

Holy Trinity

Catholic Church & School



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Annual Report to the Community
2012-2013

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FROM OUR ADMINISTRATION

Dear Holy Trinity Friends and Family,

Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School continues to be a very faith-filled, dynamic, and active learning community. At the beginning of every calendar year we have taken time to review our Stewardship of God's abundant gifts entrusted to us. We are proud of the numerous achievements highlighted in this annual report that occurred during the 2012-2013 academic year.

This report documents with facts our ministry, and it provides a look into the life of this Parish through 2012. We are a family - united in our faith. We are nearly 1,100 Catholics supporting many ministries and activities. Together, we pray, worship, learn, serve and grow as we share the gifts we have been given with each other, with our parish and with our community.

In our school, we have a highly qualified, caring and dedicated staff and faculty are committed to providing a quality Catholic education where faith is prominent. Teachers worked hard to provide an engaging learning environment as well as a climate and culture of respect. During the 2012-2013 school year , the faculty worked diligently through professional development to broaden their knowledge and experiences to improve student learning in the classroom. Student achievement and test scores continue to show the commitment to quality education of our faculty and staff.

In our parish ministries, we focus on life-long faith formation through Generations of Faith. This is an opportunity where twice a year, all ages come together to learn about a certain aspect of our faith.

Among the many outstanding ministries in the parish two stand out:

- STEPHEN MINISTRIES, a program in which lay leaders support, listen, and pray with parishioners who are experiencing unusual stress in their lives.
- PATCH Apartment, an outreach to a homeless family in which our parish provides housing, utilities, and phone service for up to six months. During such time the family members obtain employment, education, and save money for a security deposit and first month rent for their own place when they leave.

We thank the many benefactors who have contributed to our school and parish community over the past year. One of the greatest strengths of our parish and school is the incredible support given by the parishioners and parents. The gifts and talents shared have made a difference in the lives of so many people.

It has been our privilege to lead, teach, and walk with you on your faith journey. Let us celebrate gratefully all that God continues to do among us and with us.

Sincerely,



Rev. Michael A. Amadeo, Pastor



Audra Meyer, Principal



OUR PARISH MISSION



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Holy Trinity Catholic Church & School is a faith-filled Eucharistic community committed to Christ-centered stewardship especially through education, justice, hospitality, and service.

DIOCESE OF DES MOINES

Vision

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Des Moines, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the mission of the church, are collaborative communities of spiritual formation and academic excellence, where students grow in faith and wisdom, emerging as responsible citizens dedicated to the practice of life-long discipleship of Jesus.

Mission Statement

We develop and inspire learning for life by providing a world class education within a Catholic environment for our students.

- Catholic Schools exist to enable students to learn the traditions and doctrines of the Catholic church and to carry out the gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives.
- Each student in a Catholic school experiences the value of human dignity and the concepts of peace and justice to enable them to be participants in a global society.
- Catholic schools and parishes are partners with parents in the education of the children.
- Catholic school educators apply research-based curriculum and instructional strategies that enhance the learning of all students.

FAITH FORMATION

The Office of Faith Formation offers a program for the children of Holy Trinity Parish who attend public schools, or are home schooled, on Wednesday evenings during the school year. Holy Trinity Church also offers the Celebrate program for 3-5 year olds twice a month during 10:30 Mass.

- 85 students in 1st – 8th grade were enrolled in Faith Formation classes
- 11 students were enrolled in the Celebrate program
- 23 volunteers served these students

The office of Faith Formation also provides direction for sacramental preparation for young people in the parish.

- 61 students in 2nd grade celebrated First Reconciliation in December and First Eucharist in April.

Generations of Faith

Holy Trinity offered two Generations of Faith events, one in November and one in February. Generations of Faith offers an opportunity for faith formation for all ages, learning together. The topic for November was Vatican II, and the topic for February was preparing for Lent. About 200 participants at each event shared a meal and a variety of activities to help them learn about the topic and grow in faith. The gatherings began and ended with prayer, and a home kit was offered to extend the learning and sharing in the households. Child care was offered for those under age five.



Families gathered for a meal during the Generations of Faith events.

Service Projects

During the season of Lent, our parish focused on helping the poor through Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl (formerly known as Operation Rice Bowl). Students in our school and Faith Formation programs had assemblies to kick off the season of Lent, and every student and every household in the parish was given a Rice Bowl. A total of \$3,532.55 was collected to assist CRS programs to relieve hunger and poverty around the world. As always, 25% of the monies collected remains in the local area. Last year, using those funds, the Diocese of Des Moines provided grants to agencies such as Connection Café, Des Moines Area Religious Council Emergency Food Pantry, Catholic Charities St. Mary Family Center, Des Moines Interfaith Hospitality Network, and St. Ambrose Refuge Program, among others.

Another project that took place during Lent was led by an 8th grade student in our Faith Formation program. She collected shoes for Soles 4 Souls, a non-profit founded in 2004. The organization's mission is "to collect new and like new shoes to give to victims of abject suffering and to collect used shoes to support micro business efforts to eradicate poverty around the world." Holy Trinity parishioners donated dozens of pairs of shoes in response to this initiative, and in late March, the student and her classmates delivered nearly 2,000 pairs of shoes to the Soles 4 Souls Regional Warehouse located in Sheldon, Iowa.



SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

For the 2012-2013 school year, 489 preschool - 8th grade students were enrolled at Holy Trinity Catholic School. Students are members of Holy Trinity, All Saints, Our Lady's Immaculate Heart and St. Mary's parishes. We also have students who bring other Christian denominations to our family; one of the many ways we live our motto "Where our hearts and doors are open to Christ."

The school employed 30 teachers and 6 support staff for the 2012-2013 year. Two long-time teachers, Mary Riedesel & Diane Lang retired at the end of the school year.

Our 4-year-old Preschool program received the state-wide Voluntary Preschool Grant for the sixth year. Through the grant, students enrolled in our 4-year-old preschool program received free tuition.



The Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) provided tuition assistance to many families within the Diocese of Des Moines. In the 2012-2013 school year, CTO distributed \$81,967 to 102 Holy Trinity students (63 families).

Grade Level	# of Students
Preschool 3's	25
Preschool 4's	40
Developmental Kindergarten	15
Kindergarten	40
1st grade	51
2nd grade	48
3rd grade	45
4th grade	40
5th grade	47
6th grade	45
7th grade	44
8th grade	49
Total	489

Holy Trinity students reside not only in the Des Moines/Beaverdale area, but also in surrounding communities. The chart below shows the population of Kindergarten - 8th grade students by school district of residence.

District	# of Students
Ankeny	17
Dallas Center - Grimes	3
Des Moines	295
Johnston	55
Norwalk	1
Saydel	8
Southeast Polk	3
Urbandale	18
West Des Moines	21
Total	421

PARISH & SCHOOL INCOME/EXPENSES

A two-year statement of activities for fiscal years ending June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013 is listed below.

CATEGORY	Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013	Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012	% Change from FY-2012 to FY-2013	DESCRIPTION
Tithe	\$1,083,926	\$1,045,980	4%	Tithe, Christmas, Easter, Holy Days, Plate
Parish Fundraisers	\$31,249	\$31,507	-1%	Garage Sales & Fall Festival
Parish Designated Donations, Bequests, Stipends	\$43,947	\$14,574	202%	Bequests, memorial gifts, mass intentions
Parish Rental Property Income	\$2,177	\$1,330	64%	Rental of parish hall
Parish Miscellaneous Income	\$1,501	\$5,078	-70%	Votive Stand, Bulletin net income, interest income, etc.
Program Fees - RE, Celebrate Income	\$12,773	\$7,503	70%	Religious Education fees, VBS began summer 2013
School / Preschool - Education Income	\$1,298,498	\$1,277,232	2%	School tuition & registration fees
School Hot Lunch Fees	\$192,301	\$194,536	-1%	Hot lunch fees + government subsidy
School Before/After Child Care Fees	\$174,538	\$170,338	2%	12-month child care program
School Designated Donation	\$68,155	\$83,790	-19%	Holy Trinity Guild donation, Auction Fundraiser, Corporate matching gifts, individual donations.
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,909,064	\$2,831,867	3%	
Employee Salaries / Benefits / Training - All Programs	\$1,978,447	\$1,924,043	3%	Approximately 80 full & part-time employees
Employee Payroll Taxes	\$131,559	\$127,343	3%	Approximately 80 full & part-time employees
Building Maintenance & Utility Expense	\$397,891	\$388,314	2%	Utility, maintenance, insurance, grounds, trash removal, etc.
Parish Assessments	\$130,888	\$129,044	1%	Chaplaincy Assessment, Dowling/St. Joseph Assessment
Church Liturgical Supplies	\$19,690	\$14,385	37%	Candles, vestments, wine, hosts, mass books
Church & School Office Expenses	\$51,542	\$48,639	6%	Office Supplies, computers, copy machines, postage RCIA, CRHP, Sacramental preparation, etc. (FY11 reallocated a FY10 expense from parish to school) (FY12 began Stephen's Ministries)
Program Expenses - Parish	\$15,890	\$36,045	-56%	
Program Expenses - School / Preschool	\$44,998	\$34,703	30%	Books, instructional materials
Program Expenses - Hot Lunch	\$66,840	\$66,154	1%	Food & supply costs
Program Expenses - Kids Connection Before/After School	\$13,852	\$12,332	12%	Food & instructional materials
Program Expenses - RE / Youth Ministry	\$16,093	\$8,675	86%	Instructional materials, youth conferences, VBS began Summer 2013
Rectory Expenses	\$5,944	\$4,545	31%	Utilities, maintenance, cleaning
Other	\$35,871	\$37,600	-5%	Diocesan appeal shortfall, bank charges, payroll processing, payment of loan
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,909,506	\$2,831,821	3%	
FUND BALANCE CHANGE	(\$442)	\$45		

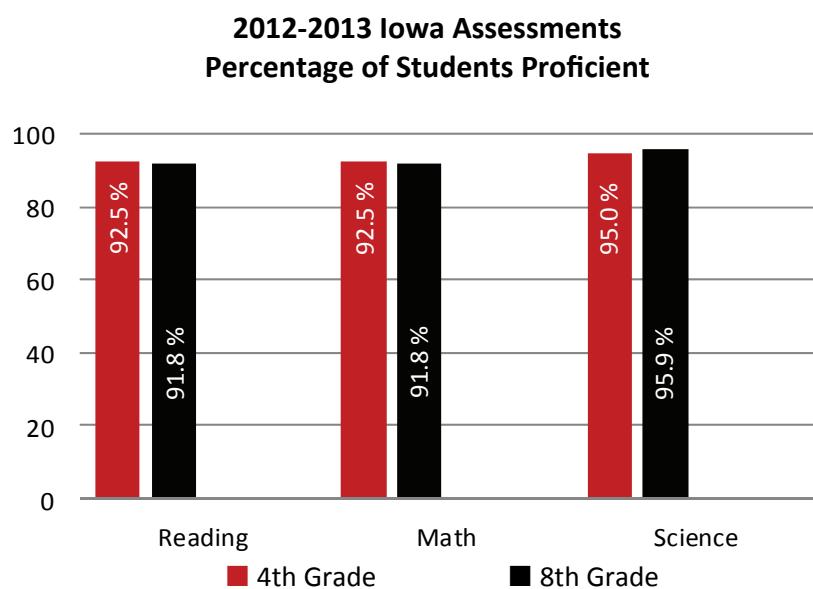
Note: This financial report does not include results from the Capital Campaign, Education Endowment or Holy Trinity Foundation activities.

IOWA ASSESSMENTS

The school is required to report Iowa Assessment results to the Iowa Department of Education annually for 4th and 8th grade students. The chart at the right shows the 2012-2013 Iowa Assessment proficiency scores for Reading, Math, and Science.

Teachers and administration spent time during professional development reviewing the Iowa Assessment data, both as group scores and individual student scores. The data was used to develop school wide goals to improve instruction at Holy Trinity School.

The Iowa Assessments serve as one piece of information about student achievement. The school considers the Iowa Assessments as a supplement to other important means of assessment, such as teacher observations, daily work, classroom tests and quizzes, standards based report cards, and alternative standardized assessments.



TECHNOLOGY

The technology committee worked diligently last year, meeting monthly, looking at budgets, making plans and setting goals to ensure that Holy Trinity is moving in the direction to ensure that our students have the skills to prepare them for the future.

The Next Generation Technology Fund, established through generous donations from parents and parishioners, contributions from the Guild, technology grants and the annual technology fee, was used to purchase many additional technology items for the classrooms. Promethean technology is now complete in all classrooms K-8. Document cameras and projectors were installed in the music and art classrooms.

The Promethean boards are an interactive learning tool for students that allow hands-on practice using technology and having fun while learning. Students are able to create charts, tables, graphs, presentations, and watch videos.

The updated computer lab allows students to do research, become familiar with Word, Excel and PowerPoint, type projects, and practice their typing skills. Also, with funding from a Prairie Meadows Grant, wireless internet was improved in the A building.

Teachers and administration continued their training in PowerSchool, a web-based student information system that allows students and parents to access assessment reporting. The program has many features including grades, attendance, student health information, seating charts, family and faculty management, scheduling tools, and discipline management. Middle school students and parents were able to view daily grades and attendance in PowerSchool. By year end, all student report cards were available online for parents.

GUILD

The Holy Trinity Guild is a parent organization committed to supporting the school community through volunteer and fund raising opportunities. The Guild financially supports Holy Trinity School events such as Artist in Residence as well as school projects such as technology purchases and other classroom needs.

2012-13 INCOME

Category	Amount
Holiday Boutique	\$16,789.02
HT Challenge	\$5,574.59
SCRIP	\$16,000.00
Spirit Shop	(\$75.90)
Entertainment Books	\$6,060.00
Wreath Sales	\$3,293.15
Box Tops	\$3,160.00
Net Income	\$50,800.86

2012-13 EXPENSES

Category	Amount
Artist in Residence	\$1,1881.00
Library	\$2,496.85
Technology	\$3,501.54
Teacher Allotments	\$3,472.98
Hospitality	\$649.79
Classroom Needs	\$9,994.52
Misc - Flowers/Guild Party	\$378.44
PBIS Rewards	\$727.62
Classroom Furniture	\$7,698.46
Contributions to School	\$21,000.00
Total Expenses	\$51,801.20



LUNCHROOM

The Holy Trinity lunchroom was a busy place in 2012-13. Many special events and celebrations were held.

Month	Event	Special Notes
October	Grandparents' Day	1000 cookies were made for classroom receptions & served by homeroom parent volunteers
November	Thanksgiving Feast	680 students and guests enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner served by the lunch staff and 30 volunteers
January	Donuts with Dad	250 dads/special guests enjoyed breakfast with their student(s)
January	Omelet Breakfast / Open House	350 cinnamon rolls were baked and served at the event to raise money for the Endowment Fund
March	Muffins with Mom	250 moms/special guests enjoyed breakfast with their student(s)



Additional highlights:

- In January, Iowa Catholic Radio presented the Holy Trinity Lunchroom staff with the Best Hospitality Award!
- Prepared a total of 1200 classroom treats for Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day celebrations
- Provided birthday treats for 191 students & their classrooms as well as many other classroom reward parties
- Hosted "make your own sack lunch" day so students could enjoy a healthy lunch at the Iowa Energy game in February
- Prepared a continental breakfast for the Student Council to serve to the Morning Mass group during Catholic Schools Week in January
- Hosted the Senior Luncheon for Holy Trinity alumni who were graduating from area high schools in May



SERVICE

Holy Trinity students had many opportunities to participate in service projects throughout the school year.

Catholic Schools Week

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week January 27 - February 1, 2013. The theme was "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards."



The week started with our annual Open House and Omelet Breakfast and followed with special dress-up days for the students to show their spirit, class celebrations and a service project for Ronald McDonald House. Students collected and donated many bags of pop can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House.

Mission Awareness Jeans Days

Each grade took turns hosting a Jeans Day each month to raise money for a charity of their choice. Students donate \$1 to wear jeans to school that day. In total, \$3,876.71 was donated last year. Monthly totals are as follows:

Month	Organization	Donation
September 2012	HT PATCH House	\$377.46
October 2012	House of Mercy	\$500.86
November 2012	Connection Café	\$366.79
December 2012	Six Degrees of Separation: H.A.I.T.I.	\$466.46
January 2013	Big Brothers, Big Sisters	\$396.16
February 2013	DMARC Food Pantry	\$531.58
March 2013	Nigerian Seminarians	\$391.55
April 2013	World Vision	\$483.65
May 2013	Heart Connection	\$362.26

House of Mercy

Holy Trinity students and families collected and donated much needed items to the House of Mercy that assists mothers and their children by providing food, shelter and daily necessities. A group of 8th grade students also spent a day at the House of Mercy learning about the program and raking leaves to help clean up their grounds.



Jump Rope for Heart

Students in 2nd - 5th grade participated in Jump Rope for Heart in the spring. They raised a total of \$8,072 for the American Heart Association. Students worked as teams to secure donations and learn about the organization: how it helps people and the benefits of living healthy.

Coins for Campers

Each May, Holy Trinity 8th grade students lead a campaign to collect money to be donated to Children's Cancer Connection. The week is kicked off with a Jeans Day and followed by a week-long collection for Camp Heart Connection. The 8th graders educate the student body about the camp and work to motivate their assigned homerooms to collect donations. In 2013, a total of \$1,772.67 was donated to the Children's Cancer Connection.

ENRICHMENT & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In addition to the Diocesan Standards & Benchmarks, Holy Trinity students had the opportunity to participate in many different extracurricular and enrichment programs.

Curriculum

- Accelerated Reader
- Everyday Math program for grades K-5
- Handwriting without Tears
- Reading Recovery
- Learning Support Program
- Family Heritage Projects
- Japanese Tea Ceremony
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Program
- Instructional Technology (Promethean Boards, Document Cameras)

Enrichment

- Junior Achievement (JA) Biztown (5th grade)
- Diocesan Science Bowl
- Job Shadowing (8th grade)
- Artist in Residence
- Living Stations of the Cross (3rd grade)
- K-5th Grade Seasonal Music concert/program
- 5th Grade Snow Plow Painting Contest
- 5th Grade Y-Camp Overnight
- Chess Club
- After School Art Class
- Spanish Enrichment Program (grades 4-5)
- Field Day
- Go the Distance Day
- Rock in Prevention

Extracurricular Activities

- Band (grades 5-8)
- Choir (grades 6-8)
- Spring Musical, Disney's "The Little Mermaid, Jr." (grades 6-8)
- Mock Trial (grades 6-8)
- FIRST® LEGO® League
- Girl Scouts, Brownies, Daisies
- Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Tiger Scouts
- Catholic Football League (grades 1-8)
- Girls Volleyball (grades 6-8)
- Girls & Boys Basketball (grades 3-8)
- Cheerleading (grades 7-8)
- Boys & Girls Track (grades 5-8)



KIDS CONNECTION

Kids Connection is Holy Trinity's before and after school child care program, and is directed by Jenith Burry.

Holy Trinity continued to offer excellent child care to more than 65 Holy Trinity students, both before and after school, as well as during Christmas and Spring Breaks.

Kids Connection "wrap around" was available for students in Developmental Kindergarten, and the morning Preschool 4 Class. This was our first year to also offer care for families of 3 year old preschool children as well. This program is up and coming and we were excited to expand our care to our youngest students at Holy Trinity.

Kids Connection had a very busy summer with 30-40 children each day of the week. Students attended field trips 3 days a week this summer! Two days were spent swimming at Urbandale and Northwest Pools, while a third day was used to explore many of the great places Des Moines has to offer. Big Creek State Park has become a favorite of the kids and KC staff. Monday and Friday's during the summer we explored Beaverdale by walking to Ashby and Beaverdale Parks, touring US Bank, the post office, and of course Beaverdale Confections! Thank you so much to the Kids Connection staff who planned and executed all these great field trips!!

For the third summer Kids Connection partnered with the other area Diocesan schools' school age child care programs and hosted a "Birthday Party" themed Fun Friday. This has become a fun tradition for the area school age programs!

Kids Connection is beginning the process to re-apply for another 4 star QRS rating. Iowa's Quality Rating System (QRS), is regulated by the Department of Human Services to acknowledge quality child care programs in the state. Kids Connection was very proud to receive this recognition for the first time two years ago and will work just as hard to earn this quality rating for a second time.



GALA AUCTION

The “2013 Mardi Gras - When the Saints Go Marching In” Gala Auction was held April 20, 2013. The evening was filled with fun and entertainment while raising money to support the school and endowment fund.

The 2013 Mardi Gras-When the Saints Go Marching In Gala Auction was another record breaking year all around. A net profit of over \$111,000 was raised, attendance surpassed 400 guests, and there were hundreds of amazing items up for bid, including a trip to Cancun, a private flight to a Notre Dame football game, condos in Okoboji and Storm Lake, birthday parties, dinners, and so many more wonderful items and experiences.

Mardi Gras came to Holy Trinity with beads galore, Cajun food, and purple, green and gold all around. The colors of Mardi Gras are significant as purple represents Justice, green represents Faith, and gold represents Power. The evening was started off with a rendition of *When The Saints Go Marching In* by Holy Trinity Parishioners Bob Weast playing the trumpet, and Cheryl Cibula playing the accordion.

Auction guests were challenged at the end of the evening to match a generous donation, and of course took the challenge on and met the goal, resulting in \$20,000!!!

The auction was once again a huge success for Holy Trinity. It would not be possible without the time and dedication put in by the numerous members of the Gala Auction Committee and the wonderful, generous and loyal auction guests, sponsors, and donors.



HOLY TRINITY FOUNDATION

The Holy Trinity Foundation was created in 1974 to provide financial support for parish programs, needs and improvements beyond those provided for in the parish budget. The Foundation offers parishioners an opportunity to continue long term support of the parish through estate planning, memorials, or other gifts. Contributions to the Foundation are preserved and invested. As special needs arise, the Foundation addresses those needs through direct financial support or through low interest loans to the parish. Over the years the Foundation has provided funding for needs such as signage for the church and school, church furnishings, the Baptismal font and assistance in purchasing the property adjacent to the church to allow for parish campus expansion. Please contact Regina Montgomery at 255-3162 ext. 1157 or email reginam@holytrinitydm.org to make donations or with questions.

Below is the financial position of the Holy Trinity Foundation for the three most recent years.

Year ending	Beginning Value	Additions	Withdrawals	Income	Change in Market Value	Value at Year End
6.30.2011	\$280,443.87	\$455.00		\$6,367.75	\$11,977.63	\$299,244.25
6.30.2012	\$299,244.25			\$4,091.43	-\$121.02	\$303,214.66
6.30.2013	\$303,214.66	\$3,975.00		\$5,921.34	\$14,207.03	\$327,318.03

HT ENDOWMENT FUND

The Holy Trinity Endowment Fund was established September 22, 1999. The goal is to use no more than 4% of the December amount to reduce tuition for all families for the following year. This amount is used in the general budget to balance revenue to expenses.

	Beg Value	Additions	Withdrawals	Income	Change in Market Value	Value at Year End	4% available for gen budget transfer
Sep-99	\$ 270,000.00			\$ 2,408.45	\$ 1,838.04	\$ 274,246.49	
Dec-00	\$ 274,246.49			\$ 12,805.51	\$ (7,576.26)	\$ 279,475.74	
Dec-01	\$ 279,475.74			\$ 7,347.66	\$ (20,845.54)	\$ 265,977.86	\$ 10,969.86
Dec-02	\$ 265,977.86		\$ 17,100.00	\$ 5,631.28	\$ (33,150.66)	\$ 221,358.48	\$ 11,179.03
Dec-03	\$ 221,358.48		\$ 100.00	\$ 4,562.58	\$ 38,812.21	\$ 264,633.27	\$ 10,639.11
Dec-04	\$ 264,633.27	\$ 12,850.87		\$ 5,472.45	\$ 19,341.97	\$ 302,298.56	\$ 8,854.34
Dec-05	\$ 302,298.56	\$ 99,600.00		\$ 7,711.91	\$ 11,390.56	\$ 421,001.03	\$ 10,585.33
* Dec-06	\$ 421,001.03			\$ 10,368.98	\$ 32,433.99	\$ 463,804.00	\$ 12,091.94
* Dec-07	\$ 463,804.00			\$ 12,095.73	\$ 8,252.27	\$ 484,152.00	\$ 16,840.04
* Dec-08	\$ 484,152.00			\$ 12,092.49	\$ (144,620.14)	\$ 351,624.35	\$ 18,552.16
* Dec-09	\$ 351,624.35			\$ 10,878.65	\$ 74,699.01	\$ 437,202.01	\$ 19,366.08
** Dec-10	\$ 437,202.01	\$ 1,703.82		\$ 9,551.27	\$ 55,551.20	\$ 504,008.30	\$ 14,064.97
*** Dec-11	\$ 504,008.30	\$ 10,412.24		\$ 9,565.29	\$ 4,962.87	\$ 528,948.70	\$ 17,488.08
*** Dec-12	\$ 528,948.70	\$ 27,852.01		\$ 9,830.68	\$ 58,525.30	\$ 625,156.69	\$ 20,160.33
Dec-13	\$ 625,156.69					\$ 625,156.69	\$ 21,157.95

* Donations to the fund covered the amount that would be withdrawn for the general budget

** Withdrawl not needed, donations to fund covered the general budget figure, excess donations deposited

*** Withdrawl not needed at all, all donations were added to the fund

PARISH LIFE

Celebrations of Life

Holy Trinity saw many celebrations of life in all its stages during 2012:

- 57 Baptisms
- 13 Marriages
- 49 Confirmations
- 34 Funerals

Parish Fundraisers

In 2012-13, Holy Trinity Parish held several successful fundraisers thanks to many parishioners who volunteered their time and talents.

- Fall 2012 Garage Sale - \$11,561.49
- Spring 2013 Garage Sale - \$13,654.80
- Fall 2012 Fall Festival - \$2,659.28
- Fall 2012 Meredith "Overstock" Sale - \$1,487.55



Stephen Ministries

Seven people trained as Stephen Leaders in the summer of 2012. They implemented a program at Holy Trinity that provides training for lay people to support, listen, and pray with parishioners who are experiencing unusual stress in their lives. Stephen Ministry training began in January, and on Pentecost Sunday our first group of Stephen Ministers was commissioned. They were assigned to parishioners in need of someone to walk with them during a stressful period. They continue to minister to parishioners, and meet to support one another and to continue their learning. Another class will begin in January 2014.

Pastoral Ministry

The Pastoral Ministry program at Holy Trinity is staffed by a part time nurse (Pastoral Minister) and many volunteers. The nurse visits hospitalized parishioners in Des Moines area hospitals. Home and care facility visits are made by the nurse and volunteers. She helped coordinate a Cancer Healing Service held in the fall, followed by a reception. coordinates two blood drives each year, and two Healing Masses. A committee helps to organize transportation for home bound parishioners to come to the Healing Mass. A reception after each Mass facilitate socialization among our elderly parishioners. The nurse coordinates volunteers who bring Communion to the homebound and others who drive home bound parishioners to doctors' appointments and grocery stores. The nurse also conducts Communion Services in local senior living centers. She helps parishioners navigate the health care system, and brought a SHIIP volunteer to Holy Trinity to help seniors find the appropriate Part D medication insurance plan. She disseminates health information through the bulletin boards and the parish bulletin.

PATCH Apartment

The Holy Trinity Parish Assisted Temporary Care and Housing (PATCH) provides housing, utilities, and phone service for a homeless family for up to six months. During that time the family puts as much money as they can into a savings account. The plan is for the family to have enough money for a security deposit and at least a month's rent for their own place when they leave. PATCH also represents a transition between a previous way of living and a better future. We rely on parishioner donations to pay the monthly rent and utilities. The PATCH committee is very grateful for the donations they received. If you are interested in learning more about becoming involved in this mission, please contact Molly Pigneri at 277-4212 or Bernie Gradoville at 277-7642 or email us at htpatch@gmail.com

PARISH LIFE (continued)

Knights of Columbus

Holy Trinity's Knights of Columbus is a men's fraternal organization devoted to charitable activities and the support of the family. Last year, \$4,800 was raised by the Knights through the "Tootsie Roll Drive" which is donated to the Iowa Special Olympics and Van Meter School in Des Moines to support people with intellectual disabilities. In December

2012, they sponsored an Omelet breakfast, donating all proceeds to our local Catholic radio station - KWKY. The Council sponsored three Fish Dinners during Lent and our Founder's Day Picnic in June. Father Adam Westphal was ordained this year and has been supported by the Holy Trinity Knights for all of his years as a seminarian. The council ended the year with 85 members donating a total of \$9,140 to numerous charities. The Grand Knight is Richard Puhl and the Deputy Grand Knight is Steve Pigneri.



Ongoing Parish Ministries

- Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)
- Christian Family Movement
- Liturgical Ministers
- Men's & Women's Clubs
- Pastoral Care
- Pastoral Ministry
- Peace & Justice Committee
- Respect Life Committee
- Saturday Morning Scripture Groups
- Senior Dinner Club
- Sponsor Couples
- St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Teams of Our Lady
- Worship & Spirituality Committee

Building & Grounds

We completed many improvements to our facilities in 2012. An enhanced sound system was installed in the Church. This allowed for wireless microphones to be used during all masses and during school programs. The Gym and Social Room received an upgraded sound system as well. This is used for many events including school pep assemblies, our annual auction, and many church/school programs. The Social Room received new paint from floor to ceiling, including the rafters.

Thanks to a Boy Scout Eagle project, an automated door was installed to help those with disabilities at the church.

The Art and Music room along with the Computer Lab all received new commercial air conditioners. These improve the temperature for the warmer months and are more energy efficient than the previous window units.

As an added security measure many classrooms and offices received new door knobs that lock from the inside of the classroom or office. This was an added step to keep our students and staff safe.

The movable wall that divided the 2nd grade classrooms was removed to prepare for the installation of Promethean Boards. The 3rd grade classrooms also needed preparation for Promethean Boards and received new cabinets and teacher's desks in both rooms. All four classrooms received a fresh coat of paint.





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