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Our Lady of Mercy Parish

May 30, 2021



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM

Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Please note: Due to the Holiday and town parade, there will be no 10:30 Mass on Sunday, July 4, 2021

Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:30AM

Holy Days 8:30AM and anticipated vigil 7:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM

By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Please call the office for an appointment with Marie Dancy, the pastoral associate. Baptisms are usually planned for the last weekend of the month.

Marriage

Please contact the office to schedule marriage preparation with Fr. Paul.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of themselves becoming a Catholic.

Funerals

The contact person for the deceased (or the funeral home) should connect with the office to schedule.

Planning ahead for funeral Mass celebrations is also available to all parishioners.

Faith Formation

We offer Faith Formation for all ages. Please see the website for current dates and programs.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM

The office will be closed Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day

Church Hours

The church will be locked for safety. You are welcome to spend time in the church for prayer during office hours! Please come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

Sanctuary Candle

Please contact the office to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of, or for the intentions of, a loved one.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 29th
Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

4:30PM: Barbara Mulhern requested by a neighbor
For all parishioners

Sunday, May 30th
The Most Holy Trinity

8:30AM: Roland & Lucille Delude req by the family

10:30AM: Janice Nystrom req by Diane Schultz

Monday, May 31st
Memorial Day—Office closed

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For those who died in service to our Nation

Tuesday, June 1st
Saint Justin, Martyr

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Peter & Mary Dugan requested by the
Coughlin Family

Wednesday, June 2nd
Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Cason Lau requested by Irene Sullivan

Thursday, June 3rd

No Mass

Friday, June 4th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30PM: Josephine Correia requested by Karen &
Bob Correia

Saturday, June 5th
Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)

4:30PM: Timothy Dwyer requested by Jane &
Crystal Dwyer

Sunday, June 6th
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)

8:30AM: Frederick Peter Abaid req by the family
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Hunter Burke requested by OLM friends

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of
May 29th - June 4th in memory of
Gerard M. Raby.

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down
one’s life for one’s friends.”
-John 15:13

Prayer for fallen service men and women

We remember you, we honor you, we love you and we humbly thank you for your service. A simple “thank you” is not enough for all that you’ve endured. We pray that you live on through the loving memories shared by your family and loved ones. We pray that the strife, battles and wounds of war be calmed for eternity in God’s loving grace. May you find rest at last and know that those left behind cherish your spirit, honor your commitment, send their love and will never forget your sacrifice.

**Remember Those Who Have
Sacrificed This
MEMORIAL
DAY**



Readings for the Week: May 30, 2021

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-5 At Home: Completed books **are due.** Please drop them at the office or in the collection bin in the main entrance of the church.

Families Grades 1-12: stay tuned for registration information coming out soon for the upcoming program year.



After the celebration of Pentecost, the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church continues to meditate on the great mystery of God through the feast of Trinity Sunday. The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to the Holy Trinity for many centuries, but was not always celebrated by everyone in the Church.

According to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, initially this Sunday was known as a *Dominica vacans*, with no specific focus or theme. At that time there was no particular feast celebrating the Holy Trinity, but there arose a need for the Church to further define her beliefs in God.

A heresy known as the Arian heresy began to spread in the 4th century, disputing the traditional Christian belief of one God in three divine persons. The bishops of the Church decided to compose a Mass in honor of the Trinity to reaffirm the belief, but it was not given a specific date in the calendar.

Celebrating Trinity Sunday after Pentecost allows the Church to further reflect on the mystery of God after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. We can never fully understand who God is on our own and desperately need his guidance and inspiration.

The Trinity is one of the most fundamental beliefs of the Catholic Church and so it is fitting that we dedicate a particular Sunday to that mystery.

-from aleteia.org

Glory Be

We give glory to the **Trinity** with this simple prayer:
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen!

Holy Trinity Sunday:

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus sends his disciples to make disciples of all nations.

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed Himself to us in the Trinity: one God in three Persons. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus's empty tomb and Jesus's appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in today's Gospel.

The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared His disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions His disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. **As the baptized, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.**

-from Loyolapress.com

Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to **Samantha Cote & Daniel Raub**, who were joined in Holy Matrimony by Fr. Paul on May 15. May God bless you as you begin your life together!

O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife should be one, keep, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love those who are united in the covenant of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by Your grace, witnesses to charity itself. Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Upcoming meetings

Wednesday People: Wednesday, June 2 at 7PM in the parish center (meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays June & July; no meetings in August)

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, June 3 at 12:00PM in the parish center

First Friday: Adoration after the 8:30AM Mass

Men of St. Joseph: Saturday, June 5 at 7AM in the church hall

Rosary Cenacle: Saturday, June 5 at 8:30AM in the church



Thank you!

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive in the church hall on **Thursday, June 3** from 2:00-7:00PM

To schedule an appointment in order to donate, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter LADYOFMERCY.

120 Club Winners

May 23

Michael Hollan
Kareen Dunn

Congratulations & thank you for your support!

Parish Stewardship

May 22 & 23 Weekend Masses: \$4079

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions are Available

As Catholics, the Mass and the Eucharist are the center of our lives. It is a beautiful practice to have our loved ones remembered at the celebration of the Mass, to unite our prayers for them to the Eucharistic Prayer. We have several Masses available in the coming weeks that do not yet have an intention. Please contact the parish office if you would like a Mass offered for a particular person or intention.

workcampNE

We are excited to be hosting workcampNE this summer, **August 1-6**. There are opportunities for youth going into 8th grade or higher to serve our local community; for adult volunteers to support our youth in prayer, with evening meals, or guidance on projects; and for those who need a hand with projects at their home to be considered. Please see the website for sign-up links. Contact Deacon John or the office for more information. Make a difference! Be part of something important! Build friendships! Strengthen your faith!

The Sanctuary Course

Would you like to discover what God, Scripture, and the Church have to say about mental health challenges? **Cindy Coughlin will be running The Sanctuary Course starting Tuesday, June 8 at 6PM** in the church hall and run through June and July. The Sanctuary Course is an eight-part course designed to raise awareness and start conversations in local parishes. It was created in collaboration with Catholic mental health professionals, theologians, and clergy. Topics covered include: mental health and mental illness, stigma, recovery, companionship, self-care, and community. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.

Mark Your Calendar!

Hot DogZ for ALZ will take place on **June 24** from 11AM-7PM rain or shine in the OLM parking lot. \$5 for 2 dogz, chips, & a drink with 100% of the proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Association.