

20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME + AUGUST 18, 2019




# Holy Trinity

## Catholic Church & School

*Where our hearts and our doors are open to Christ.*

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



"I have come to set the  
earth on fire, and how  
I wish it were  
already blazing!"  
Luke 12:49

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## WEEKLY THOUGHTS

### AUGUST 18, 2019

Greetings.

I would like to let you know of a couple changes to our parish staff and welcome two new members to our team. First, we welcome Chris Page as our new day time maintenance person. He replaces Steve Stone who retired over the summer. Chris has been here before as one of our contractors, but was interested in joining our team when we had an opening. We welcome Chris to Holy Trinity.

Second, we welcome Delaney Lynch to our parish staff. Last spring, we decided to rework a position. One position was eliminated and a new one created to meet our changing needs. Delaney will join our staff in our newly created position of Director of Marketing and Engagement. She comes to us with a strong background in marketing and public relations. This change was brought about by our own parish visioning as well as the strategic planning now being undertaken by the diocese with regard to our Catholic schools. We welcome Delaney to Holy Trinity.

Some finance notes: At the end of July, our tithing was less than budgeted. July is often a slow month for tithing in parishes, so this is not that unusual. However, this is not the direction that we want to move in. I am asking that we all prayerfully review our tithing. Furthermore, we continue working on the annual diocesan appeal as well. We are nearing official "refund status" and are anticipating a significant refund. It is very important that we continue completing all pledges that have been made. Thank you again for your continued generous support of Holy Trinity!

Lastly, our summer is ending and the school year is about to begin. Preparations for the opening of our parish school for the new school year are in full swing. The HT faculty and staff are getting ready to welcome our students. I am excited to begin a new school year in the school that I myself

attended. We pray that the beginning of a new school year is filled with many blessings for you and all of the students starting school this month.

Have a good week

*FR. Mark*



#### Sign Up for Holy Trinity Faith Formation Classes!

We are honored to walk with your child on their faith journey. The Faith Formation Program meets each Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in the Holy Trinity School Building from September through early May. HT's Faith Formation Program supports and enriches the faith development of Holy Trinity's public school students in the 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Our High School Youth Group also meets on Wednesdays. The Holy Trinity Faith Formation department will be hosting coffee and donuts after all the Masses on the weekend of August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Please stop over to the Social Room and get your children signed up for this school year. Registration forms and schedules can be found on our parish website, <http://www.holytrinitydm.org>. If you have any questions please contact John, Director of Faith Formation at [johnm@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:johnm@holytrinitydm.org), or (515) 255-3162, ext. 224.

#### WEEKDAY MORNING MASS CHANGE EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>

With the start of the new school year, Wednesday morning Mass will start at 8:00 am and Friday morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am. All School Mass will be celebrated on Fridays at 8:30 a.m. when school is in session. Starting August 21<sup>st</sup>, all Wednesday Masses will start at 8:00 am and Friday Masses at 8:30 a.m. The only exception will be holy days of obligation.



## PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTES

### SAVE THE DATE FOR COFFEE & DONUTS HOSTED BY DREW ISRAEL & FAMILY

Drew will host will host Coffee & Donuts to raise money for his Eagle Scout Project after the Masses on Sunday September 1st. More information about his Eagle Scout Project soon...plan to join us.

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those that contributed their time and talents to making this summer garage sale a big success! A special thanks to all the people that provided the delicious food to feed our volunteers as well. Also, shout out to Jersey Mikes for providing the sandwiches to our workers on Wednesday of the sale...Thank You for your generous donation!

### FEED THE HOMELESS

Holy Trinity is going to continue to serve the homeless by providing and serving lunch at The Connection Cafe the last Thursday of every month. We will continue to provide sloppy joe sandwiches and sides. We'll also need 4-6 people per month to serve. The sign up link below allows you to plan ahead and sign up for any month in the next year that works for you. This is a great opportunity for students to earn service hours! Thank you for your support of The Connection Cafe. For more information, email Rob Hoover at [theconnectioncafe@hotmail.com](mailto:theconnectioncafe@hotmail.com) Go to this link to sign up: <https://signup.com/go/OpVAYfb>

### FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND AUG 17/18



The Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) consists of 14 partner pantry sites, 13 Mobile Pantry sites, two food warehouses and numerous community partners such as St. Vincent de Paul. Once per calendar month, families can receive a free, three-day supply of nutritionally balanced food. Families can also receive additional "Anytime Items" every day at pantry locations. DMARC works with a number of wholesalers to purchase food as well as non-food items at reduced prices. DMARC welcomes monetary gifts of cash or checks (payable to Holy Trinity Church, DMARC Food Pantry} as well as non-food items such as diapers, formula, baby food, baby wipes, personal products, etc. You may bring your donation to any Masses on August 17/18 and place in the collection basket or leave at one of the collection locations at the rear or side entrance to the church. Thank you for giving.

### Widowed, Divorced, or Separated?

The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce, or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. Many people who have suffered this loss feel uncertain about their futures. Beginning Experience® is a program intended for those suffering the loss of a love relationship who are ready to come to terms with that loss and begin to move forward with their lives. The program is presented by a team of people who are willing to share their own experiences to help others. The weekend program is held at St. Thomas More Center on September 20-22, 2019. To learn more about Beginning Experience, please come to one of our Open Houses on August 16, August 30, and September 6 from 7:00-8:30 at St. Augustin's Catholic Church at 42nd and Grand or contact Father Bob Schoemann at 515-418-1938 or Dana Reed at 515-975-3745.

### FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP IS BACK!

Our Women's Faith & Friendship group will start back up on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 106. We will be reading the book "Something Other than God". It is a true story of an atheist who found her passion with the Catholic Church. You will not need the book for our first meeting but by the second meeting we hope that everyone will have a copy. Come join us as we share an evening of friendship and delve into this incredible story. If you have any questions, please call Laurie Marso at 515-229-9204.

### NEXT BAPTISM CLASS -SEPTEMBER 16TH

If you would like your child baptized at Holy Trinity, our next Baptism Class is Monday, Sept. 16th. Pre-registration is required. Please call the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext. 128 to sign up. We look forward to celebrating this Sacrament with your family!



### EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH

Please join us for an  
Eagle Scout Court of Honor  
for  
**Nate Green**  
**Joe Kramer**  
Sunday, August 18th  
1:30 pm





## PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTES

### BOE Secretary Needed

The Holy Trinity Board of Education is seeking a parishioner to fill the role of recording secretary for monthly board meetings. The Board meets on the second Thursday of each month 9 months out of the year, and the secretary is in charge of keeping minutes during the meeting, preparing them for publication, and distributing to the Board prior to the next meeting. Please contact Erin Grillot at [boe@htschool.org](mailto:boe@htschool.org) or call at 515-554-3294 if interested in serving.

### Part Time Title I Teacher Wanted

The Diocese of Des Moines and FACTS Education Solutions is looking for energetic and excited teachers to help Title I students that need additional support in reading. This is a great opportunity to make an impact in a student's future. A current Iowa teachers license with a reading endorsement is required. Please reach out to Brian with FACTS Education Solutions with any questions at [bvotava@factsmgt.com](mailto:bvotava@factsmgt.com) or visit [www.teachiowa.gov](http://www.teachiowa.gov).



At Holy Trinity, we have a saying, ***"All are welcome in this place."*** When finding the right school for your child, it's important to feel comfortable, safe and that you belong. We're not just your child's teachers or your neighbors. We're your second family. We're a community of educators, parents and advocates who are dedicated to taking this sacred journey together - with you.

**Start your journey now.  
Enroll for the  
2019-2020 school year.**

Spots available in:

- **3-year-old Preschool**
- **Developmental Kindergarten (for young 5 year olds)**
- **Kindergarten - 8th grade**
- **Tuition assistance available for Kindergarten - 8th grade - application deadline is July 31, 2019**
- **\$1,000 off first year of tuition for 1st - 8th grade students who transfer from a non-Catholic school**



Join us to celebrate the Silver Jubilee  
of the Ordination of our Pastor  
**Fr. Remi Chinedu Okere**

August 25th, 2019

9 AM Mass

Reception & Potluck to follow in the parish hall

St. John's Catholic Church  
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**Save local lives.  
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**Saturday, August 24, 2019  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Gym, 2926 Beaver Avenue



Roll up your sleeve, save **THREE** lives and show off your superpower this summer!

Snag this **Suns Out, Arms Out** bro tank or t-shirt for **200 points** on the online store.

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This blood drive is sponsored by Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Please bring a valid form of identification, such as your donor ID card or driver's license.



# SPIRITUALITY OF THE READINGS

Reading I: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Reading II: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53



## Furious Love

I sit on a screened-in porch, on retreat in Wisconsin. Tonight, old earth is receiving abundant rain.

I listen to the delicious drenching sounds of this enormous rain, splattering, slapping the ground.

Is it friend or foe? For sure this storm would overcome me if I were silly enough to walk around in its violence. It is restrained mainly by the need to get its water just as fast as possible out of the skies and into the earth.

It has no intention of harming anything. But I remember the many floods I have known and feel a twinge of fright. Well, the rain just ignores me. In fact it redoubles its efforts. Its huge sound gets huger, like a swell of applause.

Rain like this carries goodness for the tough, tender earth. I know this. Comfort sighs deep within the storm's rough pounding, and the big tree branches bow their heads to receive cleansing and nourishment.

But why so furious a love, one that is so sweetly intended but so able to hurt? I do not have an answer. Maybe it is a "tough love," one which uses its fury to keep our planet in bloom.

Hopkins once addressed God as

father and fondler of heart thou hast wrung: Hast thy dark descending and most art merciful then.\*

Well, Jesus is headed into such a darkness this Sunday. He is on his way to Jerusalem.

He loves her and her people and he wants to shower abundance upon them. But he knows with increasing certainty that they will put him, not merely down a cistern, and not just outside Jerusalem's gates and walls, but right straight into the jaws of death. "It is a baptism," he says, and he wants it. He shouts to his disciples that he has come to set the earth on fire—just like the blazing lightning tonight. "How great is my anguish until it is accomplished," he says in the Gospel.

Is Jesus the storm or is he the stormed upon?

Both. He is filled with the Spirit of God and says he cannot wait to let it flow. But he must let it flow upon him as a pounding downpour! He will not run away. Sunday he will proceed into a continuous storm that has by no means reached its apex. No wonder he is distraught.

Because, you see, love is not just sweetness and light. It is the dark and pounding rain as well.

I call to mind the First Reading. There Jeremiah is literally "stuck in the mud." He had prophesied too truly and too many times. They threw him into an empty cistern with just enough mud for him to sink into. How could he prophesy from the midst of mud?

And how could Jesus speak God's Word from a criminal's cross?

Yet each one does.

So, tonight, the rain keeps pouring. As I sit I see a single lamp across the lake showing through it all. Is this a porch-light of welcome? Maybe!

As I look, it surrenders itself as just an old, white piece of leaf that has caught on my screen. It reflects light from my lamp inside. I play a game. I shift my eyes up and it is a lantern. I look down and it is a remainder of leaf-life. Back, forth. Which is it really?

It is both.

There is comfort in both, if I will let go of fear and let in God's plan.

*John Foley, S. J. of the Center for Liturgy*

Image: Annibale Carracci, *The Penitent St. Francis*  
ca. 1585

## FAITH QUESTIONS

**Question for Children:** What is one way you can be closer to Jesus today?

**Question for Youth:** We are assured that God will be with us as we go through life, so what strategy do you use to keep God in mind as you deal with the ups and downs of life as a young adult?

**Question for Adults:** Share about a time when life's struggles were so difficult for you that you nearly "threw in the towel." What signs did you see then that God remained with you?





## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Mary, Mother of Jesus, First Century



The greatest and first among all of our saints and a patron for all of us, Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of his son. Very little is known about Mary outside of the New Testament. By tradition, she was born in Jerusalem, the daughter of Joachim and Anne. Catholics believe in Mary's Immaculate Conception, which means that

Mary was born without original sin, the only human so honored by God.

In the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, we learn that the angel Gabriel came to Mary and announced that she was to be the mother of Jesus. We further learn about the angel's visit to Joseph; Mary's journey to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who acknowledged her as the mother of God; and about the birth and early life of Jesus. This is most of what we know about Mary until Jesus began his ministry.

Mary is mentioned from time to time in all of the Gospels. We come to know that she was instrumental in having Jesus perform his first miracle by turning water into wine at Cana. We also know that she was there at Jesus' crucifixion, and present with the disciples in Jerusalem before Pentecost. It is believed that she was also present with the apostles after Jesus' Resurrection and at the Ascension.

Mary has been the intercessor for all people who call upon her and for many different causes. Over the centuries, her appearance on Earth has often been reported: at Lourdes, Fatima, La Salette, Guadalupe, and Medjagore. There feast days in honor of Mary. By tradition, her birthday is celebrated on September 8. Besides the Solemnity of Mary celebrated on January 1, some of the other feast days for which, at least in part, we honor Mary the Annunciation (March 25), the Visitation (May 31), the Assumption (August 15), the Queenship of Mary (August 22), Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15), Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7), the Immaculate Conception (December 8) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12). Under the title of the Immaculate Conception, Mary is the patron of the United States.

**Mary's message today:** Our greatest saint, Mary did one simple thing. She listened to God's will—that she was to be the mother of Jesus—and she accepted God's will. "Here I am, the servant of the Lord: let it be it done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38)

✠ *Have you accepted God's will in your life? Pray for an understanding of what God is calling you to do?*

### DIOCESAN NEWS



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### Respect Life Corner

"What an irony that a society confronted with plastic bags filled with the remains of aborted babies should be more concerned about the problem of recycling the plastic."

-Winifred Egan

[www.holytrinityrespectlife.com](http://www.holytrinityrespectlife.com)

# PARISH AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

	SUNDAY 08/18	MONDAY 08/19	TUESDAY 08/20	WEDNESDAY 08/21	THURSDAY 08/22	FRIDAY 08/23	SATURDAY 08/24
HT School				Welcome Back to School Night for all grades 5:00-7:00 pm  KC close at 5 pm	KC Closed	First Day of School for DK-8th grade	
Faith Formation				Edge Catechist In-Service 7:30 p.m.			
Adult Faith Formation		Men's Bible Study 8:30 pm Rm 105			Adoration 2:00-10:00 pm		
Misc.	Coffee & Donuts after both Masses By Elise Kerr Eagle Scout Court of Honor 1:30 pm SR	<b>Summer Office Hours: 8 am – 2 pm</b>			Daily Mass 8:00 am	Parish Office Hours 8 am - 4:30 pm  Daily Mass 8:30 am	Blood Drive 8 am – noon

## Mass and Liturgy Schedule and Intentions

### Sunday, August 18th

8:30 am Mass Margaret Hawkins  
10:30 am Mass Deceased members of the Whelchel family

### Monday, August 19th

8:00 am Mass Communion Service

### Tuesday, August 20th

8:00 am Mass Harold McCarville

### Wednesday, August 21st

8:00 am Mass For the Parish

### Thursday, August 22nd

8:00 am Mass Peace for all Families

### Friday, August 23rd

8:30 am Mass Margaret Gannon

### Saturday, August 24th

4:30 pm Mass Dr. Robert Riordan

### Sunday, August 25th

8:30 am Mass Ken Yamen  
10:30 am Mass John B. McClavy

## Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers

### Saturday, August 24th at 4:30 pm

Altar Server	St. Matthew Team
Lectors	Chris Nigg
	Gary Thull
EMHC	Team 3
Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner

### Sunday, August 25th at 8:30 am

Altar Server	St. Thomas Team
Lectors	Linda Wilems
	Scott Flood
EMHC	Team 3
Children's Liturgy	Team F
Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner

### Sunday, August 25th at 10:30 am

Altar Server	St. Andrew Team
Lectors	Billy Howe
	Hazel Helm
EMHC	Team 1
Children's Liturgy	Team 5
Musical Coordinator	Mary Keck

†Give the spiritual gift of a Mass.  
Offer it for the soul of a loved one or  
someone special in your life. Contact the  
Parish Office at 255-3162 to schedule a  
Mass intention.

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Center  
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Room  
**SR -** Social  
Room

## Financial Blessings Ending Week of July 28, 2019

Budget (July 2019-June 2020)	\$1,008,000
YTD Budget thru July 28	\$104,048
YTD Actual tithing thru July 28	\$76,054
YTD Overage (Deficit)	(\$27,994)
Weekly offertory collected	\$10,159
# of Donations Received	82







# PARISH CONTACTS

## HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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(515) 255-3162 ext. 224

For a Staff Directory, Calendar, or a List of Ministries and Groups, please go to [www.holytrinitydm.org](http://www.holytrinitydm.org)

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms are available in the pews, at the Parish Office or call 255-3162 ext. 128.

## SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Contact Melissa Heller at 255-3162 ext. 115 or email [mheller@htschool.org](mailto:mheller@htschool.org)

## MASS TIMES

### Weekend

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

### Weekdays

Monday: 8:00 am- Communion Service

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday: 8:00 am

Wednesday: 8:30 am-All School Mass

### Adoration

Thursday: 2:00 pm-10:00 pm

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 pm

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**Baptism:** Class is held once a month on a Monday at 7:00 pm. Contact the Parish Office to register.

**Matrimony:** Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process adults go through to come into full communion with the Catholic Church., contact Jim Wilwerding at 771-1847 or [jimw@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:jimw@holytrinitydm.org)

## FACILITIES SCHEDULING & RENTAL

Parishioners may call Andy Negrete at 255-3162 ext. 129 for more information.

## PASTORAL CARE

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext. 128.

**Communion to the Sick:** If you are aware of someone who is homebound or in the hospital or nursing home and would like to receive communion, contact Sandy at 255-3162 ext. 124.

**Prayer Chain:** In the event of a crisis or serious illness of a family member or friend, your party will be included (with their permission) through a phone tree of parishioners who offer prayers daily.

## BULLETIN ARTICLES

Submit no later than noon, Friday (10 days before date of Sunday bulletin). Email: [parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org)  
Articles will be subject to edit and available space.

## Advertisers of the Week

Please support our parishioners and their local businesses listed on the back page.



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