #1!"**

Fr. Dave gave us an even better way to think of this using four rules from Bishop Barron with a God focus. Did you memorize them? Barron's first three are versions or qualifications of **"it's not about me"**, really: my life is not about me, I am not in control, and it's not my project. (*You can personalize those for yourself*).

How different is my viewpoint if I regulate my thinking to God's thinking. As Fr. Dave suggests, it allows us to better trust in God's plan, especially that he has one specifically for me. (*Again personalize that thought for yourself as well.*)

We are a part of God's cosmic plan. Yes, I said COSMIC. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to be participants in that plan of salvation for the ENTIRE WORLD! (*Yes, I said that too.*) That means that we allow God to steer our lives and take up what God has designed for us to do. We generally only see our little

part, knowing that it is part of something much larger. With this in mind, I want to link this thinking to something another bishop has said, Bishop Don Hying from the Diocese of Madison, WI, an area much like Portland and other cities plagued with violence and unrest. He says:

"Evil wants us to fall asleep, give up, stay locked in fear, despair, stop praying, never to go back to Mass, and live as if God does not exist. Jesus tells us to light our lamps, gird our loins, and be ready for the Master's return."

Sometimes the most we are able to do is pray: the rosary, a chaplet of Divine Mercy, our personal prayer, Mass when we are able, and Spiritual Communion when we aren't. All of those are actually very powerful God given weapons, and if we carry those out faithfully, who knows what God will allow us to help Him accomplish. May we be a part of God's plan of salvation for that of the entire world. Why not aim big???

Have a great week everybody! +

MINISTRY NEWS

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

A Joint Column by the HT Health & Social Justice Ministries

The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Part Two: Making Moral Choices & Applying Our Principles

The USCCB's second summary considers how we apply our principles and social teachings to the act of voting and taking positions on various policy issues.

The Call to Holiness in an Election Year

During a speaking engagement with young Catholics last fall, the Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Blase Cupich, was asked how our faith should inform our politics and our voting decisions. A few of the points he made were:

- ✦ Participate in political debate according to Christian principles. Our obligation goes beyond the ballot.
- ✦ Engage in the political process, especially those with whom we disagree.
- ✦ All respect for life issues are interconnected; avoid limiting involvement to party-aligned or litmus-test issues.
- ✦ Beware of prioritizing the status of one issue over another.

"Our political involvement," he said, "is nothing short of living out our call to holiness, making God's work of bringing about the kingdom of heaven our own." Our mission this year is to cast an informed vote – if you haven't already, register to vote today!

Read Cupich's full article and make sure you're registered to vote at h-t.org/faithful-citizenship.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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Join us in the USCCB's nationwide effort for parishes and communities to "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need. Learn more at h-t.org/respect-life-ministry and read the *Listen to Your Heart* brochure.

Did you know?

The Mother & Child Education Center creates connections



Mother & Child Education Center

in a judgement-free space to provide support, education, and resources for anyone who is parenting including expectant women, fathers, and family caregivers. Many of our clients have faced obstacles including lack of stable housing, poverty, substance abuse and other trauma.

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NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED			
Food Closet		Backpacks	
Last Week	420	Last Week	N/A
Since January 1 st	14,518	School Year	7,020

One Friday, well after we had finished serving, I was in my office catching up on the never ending paperwork (can you tell it's not my favorite part?). From my office I can see the expanse of the parking lot, which often comes in handy. This particular Friday, I noticed as a car pulled into the lot and parked close by. I watched as they got out of the car, looking toward the Food Closet. With it being a nice day I happened to have my window open, so as they approached I asked if I could help them.

"I heard there was food available here; am I too late?" By her mannerisms I could tell she was feeling desperate. "We did stop serving over an hour ago," I said, after which she immediately lowered her head and said, "I was afraid of that."

"Do you have any food at all?" I asked. "Very little; not enough to get us through the weekend." "How many are in your family?" "Eight; four adults and four kids."

"OK. Come over by the garage and let's get you some food." As I began to gather food for them, I kept asking if they needed this or do they like that. Each time the answer was, "We are not picky and would be grateful for anything."

Fortunately we still had a decent selection that included chicken, hamburger, tuna, rice, beans, pasta and sauce, and more. She just kept saying how much she appreciated it and that this was so much more than she had hoped for. She had never been here before and had not had to get food much before. I explained the process and let her know about the food box distribution we do every Thursday next door at Beaverton Foursquare. I invited her to come.

As we finished gathering up the food, I stood back and watched her load it into her car. At that point I looked and saw her young grandson sitting in the backseat. He had already found a small box of raisins and was enjoying them with a very big smile on his face. "He loves raisins!" she said. What child doesn't? He waived and said "Thank you!" as they drove away.

Thank you all for your support. Because of you,

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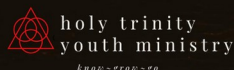
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Fall Kickoff!



Sunday, September 13th
12:30 pm

Join us on the field for socially-distanced outdoor activities, prayer, and an introduction to HTYM's plan for the fall. Lunch will be provided. Please bring a mask!



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Find more info at h-t.org/htym

PARISH FINANCES

FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 29-30

Offertory	\$16,632
Food Closet	\$2,560
Additional Gifts	\$6,560



Pope Francis
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Read Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (Sept. 1, 2020) at: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200901_messaggio-giornata-cura-creato.html

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