

Holy Trinity

Catholic Church & School



Annual Report to the Community
2014-2015

FROM OUR ADMINISTRATION

Dear Holy Trinity Friends and Family,

We are pleased to share with you the 2014-2015 Annual Report to the Community for Holy Trinity Church and School.

Our faculty and parish staff, catechists, and countless volunteers continue to show their dedication and faith by serving not only within our Parish but serving throughout our community as well. Our Stephen Ministry program remains strong by reaching out to others in a distinctively Christian way and caring for people who are hurting. The Stephen Ministry program will add 7 more new ministers this year. Holy Trinity's Parish Assisted Temporary Care and Housing (PATCH) program consistently serves homeless families with rent, utility payments, and friendship for up to 6 months. Our St. Vincent DePaul Society also reached out to families during the Advent and Lenten seasons. The families and children we have helped this past year were so grateful for our assistance which touched them during their time of need. Also this last year, we have enhanced our faith community by welcoming 12 individuals through our RCIA process as well as through many evening faith enrichment programs including Generations of Faith (a program for the entire family) and our sacramental preparation programs.

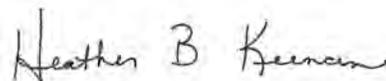
We strive to educate the mind, body, and spirit of children by providing academic excellence and social responsibility in a nurturing environment that values faith, reason, and diversity. Student academic scores continue to reflect a rigorous curriculum that is enhanced by our Catholic faith. Promethean Boards were added to the preschool and lower elementary classrooms. Along with wireless access in both building B and C, there has been an increased usage of Chromebooks and Google Classroom in Middle School. This allows us to incorporate technology into the classroom on a daily basis. We also added a cart of 26 Chromebooks for the fourth and fifth grade classrooms to share. Our teachers worked hard establishing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to enhance data analysis and assist with individual student goals. Teachers also focused on effective instruction and assessment during their professional development.

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 a supporter of our faith community. Our future is full of brilliant possibilities! Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support.

Sincerely,



Rev. Michael A. Amadeo, Pastor



Heather Keenan, 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 2014-2015 school year, 461 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 18 support staff for the 2014-2015 year.

Twenty-two of our 8th grade students completed Algebra 1 at Holy Trinity School, allowing them to start in advanced math classes in high school. We also had six 8th grade students who qualified and dual-enrolled in advanced classes at Dowling Catholic High School.

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 cost to educate a Kindergarten - 8th grade student in 2014-2015 was \$5,500. This cost is met through both tuition payments and parish subsidization. The Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) provided tuition assistance to many families within the Diocese of Des Moines. In the 2014-2015 school year, CTO distributed \$61,856.08 to 102 Holy Trinity students.



Grade Level	# of Students
Preschool 3's	20
Preschool 4's	40
Developmental Kindergarten	12
Kindergarten	39
1st grade	44
2nd grade	39
3rd grade	47
4th grade	50
5th grade	41
6th grade	42
7th grade	45
8th grade	42
Total	461

The chart below shows the population of Kindergarten - 8th grade students by school district of residence for the 2014-2015 school year.

District	# of Students
Ankeny	23
Bondurant-Farrar	1
Dallas Center - Grimes	3
Des Moines	272
Johnston	44
Saydel	7
Southeast Polk	1
Urbandale	20
Waukee	6
West Des Moines	12
Total	389

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.

- 95 students in 1st – 8th grade were enrolled in Faith Formation classes.
- 8 students were enrolled in the Celebrate program.
- 22 volunteers served these students.
- The cost to educate our Kindergarten - 8th grade Faith Formation students in 2014-2015 was \$850 per student.

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

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

Generations of Faith

Holy Trinity offered one Generations of Faith event in February. Generations of Faith offers an opportunity for faith formation for all ages to learn together. The topic was “Extreme Makeover: Prayer Space Edition.” About 200 participants shared a meal and a variety of activities to help learn about the topic and grow in faith. The gathering 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 which listed an item needed by an agency and then returned the donated item with the tag attached. Holy Trinity assisted four service agencies with 832 donated items and \$2,180 in donated gift cards, bus tokens, and cash.

Our high school youth group, along with middle school students in Faith Formation, adopted five families for Christmas in December. They donated

gifts and money to buy more gifts. This, along with the food baskets from St. Vincent DePaul organization, provided a very blessed Christmas for these struggling families.

During the season of Lent, children in the Faith Formation programs and the rest of the parish collected money for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) through CRS Rice Bowl. In all, \$599.27 was raised to benefit both international and local efforts to relieve hunger and poverty throughout the world. In light of Immaculée Ilibagiza’s visit in the fall, school children contributed funds to her foundation during Lent. A total of \$1,404.80 was raised to contribute to the foundation’s efforts to assist Rwandan orphans.

Vacation Bible School

In June, 120 children, assisted by over 50 volunteers, enjoyed a week of Vacation Bible School. The theme was “Everest: Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power.” Families contributed \$405 to Catholic Relief Services by week’s end.



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. In September, Rwandan genocide survivor and author Immaculée Ilibagiza came to speak with our students about how she experiences God's love every day. Before her visit, all students participated in creating a crayon mosaic of Our Lady of Kibeho in her honor. The classroom focus for the school year was on the rosary. We gave back to the community at Thanksgiving with a food drive for the DMARC food pantry. Continuing our commitment to Immaculée's message of forgiveness, our Advent theme was "Loving and Forgiving." Prayer services for each class were led by Mrs. Meyer and Ms. Kever. Our 2nd grade students also celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation in December. In January, we celebrated our "Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service" during Catholic Schools Week. During Lent, our families raised \$960.86 for Immaculée's Left to Tell Charitable Fund. Second graders also celebrated their First Eucharist in April. 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. Lauryn Renze and Tess Kennedy were nominated by their teachers for academic excellence and Tess Kennedy 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 2014-2015 school year.



PARISH & SCHOOL INCOME/EXPENSES

A two-year statement of activities for fiscal years ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015 is listed below.

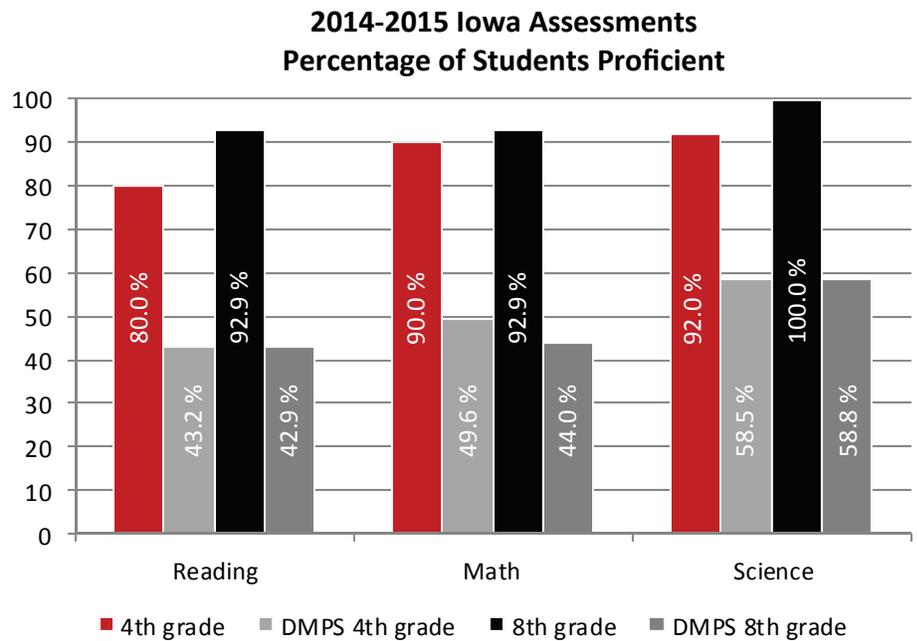
CATEGORY	Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015	Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014	% Change from FY-2014 to FY-2015	DESCRIPTION
Tithe	\$1,069,504	\$1,083,142	-1%	Tithe, Christmas, Easter, Holy Days, Plate
Parish Fundraisers	\$36,429	\$33,082	10%	Garage Sales & Fall Festival
Parish Designated Donations, Bequests, Stipends	\$62,010	\$14,743	321%	Bequests, memorial gifts, mass intentions
Parish Rental Property Income	\$1,775	\$2,440	-27%	Rental of parish hall
Parish Miscellaneous Income	\$7,108	\$8,396	-15%	Votive Stand, Bulletin net income, interest income, etc.
Program Fees - RE, Celebrate Income	\$10,826	\$10,760	1%	Religious Education fees, Celebrate, VBS
School / Preschool - Education Income	\$1,285,214	\$1,304,679	-1%	School tuition & registration fees
School Hot Lunch Fees	\$172,395	\$189,940	-9%	Hot lunch fees + government subsidy
School Before/After Child Care Fees	\$187,688	\$166,517	13%	12-month child care program
School Designated Donation	\$77,788	\$88,283	-12%	Holy Trinity Guild donation, Auction Fundraiser, Corporate matching gifts, individual donations.
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,910,736	\$2,901,982	0%	
Employee Salaries / Benefits / Training - All Programs	\$1,977,645	\$1,958,166	1%	Approximately 80 full & part-time employees
Employee Payroll Taxes	\$126,585	\$128,314	-1%	Approximately 80 full & part-time employees
Building Maintenance & Utility Expense	\$386,598	\$433,528	-11%	Utility, maintenance, insurance, grounds, trash removal, etc.
Parish Assessments	\$130,404	\$130,815	0%	Chaplaincy Assessment, Dowling/St. Joseph Assessment
Church Liturgical Supplies	\$12,976	\$17,055	-24%	Candles, vestments, wine, hosts, mass books
Church & School Office Expenses	\$48,012	\$37,587	28%	Office Supplies, computers, copy machines, postage
Program Expenses - Parish	\$20,799	\$15,581	33%	RICA, CRHP, Sacramental preparation, etc.
Program Expenses - School / Preschool	\$79,207	\$43,220	83%	Books, instructional materials
Program Expenses - Hot Lunch	\$64,945	\$70,511	-8%	Food & supply costs
Program Expenses - Kids Care Before/After School	\$15,197	\$13,674	11%	Food & instructional materials
Program Expenses - RE / Youth Ministry	\$19,151	\$13,480	42%	Instructional materials, youth conferences, VBS
Rectory Expenses	\$8,737	\$9,672	-10%	Utilities, maintenance, cleaning
Other	\$19,853	\$31,347	-37%	ADA shortfall, bank charges, payroll processing, pymt of loan
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,910,109	\$2,902,950	0%	
FUND BALANCE CHANGE	\$627	(\$967)		

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 2014-2015 Iowa Assessment proficiency scores for Reading, Math, and Science. It also compares Holy Trinity 4th and 8th grade scores with Des Moines Public Schools' 4th and 8th grade scores in those same areas.

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/quizzes, standards based report cards, and alternative standardized assessments.



TECHNOLOGY

The Technology Committee worked diligently this past year. They met monthly, looked at budgets, and made plans to ensure that Holy Trinity is moving in the direction to ensure our students have the skills necessary 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 classrooms. Promethean technology integration is now complete with boards in all Preschool through 8th grade classrooms. Promethean boards are an interactive learning tool for students that allow hands-on practice using technology and having fun while learning. Teachers use them daily with the students. The large, computerized screens allow internet access, video, and audio presentations. They have been an investment in classrooms to meet the needs of the digital generation. The updated computer lab also allows students to do research; become familiar with Word, Excel and PowerPoint; type papers and projects; and practice their typing skills.

We have 6 carts of Samsung Chromebooks for our middle school students and all teachers. This year we purchased an additional cart of Dell Chromebooks for our 2nd and 3rd grade students.

Teachers and administration continue to use PowerSchool, a web-based student information system that allows students and parents to access assessment reporting. We also purchased the School Messenger program which is linked to our PowerSchool system. School Messenger is a emergency notification program that has the ability to send text messages, phone calls, and emails to parents and staff in the event of a school closing or delayed start. School conferences are scheduled online by parents through School Bookings.

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is a voluntary organization bringing together parents and teachers. The goal of the PTO is to support Holy Trinity through fundraising, encouraging parent involvement, supporting teachers, and organizing family events. The PTO financially supports Holy Trinity events and projects such as technology purchases, community events, teacher/staff appreciation, and other classroom needs.

2014-15 INCOME

Category	Amount
Holiday Boutique	\$24,131.43
Rewards Programs (BoxTops, Labels, etc.)	\$4,640.50
School Supply Drive	\$454.07
SCRIP	\$15,588.74
Spirit Wear	\$193.00
Walk-a-Thon	\$22,826.49
Wreath Sales	\$527.05
Net Income	\$68,361.28



2014-15 EXPENSES

Category	Amount
Artist in Residence	\$2,264.44
Classroom Needs	\$10,782.01
Contributions to School	\$21,000.00
Hospitality & RAK (Random Acts of Kindness)	\$210.53
Immaculée Display Case	\$398.43
Music Program Books	\$562.57
PBIS Rewards	\$401.75
Playground Maintenance	\$1,860.00
Technology	\$15,000.00
Teacher Gifts	\$3,250.00
Total Expenses	\$55,729.73



LUNCHROOM

It was a year of transition in the Holy Trinity School kitchen during the 2014-2015 school year. Donna Reeder was the newly appointed Nutrition Services Director, along with 2 new employees joined members of the current staff to uphold the strong traditions provided by the Holy Trinity kitchen.

Special Events for the year included:

- Treats were provided to each classroom for the Halloween, Christmas and Valentine parties. The kitchen prepared over 1,300 treats to be delivered.
- Over 48,000 lunches were prepared with care and served to the children. A small crowd was served each morning for breakfast totaling over 2,400 breakfast meals. New this year for breakfast, students were offered a variety of items to choose from. Students can take up to four items as their breakfast. What a great way to start their day at school!
- The second week in October we celebrated National School Lunch Week with the theme "Get in the Game." The serving area was decorated to match the theme. The K-5 students had coloring sheets to color and return and were hung throughout the cafeteria. We had special tray day where students with a sticker on their tray received a prize. The sixth grade was treated to a beach ball toss after they ate lunch.
- In November, the strong tradition of Thanksgiving Feast was prepared and served to 825 students and guests. The menu included turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberry fluff, pumpkin bars, milk, water and coffee.
- January brought Catholic Schools Week where the kitchen staff prepared a hot breakfast each morning for our guests from Catholic Radio.
- February was upon us and that meant it was time for Breakfast with Dad! A hot breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, milk, and juice were served to 440 students and their dads or special guests.
- March started off with a bang with Muffins with Mom. Assorted pastries and yogurt & fruit parfaits were served to 370 student and moms or special guests.
- The first Friday in May was a very special day for the Nutrition Services Staff. School Lunch Super Hero Day was celebrated on May 2nd. The staff wore special t-shirts showing off that they are Super Heroes and were presented with special notes from each class.
- In May, a senior luncheon consisting of baked cavatelli, tossed salad, breadsticks, jello cups, and truffle brownies was served. The 48 students in attendance were all graduates of Holy Trinity.



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 25-30, 2015. 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. Students also continued the tradition of creating valentines for seniors in our parish. The week ended with a student talent show.

House of Mercy

In recognition of Red Ribbon Week in October, Holy Trinity students and families collected and donated much needed items to the House of Mercy which assists mothers and their children by providing food, shelter and daily necessities. A group of 8th grade students also spent a day at 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 January. They raised a total of \$11,490 for the American Heart Association. Students worked as teams to secure donations, learn the benefits of living healthy, and explore how the American Heart Association helps people.

Wings of Hope

In May, ceramic butterflies were made by 8th grade students in Art. These butterflies are part of a nationwide project called Wings for Hope. A group of 8th grade students delivered the donated butterflies to families staying at the Ronald McDonald House and Blank Children's Hospital as a symbol of hope and healing. Each handmade butterfly had a note of encouragement attached from the student-artist.

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, \$3,851.15 was donated. Monthly totals are as follows:

Month	Organization	Donation Totals
September 2014	Building God's Kingdom, Nigerian Seminary	\$353.15
September 2014 Extra Jeans Day	Walk-A-Thon	\$377.75
October 2014	House of Mercy	\$399.00
November 2014	Des Moines Food Pantry	\$354.60
December 2014	Immaculée's Left to Tell Charitable Fund	\$415.08
January 2015	Connection Cafe	\$406.99
February 2015	Youth Emergency Shelter & Services	\$414.70
March 2015	Immaculée's Left to Tell Charitable Fund	\$432.94
April 2015	Building God's Kingdom, Nigerian Seminary	\$320.06
May 2015	Heart Connection	\$376.88
Total		\$3,851.15

ENRICHMENT & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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

Curriculum

- Daily 5 Reading Framework (grades K-1)
- B.U.I.L.D. Math Workshop Model (grades K-1)
- Everyday Math program for grades K-5
- Kahn Academy math program for grades 6-8
- Algebra 1 for qualifying 8th grade students
- Handwriting Without Tears
- Reading Recovery
- Learning Support Program
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Program
- Instructional Technology (Promethean Boards, Document Cameras, Chromebooks for grades 5-8)

Enrichment

- Junior Achievement (JA) Biztown (5th grade)
- Job Shadowing (8th grade)
- Living Stations of the Cross (3rd grade)
- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade spring music program
- 3rd - 5th Grade Christmas music program
- 5th Grade Snow Plow Painting Contest
- After School Art Class
- Japanese Tea Ceremony
- Field Day
- Go the Distance Day
- Rock in Prevention

Extracurricular Activities

- Band (grades 5-8)
- Choir (grades 6-8)
- Spring Musical, Disney's "Aladdin Jr."
- Mock Trial (grades 6-8)
- Speech & Debate (grades 7-8)
- Student Council (grades 5-8)
- 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 directed by Jenith Burry. Holy Trinity continues to offer excellent child care to more than 75 Holy Trinity students, from preschool-8th grade, both before and after school, as well as during Christmas and Spring Breaks.

Kids Connection wrap around care was also available for students in Developmental Kindergarten, the morning 4-year-old preschool class, and the 3-year-old preschool children. As this program continues to develop, we are pleased to be able to offer care for more students each year.

Kids Connection had a very busy summer with 30-35 children each day of the week. Students attended field trips 2-3 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 fun locations Des Moines has to offer. Favorite field trips included Adventureland, Climb Iowa, and the Blank Park Zoo. Mondays and Fridays during the summer we ventured out in the neighborhood by walking to Ashby and Beaverdale Parks.

In June, 2015, Kids Connection staff attended a professional development course to implement CATCH Kids Club, a healthy habits and nutrition curriculum for students. Through this grant from Mercy Hospital, Kids Connection received new gym equipment and many other materials to teach healthy habits and good nutrition practices to children.

Kids Connection had a busy year working on applying for and receiving another 4 star QRS rating in the spring of 2015. 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 second time and continues to provide quality child care.



Kids Connection is currently working to become licensed under Department of Human Services. The program has previously been part of the school under the Department of Education but has begun the transition to become licensed by DHS.



GALA AUCTION

The 2015 Holy Trinity Gala Auction “Under the Big Top,” was a fun evening at the circus for all guests. From live entertainment of clowns on mini bikes to “flying” acrobats, auction guests spent the evening under the big top with fun and gorgeous decorations. Once again, with donations from local businesses (Boesen the Florist, Plum Event+Design) and the talent of many parents and parishioners, the school building was transformed beyond our imaginations!

As a wonderful dinner was prepared and served to close to 400 guests by parishioners Mike and Mary Mahoney and volunteers, live music, and a breathtaking air acrobatic show was performed by talented Holy Trinity alumni, Charlie Faraday (aka Anne Stimmel).

The evening would not be complete without wonderful items to bid on, which included a Golden Doodle pup, Disney trip, favorite dinner parties, condos in Lake of the Ozarks and Storm Lake, birthday parties, golf outings, and so many more wonderful items and experiences.

The auction was once again a huge success for Holy Trinity, raising a profit over \$96,000 to 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.

See you on the track April 15, 2016 for the Holy Trinity Derby Gala! You won't want to miss it!



HOLY TRINITY FOUNDATION

The Holy Trinity Foundation was created in 1974 to provide financial support for parish programs, needs, and improvements beyond those provided 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. In 2014-2015 the Holy Trinity Foundation assisted with a \$5,000 down payment for a new sculpture of St. Peregrine to be placed in the church. Please contact Regina Montgomery at 255-3162 ext. 1157 or email reginam@holytrinitydm.org to make donations or ask 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, 2014	\$327,318.03	\$1,060.00		\$4,994.40	\$5,172.60	\$338,545.03
June 30, 2015	\$338,545.03	\$2,216.29	\$5,000.00	\$8,097.3	\$914.53	\$347,944.09

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
** Dec-14	\$ 797,315.38	\$ 7,568.85		\$ 11,159.75	\$ 55,949.56	\$ 871,993.74	\$ 25,006.27
Jun-15	\$ 890,182.11						

* 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 2014:

- 69 Baptisms
- 15 Marriages
- 13 Confirmations
- 28 Funerals

Parish Fundraisers

In 2014-15, Holy Trinity Parish held several successful fundraisers thanks to many parishioners who volunteered their time and talents.

- Fall 2014 Garage Sale - \$14,048.00
- Spring 2015 Garage Sale - \$14,685.00
- Fall 2014 Fall Festival - \$2,072.00

Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministry is Christian based care-giving. Holy Trinity launched Stephen Ministry in 2012 by sending Fr. Michael and parishioners to leader training conferences. In 2013 this group of Leaders offered the first 50 hour training session. Currently Holy

Trinity has seven parishioners in our third training class. Our first parishioner began receiving care in May 2013. Seventeen Stephen Ministers have been trained with thirteen actively serving nine care receivers at this time. This summer three additional members were sent for Stephen Leader Training. Twenty-two care receivers have been served or are currently being served.

Stephen Ministers are taught to support, listen, and pray with people who are experiencing unusual stress in their lives. The Stephen Minister provides 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. In addition, Stephen Ministers meet twice monthly to support each other and continue to grow in their caring ministry.

PATCH Apartment

Holy Trinity's Parish Assisted Temporary Care and Housing (PATCH) program serves homeless families with rent and utility payments and friendship for up to 6 months. During 2014-15, the program helped two families both living paycheck-to-paycheck and on the verge of losing their homes.

The first family we helped was a mother, father and 9-year-old boy living in a week-to-week hotel on NE 14th. Dad did odd jobs for a HT parishioner who referred the family. Once the father was able to find full time employment, the family saved enough money in PATCH that they were able to move to an apartment complex in West Des Moines managed by the company that we were working with on University. We let them take all the furniture and household items to their new home.

In June, we received a call from a friend and St. Pius X parishioner who knew of a young mother who worked with her at the YMCA. The mom has a 4-year-old boy and 10-month-old twins (boy and girl). Mom had just separated from their father and was struggling to pay the rent on her own. We helped her with rent in June. In July, we reached out to New Directions to help with case management and budgeting assistance. They agreed to work with us so we signed a rental agreement with this new family. They opted to stay in the apartment they had been living in on Cottage Grove. We are paying rent and utilities. We also paid off her previous MidAmerican bill so her monthly utility payments would be lower. New Directions worked with her on budgeting to purchase a car as she's working a full time overnight shift at an elder care facility.

Anyone interested in learning more about the PATCH program should email us at [hpatch@gmail.com](mailto:htpatch@gmail.com) or call Molly Pigneri at 277-4212 to get on our email list for future updates. The PATCH program is doing well thanks to the Holy Trinity community. Thank you for all your support, thoughts, and prayers.

PARISH LIFE (cont)

Pastoral Ministry

The Pastoral Ministry program is organized by a full time registered nurse, who is the Pastoral Minister. Physical, emotional and spiritual needs are all addressed while assisting others. The Pastoral Team includes many volunteers who visit or call on our parishioners who are homebound or in a care facility. The team includes Extraordinary Ministers who bring communion to the sick and homebound. Team members create knitted or crocheted prayer shawls and help with all aspects of organizing and implementing the Healing Mass and reception. The Pastoral Minister visits parishioners who are hospitalized in local area hospitals and care facilities, offers Communion Services weekly or bi-monthly at four Beaverdale senior living centers, as well as helps parishioners negotiate the health care system. She is an active member of the Stephen Minister Leadership Team. Volunteers are always appreciated. Please contact Sandy Stacy for information or if you desire help at 255-3162, ext. 2202.

Ongoing Parish Ministries

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

Knights of Columbus

Holy Trinity's Knights of Columbus is a men's fraternal organization devoted to charitable activities and support of the family. Last year, the Knights participated in a "Tootsie Roll Drive" in which the collected donations are given to the Iowa Special Olympics and Van Meter School in Des Moines to support people with intellectual disabilities. In support of the 2014 Walk-a-thon, the Knights prepared dinner and served hungry walkers after the event. The Council sponsored fish dinners during Lent, coffee and donuts after Mass throughout the year, and our Founder's Day Picnic in June. The Grand Knight is Dan Ginther.

Building & Grounds

In 2014, we continued to update many parts of the building for the safety of our students, staff, and parishioners. This summer, we added 16 new security cameras, mostly on the exterior of the building as well as internally. Around the Church, landscaping has been added. The lighting scheme of the church was changed to new and more efficient lighting. The elementary building received a fresh coat of paint. The elementary building also received a new hands free sink on the lower level. The north and chimney of the school building received new tuck-pointing. Thanks to Iowa's Universal Preschool Program, a new playground was installed and Holy Trinity installed safety rubber underlay for the new equipment. Both Preschool rooms and the DK room received Promethean Boards. The parking lot received a black seal coat and restriping. The school hallway and the parish office hallway had Events Calendar monitors installed to make it easier for visitors to see where school/church meetings and events are being held.





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