



Holy Trinity

Catholic Church & School

Annual Report to the Community

2013-2014

FROM OUR ADMINISTRATION

Dear Holy Trinity Friends and Family,

We are pleased to share with you the 2013-2014 Annual Report to the Community for Holy Trinity Church and School. This past year we have continued to provide excellence in education and faith formation for our parish and school community. We challenge ourselves to fully live our mission by providing Christ-centered stewardship through education, justice, hospitality and service.

Our faculty and staff, catechists and numerous volunteers excel in bringing the joy of Christ's gospel to each of their encounters. We expanded the Stephen Ministry outreach to parishioners that are facing difficult circumstances in their lives. There are 19 parishioners trained to provide peer to peer ministry. The PATCH apartment carried on the ministry of offering housing for a homeless family, allowing them time to establish a work history and find permanent housing. In the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent we provided a variety of assistance to social service agencies on both the local and international level.

Student academic scores continue to reflect a rigorous curriculum that is enhanced by our Catholic faith. We continue to make advancements with technology integration in our parish and school. With the support of our PTO, and grants from Prairie Meadows and Education for the 21st Century, we were able to expand technology by purchasing a set of 24 Chromebooks for every middle school classroom. In addition, Promethean boards were purchased for the Preschool and Developmental Kindergarten classrooms. Our parish ministries have also made use of the new technology in their programs and activities.

We thank the many benefactors who have contributed in a variety of ways to our parish and school. We are successful because of the role you play as supporter of our faith community. Our future is bright! Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support.

Sincerely,

Rev. Michael A. Amadeo

Rev. Michael A. Amadeo, Pastor



Audra Meyer
Audra Meyer, Principal

OUR PARISH MISSION



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.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



For the 2013-2014 school year, 468 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 2013-2014 year. Three long-time faculty members, Lynn Lavia, Mary Reyes and Jan Bunkers, retired at the end of the school year.

Our 4-year-old Preschool program received the state-wide Voluntary Preschool Grant for the seventh 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 2013-2014 school year, CTO distributed \$109,098 to 99 Holy Trinity students.



Grade Level	# of Students
Preschool 3's	25
Preschool 4's	39
Developmental Kindergarten	11
Kindergarten	45
1st grade	38
2nd grade	47
3rd grade	50
4th grade	43
5th grade	39
6th grade	47
7th grade	43
8th grade	41
Total	468

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 for the 2013-2014 school year.

District	# of Students
Ankeny	20
Dallas Center - Grimes	3
Des Moines	268
Johnston	51
Saydel	10
Southeast Polk	3
Urbandale	17
Waukee	6
West Des Moines	15
Total	393

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.

- 93 students in 1st – 8th grade were enrolled in Faith Formation classes
- 14 students were enrolled in the Celebrate program
- 24 volunteers served these students

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

- 67 students in 2nd grade celebrated First Reconciliation in December and First Eucharist in May.

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 the saints, and the topic for February was the Beatitudes. 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.



Service Projects

During Advent, our parish and school provided assistance to local agencies through the giving tree.

Parishioners took a tag from the tree listing an item needed by an agency, and then returned the donated item with the tag attached. Holy Trinity assisted four service agencies with 1,502 donated items and \$2,491.77 in donated gift cards, bus tokens and cash.



Our high school youth group, along with the middle school students in Faith Formation, adopted three families for Christmas in December. They donated gifts and money to buy more gifts, which along with the food baskets from St. Vincent DePaul organization, provided a very nice Christmas for these struggling families.

During the season of Lent, our parish theme was “Prayer and Faith in Action,” and Holy Trinity helped the poor through Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl. Every student and every household in the parish was given a Rice Bowl. A total of \$1,449.10 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, 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 Refugee Program among others.

Vacation Bible School

In June, 120 children assisted by over 50 volunteers, enjoyed a week of Vacation Bible School. Through the theme “Weird Animals,” they learned that even though each of us is different, we are all created in God’s image and likeness and deeply loved by God.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION



One of our many blessings at Holy Trinity is the ability to share our faith with one another each day. Throughout the school year students, teachers and members of our community celebrated our Catholic faith in many ways. We celebrated International Peace Day in September with Pinwheels for Peace. Following a prayer service, students placed their hand-made pinwheels on the front lawn in the shape of a peace sign. In November, we celebrated All Saints Day with Mass led by our 3rd grade students dressed as the saints they had studied. During Advent, our theme was "Be with us, Mary." Prayer services for each class were led by Mrs. Meyer and Ms. Kever. Our 3rd-5th grade students also shared the story of Jesus' birth at their Christmas concert. In January, we celebrated our "Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service" during Catholic Schools Week and hosted the Diocesan Faculty Mass with Bishop Pates. During Lent, students created Alleluia posters that were put in a chest as we waited for Easter. The posters were then taken out of the chest at our celebratory Easter Mass. The end of the school year is always marked by recognizing two leaders in our 7th grade class. These leaders received the "Margo Award," given by the Flood family in memory of their daughter Margo Gerleman. Hanna Schaeffeler was nominated by her teachers for academic excellence and Ally Sand was nominated by her classmates for demonstrating Christ-like virtue. At Holy Trinity we are proud of the many ways in which we shared our faith with one another during the 2013-2014 school year.



PARISH & SCHOOL INCOME/EXPENSES

A two-year statement of activities for fiscal years ending June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2014 is listed below.

CATEGORY	Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014	Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013	% Change from FY-2013 to FY-2014	DESCRIPTION
Tithe	\$1,083,142	\$1,083,926	0%	Tithe, Christmas, Easter, Holy Days, Plate
Parish Fundraisers	\$33,082	\$31,249	6%	Garage Sales & Fall Festival
Parish Designated Donations, Bequests, Stipends	\$14,743	\$43,947	-66%	Bequests, memorial gifts, mass intentions
Parish Rental Property Income	\$2,440	\$2,177	12%	Rental of parish hall
Parish Miscellaneous Income	\$8,396	\$1,501	459%	Votive Stand, Bulletin net income, interest income, etc.
Program Fees - RE, Celebrate Income	\$10,760	\$12,773	-16%	Religious Education fees, VBS began summer 2013
School / Preschool - Education Income	\$1,304,679	\$1,298,498	0%	School tuition & registration fees
School Hot Lunch Fees	\$189,940	\$192,301	-1%	Hot lunch fees + government subsidy
School Before/After Child Care Fees	\$166,517	\$174,538	-5%	12-month child care program
School Designated Donation	\$88,283	\$68,155	30%	Holy Trinity PTO donation, Auction Fundraiser, Corporate matching gifts, individual donations.
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,901,982	\$2,909,064	0%	
Employee Salaries / Benefits / Training - All Programs	\$1,958,166	\$1,978,447	-1%	Approximately 80 full & part-time employees
Employee Payroll Taxes	\$128,314	\$131,559	-2%	Approximately 80 full & part-time employees
Building Maintenance & Utility Expense	\$433,528	\$397,891	9%	Utility, maintenance, insurance, grounds, trash removal, etc.
Parish Assessments	\$130,815	\$130,888	0%	Chaplaincy Assessment, Dowling/St. Joseph Assessment
Church Liturgical Supplies	\$17,055	\$19,690	-13%	Candles, vestments, wine, hosts, mass books
Church & School Office Expenses	\$37,587	\$51,542	-27%	Office Supplies, computers, copy machines, postage
Program Expenses - Parish	\$15,650	\$15,890	-2%	RCIA, CRHP, Sacramental preparation, etc.
Program Expenses - School / Preschool	\$43,151	\$44,998	-4%	Textbooks, instructional materials
Program Expenses - Hot Lunch	\$70,511	\$66,840	5%	Food & supply costs
Program Expenses - Kids Connection Before/After School	\$13,674	\$13,852	-1%	Food & instructional materials
Program Expenses - RE / Youth Ministry	\$13,480	\$16,093	-16%	Instructional materials, youth conferences, VBS began Summer 2013
Rectory Expenses	\$9,672	\$5,944	63%	Utilities, maintenance, cleaning
Other	\$31,347	\$35,871	-13%	Diocesan appeal shortfall, bank charges, payroll processing, pymt of loan
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,902,950	\$2,909,506	0%	
FUND BALANCE CHANGE	(\$967)	(\$442)		

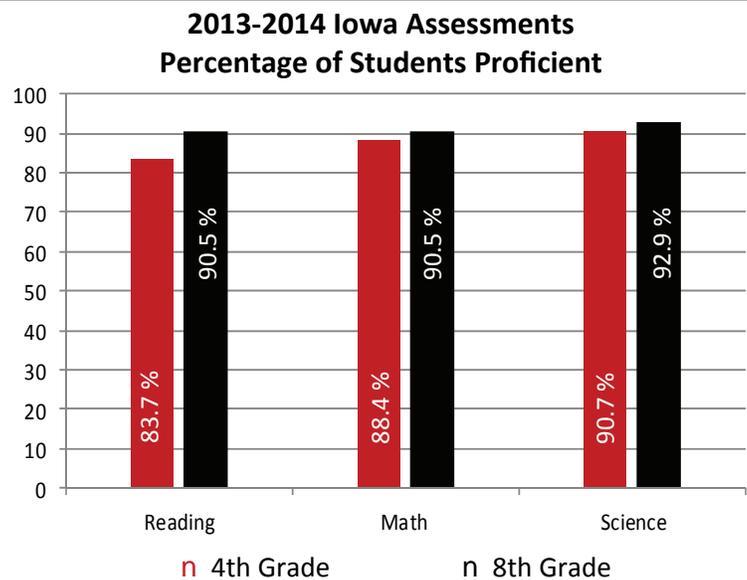
Note: This financial report does not include results from the Capital Campaign, Education Endowment or Holy Trinity Foundation activities.

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 2013-2014 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 continued to work diligently this past year, meeting monthly, looking at budgets, and making plans 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 PTO, 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 with 3 additional boards being installed in Preschool 3's/4's and Developmental Kindergarten 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. A projector and board were installed in the computer lab. The updated computer lab allows students to do research, become familiar with Word, Excel and PowerPoint, type projects, and practice their typing skills.

We also improved and upgraded the wireless access in the "A" building and the Preschool 4's building. We purchased Destiny Library Management System for our library. This is a web based software program that we now use to catalog and manage our library.

The Education for the 21st Century Grant and the PTO Walk-a-Thon allowed us to purchase 156 Samsung Chromebooks and 6 carts our Middle School students and 4th-8th grade teachers.

Teachers and administration continued their training in PowerSchool, a web-based student information system that allows students and parents to access assessment reporting. We continue to make all student report cards available online for parents.

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

The Holy Trinity Guild changed its name in 2013 to the Parent-Teacher Organization to better reflect its purpose to families. The PTO is a parent organization committed to supporting the school community through volunteer and fund raising opportunities. The PTO financially supports Holy Trinity School events and projects such as technology purchases, community events, teacher appreciation activities and other classroom needs.

2013-14 INCOME

Category	Amount
Box Tops	\$2,665.77
Holiday Boutique	\$18,706.07
SCRIP	\$16,000.00
Spirit Wear	\$656.54
Walk-a-Thon	\$29,506.52
Wreath Sales	\$3,009.50
Net Income	\$70,544.40



2013-14 EXPENSES

Category	Amount
Contributions to School	\$21,000.00
Crossing Guard	\$450.00
Classroom Needs	\$7,470.71
Hospitality/PTO Meeting	\$537.45
Library	\$819.08
PBIS Rewards	\$1,030.57
Technology	\$29,046.72
Teacher Gifts	\$3,500.00
Boutique Expenses	\$125.00
Total Expenses	\$63,979.53



LUNCHROOM

The Holy Trinity kitchen was extremely busy in the 2013-2014 school year. In addition to the many events in the lunchroom, Jan Bunkers retired at the end of the school year, ending her 23 year career at Holy Trinity.

Month	Event	Special Notes
October	Grandparents' Day	Fresh baked cookies were given to all guests as a gift from the kitchen staff.
November	Thanksgiving Feast	650 students and guests enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner served by the lunch staff and 30 volunteers
January	Donuts with Dad	262 dads/special guests enjoyed breakfast with their student(s)
January	Catholic Schools Week	350 cinnamon rolls were baked and served at the Omelet Breakfast to raise money for the Endowment Fund. A special "Movie Day" snack was provided to all K-2nd and 6th grade classes.
March	Muffins with Mom	355 moms/special guests enjoyed breakfast with their student(s)



Additional highlights:

- A total of over 50,000 lunches and 2,700 breakfasts were served during the school year., all using the freshest ingredients possible.
- A "welcome back" breakfast was served to the staff on their first day back from summer break.
- A total of 1,495 treats were prepared for students during their Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day parties.
- A special "thank you" breakfast was prepared for the staff in February, compliments of Vern Leach.
- Pizza was prepared for all students who purchased "Lunch with Fr. Michael" at the Gala Auction in April.
- In May, a senior luncheon was prepared and served for Holy Trinity alumni who graduated from area high schools.

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 26 -31, 2014. The theme was "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." The week started with our annual Open House and Omelet Breakfast and followed with special days for students to celebrate our communities of faith, knowledge, service and fun! As a community of service, students and their families donated non-perishable food items to the DMARC Food Pantry.



Mission Awareness Jeans Days

Each grade hosted a Jeans Day each month to raise money for a charity/organization of their choice. Students donated \$1 to wear jeans to school that day. In total, \$4,230.89 was donated last year. Monthly totals are as follows:

Month	Organization	Donation
September 2013	HT PATCH House	\$385.87
October 2013	HT Walk-a-Thon	\$397.65
November 2013	Connection Café	\$363.47
December 2013	Guts Gear Foundation	\$357.20
January 2014	Spina Bifida Association of Iowa	\$443.15
February 2014	Six Degrees of Separation	\$529.90
March 2014	House of Mercy	\$414.34
April 2014	Building God's Kingdom, Nigerian Seminary	\$951.20
May 2014	Heart Connection	\$388.11

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.

Wings of Hope

Ceramic butterflies were made by 8th grade students in art class. They are part of a nationwide project called Wings for Hope. We donated them to families staying at the Ronald McDonald House and at Blank Children's Hospital as a symbol of hope and healing. Each butterfly had a note of encouragement attached from the student-artist.



Jump Rope for Heart

Students in 2nd - 5th grade participated in Jump Rope for Heart in the spring. They raised a total of \$11,023 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. In 2014, a total of \$2,649.60 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
- Daily 5 (grades K-1)
- Everyday Math program for grades K-5
- Handwriting without Tears
- Reading Recovery
- Learning Support Program
- Japanese Tea Ceremony
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Program
- Instructional Technology (Promethean Boards, Document Cameras, Chromebooks for grades 6-8)

Enrichment

- Junior Achievement (JA) Biztown (5th grade)
- Job Shadowing (8th grade)
- 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
- After School Art Class
- Spanish Enrichment Program (grades 4-5)
- Spanish Language Villages Trip (grades 7-8)
- Field Day
- Go the Distance Day
- Rock in Prevention

Extracurricular Activities

- Band (grades 5-8)
- Choir (grades 6-8)
- Spring Musical, Disney's "Peter Pan" (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 serves students preschool - 8th grade.

Holy Trinity continued to offer excellent child care to more than 83 Holy Trinity students, both before and after school, as well as during Christmas and Spring Breaks.

Kids Connection "wrap around" care was available for students in Developmental Kindergarten, the morning Preschool 4's class and the 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 20-30 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. Favorite field trips included a ride on the Boone Scenic Railroad and the Blank Park Zoo. Mondays and Fridays during the summer we ventured out in the neighborhood by walking to Ashby and Beaverdale Parks.

For the fourth summer Kids Connection partnered with the other area Diocesan schools' school age child care programs and hosted a "Birthday Party" themed Fun Friday, which KC staff had a great time organizing and planning many games. 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 three years ago and will work just as hard to earn this quality rating for a second time.



GALA AUCTION

The 2014 Holy Trinity Gala Auction - "A Gatsby Gala, Roaring Since the 20s," was an evening that all guests are still talking about!

Guests were greeted with beautiful and elegant decorations. The evening included wonderful items for bidding, including a Disney trip, condos in Steam Boat, CO, Okoboji, Lake of the Ozarks and Storm Lake, a private flight to a Notre Dame football game, birthday parties, dinners, golf outings, and many more wonderful items and experiences.

Dinner was served to over 300 guests as they enjoyed live background music from Party Gras Classic Jazz Band. A special area was put together to showcase Holy Trinity through the years, beginning in 1920 with Francis Ostdiek, the founding pastor of Holy Trinity Church. Two years later in 1922, 13 students gathered together to attend school. They would be the first class of Holy Trinity School.

The auction was once again a huge success for Holy Trinity, raising a profit of just under \$100,000. Proceeds will help fund the school budget and support numerous projects for the school and parish. The success of the Gala 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. The Gatsby Gala was truly proof that after 90 years, Fr. Ostdiek's vision of a great Catholic Parish and School, is one that is still going strong!



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 parish 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 two most recent years.

Year ending	Beginning Value	Additions	Withdrawals	Income	Change in Market Value	Value at Year End
June 30, 2013	\$303,214.66	\$3,975.00		\$5,921.34	\$14,207.03	\$327,318.03
June 30, 2014	\$327,318.03	\$1,060.00		\$4,994.40	\$5,172.60	\$338,545.03

HOLY TRINITY 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	\$ 46,927.80		\$ 9,763.96	\$ 115,467.13	\$ 797,315.58	\$ 21,157.95
June-14	\$ 836,723.73						

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

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

*** Withdrawal not needed, all donations were added to the fund

PARISH LIFE

Celebrations of Life

Holy Trinity saw many celebrations of life in all its stages during 2013:

- 68 Baptisms
- 15 Marriages
- 10 Confirmations
- 25 Funerals

Parish Fundraisers

In 2013-14, Holy Trinity Parish held several successful fundraisers thanks to many parishioners who volunteered their time and talents.

- Fall 2013 Garage Sale - \$12,027.54
- Spring 2014 Garage Sale - \$13,861.33
- Fall 2013 Fall Festival - \$2,058.00

Stephen Ministry



Holy Trinity's team of Stephen Leaders participated in an intense week long training session to prepare them to implement the training and support of Stephen Ministers in our parish. They have trained two groups of parishioners as Stephen Ministers to

support, listen and pray with people who are experiencing unusual stress in their lives. The Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one Christian care that is completely confidential and focuses on the needs of the care receiver. They faithfully meet weekly with the care receiver as long as the need persists. They are not problem solvers or therapists, but they are caring Christians who help other parishioners through a difficult time. The Stephen Ministers meet twice monthly to support each other and to continue to grow in their caring ministry. The Stephen Leaders will begin training another group in January 2015. Anyone interested in more information about Stephen Ministry may contact Helen Roberts in the parish office at 255-3162, ext. 2202.

Pastoral Ministry

The Pastoral Ministry program at Holy Trinity is organized by a part-time registered nurse, the Pastoral Minister, with the help of many volunteers. The nurse visits hospitalized parishioners in Des Moines area hospitals and care facilities. She coordinates volunteers who bring Communion to the homebound and parishioners in care facilities, and those who drive parishioners to doctor's visits. She conducts Communion Services in local senior living centers. She also organizes transportation of homebound people to our Healing Masses twice a year. A reception following each Healing Mass facilitates socialization among our elderly parishioners. The Pastoral Minister coordinates two blood drives each year as a service to the larger community. Parishioners are assisted in navigating the health care system as needed, as well as the maze of Medicare Part D. A SHIIP volunteer coordinates the latter. Health information is disseminated through the bulletin boards and the parish bulletin. Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted by volunteers. Volunteers are always needed to assist with Pastoral Ministry. If you want to help, contact Helen Roberts in the parish office at 255-3162, ext. 2202.

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 (cont)

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, \$4,900 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 support of the re-established HT Walk-a-thon in 2013, the Knights prepared dinner and served 700 hungry walkers after the event. The Council sponsored three Fish Dinners during Lent and our Founder's Day Picnic in June. The council ended the year with 91 members donating over \$10,000 and hundreds of volunteer hours to the parish, boy scouts, various charities and specific financial support to seminarians originating from HT. The Grand Knight is Steve Pigneri and the Deputy Grand Knight is Dan Ginther.



Ongoing Parish Ministries

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

Building & Grounds

During the summer of 2013, we had new wood-like flooring installed and walls repainted in both the gym and social room. In addition, new ceiling tiles were installed in the kitchen. The preschool house received new carpet and linoleum as well. One other large project that was completed this summer was the remodel of elementary building boys' and girls' bathrooms. Included in this remodel were all new fixtures, flooring and stalls.



