Holy Trinity
Catholic Church and School

ANNUAL REPORT













JULY 2025 - JUNE 2026

OUR MISSION

The Mission of Holy Trinity Church is to be a faith-filled Eucharistic community committed to Christ-centered stewardship, especially through education, justice, hospitality, and service. We fulfill this mission through our many parish endeavors.

Holy Trinity Catholic School is a community of teachers and parents who labor in love to care for, and raise, the stewards of our future. We recognize and respond to the spirit and dignity of each child as they grow and achieve excellence in life and learning. We believe all things are possible with God, and so will your child.

Join us as we take the journey together.

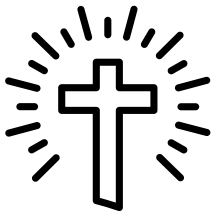
HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC BY THE NUMBERS

1015
Parish Families

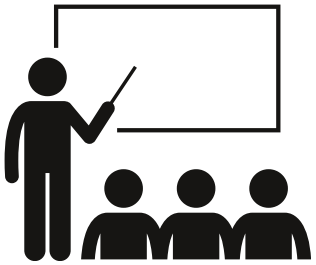


407
Students (PK-8)





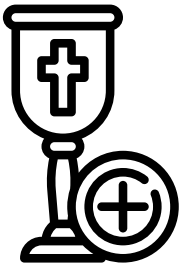
500+
Celebrations



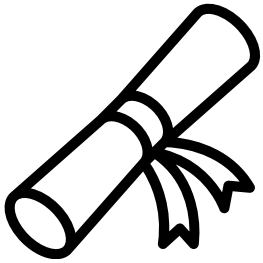
12:1
Classroom Ratio

$1,058,439
Parishioner Tithing

36
School Masses



372
Masses and Communion Services



120
Faculty Professional Development Hours
(per staff member)

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2025-2026 HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past year, Holy Trinity has continued to strengthen the foundation of our parish and school through meaningful improvements, new traditions, and opportunities to grow in faith and community.

From completing important maintenance projects and fostering relationships through new events to installing a Rosary Garden that provides a dedicated space for prayer and reflection, each effort has helped nurture a stronger sense of belonging. Together, these initiatives reflect our continued commitment to building a vibrant, faith-filled community where students, families, and parishioners can grow closer to Christ and one another.

Holy Trinity introduced Hallow to our student body and faith formation community, thanks to the generosity of our SFO, who helped fund this valuable resource. Hallow provides a meaningful way to incorporate prayer and reflection into the classroom while offering families a tool to continue growing in faith together at home. The Holy Trinity community is grateful for this gift and the opportunities it provides to deepen our relationship with Christ.





Three Holy Trinity students—Marlee Eggers, Isaac Eggers, and Kellan Murphy—competed in the diocesan Religion Bee, advancing through multiple rounds. Marlee narrowly missed qualifying for the state team. Their strong performance reflects the dedication of our students, teachers, and parish community in fostering a deep understanding of the Catholic faith.

Our Walkathon- Walking in Worship, Creating in Christ surpassed our 2025 goal of $50,000—raising $65,203 to support the related arts at Holy Trinity and help fund the Rosary Garden on campus.



OUR TEAM

- Father Mark Neal, Pastor
- Dcn. Troy Thompson, Deacon
- Dcn. Jim Obradovich, Deacon
- Dcn. Doug Renze, Deacon
- Dcn. Bob Howe, Deacon
- Mary Gisler, Business Manager
- David Bagby, Maintenance Supervisor
- Jan Swinton, Parish Admin. Asst.
- John Mertes, Dir. of Faith Formation
- Allison Sand, Youth Minister
- Janelle Kitt, Bookkeeper
- Monica Morrison, Principal
- Bailey Van Vors, Asst. Principal
- Linda Gourd, School Admin. Asst.
- Mary Treese, Dir. of Nutrition Services
- Deb Gill, School Nurse
- Mercedies Steinkamp, Dir. of Enrollment
- Jenith Burry, Kids Connection Dir.
- Quentin Abraham, KC Site Dir.
- Andrea Carmichael, PS3/TK Teacher
- Sue Ausman, PS3 Assoc.
- Hannah Smith, PK4 Teacher
- Alyssa Murdock, PK4 Assoc.
- Erin Glidewell, PK4 Ext. Learning Teacher
- Maddy Carl, PK4 Ext. Learning Assoc.
- Betsy Dryer, K Teacher
- Molly Martin, K Assoc.
- Ella Waggoner, K Teacher
- Brenda Chavarria, K Assoc.
- Meggan Fox, First Grade Teacher
- Julia Corbin, First Grade Teacher
- Sue Bethel, Second Grade Teacher
- Megan Ratashak, Second Grade Teacher
- Lucas Bergmann, Third Grade Teacher
- Kathy Evans, Third Grade Teacher
- Katelynne Belcher, Fourth Grade Teacher
- Cassi Debondt, Fourth Grade Teacher
- Jennifer Hopkins, Fifth Grade Teacher
- Sherri TeKippe, Fifth Grade Teacher
- Ashley Bartlett, Sixth Grade Language
- Colleen Dermody, Sixth Grade Language Arts
- Sarah Van Der Linden, Seventh Grade Math
- Jared Allison, Seventh Grade Math
- Christina Calisesi, Eighth Grade SS
- Cristin Jacobs, Eighth Grade Science
- Lori Bruck, Teacher and Librarian
- Hannah Eggers , School Counselor
- Jazmine Johnson, Art Teacher
- Dana Andrews, Band Teacher
- Fran Paterik, Music Teacher
- Elizabeth Brott, STEM Lab Teacher
- Matt Colston, PE Teacher
- Sue Byrnes, Title 1 Interventionist
- Sara Dopheide, Learning Support Specialist/Instructional Coach
- Sue Ramsey, Reading Interventionist

FINANCE COUNCIL

- Fr. Mark Neal, Chair
- William Moore
- Tom Nolan
- Chris Coleman (Trustee)
- Ben Koehler

PARISH TRUSTEES

- Chris Coleman
- Monica Morrison

SCHOOL FAMILY ORGANIZATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Rev. Mark Neal, Pastor
- Monica Morrison, Principal
- Kari-Rogers Hensley, Chair
- Mallory Bennett, Vice Chair
- Brittany Bungert, Secretary

SFO

The Holy Trinity Catholic School School Family Organization (SFO) is a parent-led volunteer organization that promotes cooperation between parents and teachers to further the education of our children. The goal of the SFO is to support Holy Trinity through fundraising, encouraging parent involvement, supporting teachers and organizing family events. Every parent, teacher, and administrator at Holy Trinity Catholic School is a member of the SFO.

2025-2026 SFO Fundraising Budget			
EVENT	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET
Beaverdale Holiday Boutique	$30,553	$5,794	$24,759
Rewards Programs	$775	$0	$775
SCRIP	$5,023	$0	$5,023
Spirit Wear, Yearbook, Homeroom and General	$5,631	$22,996	($17,365)
Staff Requests	$0	$9,520	($9,520)
Walkathon-Related Arts	$63,833	$7,558	$56,275
Totals	**$105,816**	**$45,869**	**$59,947**
Paid to School (Rosary Garden, Geothermal) = ($43,481)			
WAT25 funds committed, not spent = $12,794			
Balance of FY26 activity= $3,672			

FAITH AND SERVICE

There were 60 students enrolled in Faith Formation in the fall of 2026. Volunteers at Holy Trinity work to teach people about their faith, assist them in praying, and help them live as faithful disciples. Thirty people received the Sacrament of Confirmation, 46 First Communicants (2nd grade), and 56 baptisms were performed.

Every year, Holy Trinity Church hosts two garage sales. One during Spring Break and one over the summer. Preparing, planning, and coordinating these sales requires a community. Volunteers at Holy Trinity put in several days of labor to get ready for the enormous volume of donated goods.

We have about 70 volunteers that undertake a variety of tasks like pricing goods, organizing, setting up and taking down, preparing lunches for the volunteers, and more. HT made $13,600 in July and $15,000 in March to support the church. The PATCH program received a percentage of these funds.

Twenty-three funeral Masses and burials, two Masses of the Anointing, 201 communion services in five nursing homes, the distribution of 97 Journeying with Grief booklets, a Grief Workshop with 13 participants, and 27 units of blood donated to the LifeServe Blood Center from our Blood Drive were all ways that pastoral care supported our community this year. In keeping with our goal of providing consolation and empathy to those in need, we also conducted 10 Caregiver Support workshops.

The Rain Forest Falls-Exploring the Nature of God event at Vacation Bible School was attended by over 140 participants and volunteers. Every participant had a great week filled with prayer, fellowship, and fun while learning about God's amazing love for each and every one of us!

EXCELLENCE

Kids Connection has continued to care for families attending Holy Trinity during the school year. We have over 60 students during the 2025-2026 school year and over 45 students during the 2026 summer program. We are looking forward to providing care for all our families here at Holy Trinity for the 2026-27 school year and beyond!

Technology remains an ongoing investment as we look for ways to improve and update resources throughout our building. This year, new Chromebooks were purchased for both third-grade classrooms as we began transitioning to the technology model through Des Moines Regional Catholic Schools.

Holy Trinity Nutrition Services takes great pride in our quality, presentation, and service to students and staff. Our menus offered a variety of nutritionally balanced and appetizing school meal choices for the students, staff, parents, and guardians of Holy Trinity Catholic School while following nutritional guidelines set by the USDA.









EXCELLENCE

Holy Trinity Catholic School applies the use of a standards-based evaluation tool, FASTBridge, for grades K-5 to identify student goals for learning and provide individualized student support to ensure these goals are met. This screening and early identification of student needs increases the speed of intervention and supports a building-wide multi-tiered system of support.

These assessments help teachers better understand student progress and needs. Moreover, this additional layer of data allows teachers to focus on essential skills and better track student growth.

2025/26 FASTBridge Highlights:

- During the spring of 2026 67% of students in grades 2-5 were at the proficient level or above on the FAST amath assessment.
- During the spring of 2026 67% of students in grades 6-8 were at the proficient level or above on the FAST amath assessment.
- During the spring 2026 testing window, 73% of students in grades 2-5 were at the low risk or advanced level or above on the FAST aReading assessment
- During the spring 2026 testing window, 72% of students in grades 6-8 were at the low risk or advanced level or above on the FAST aReading assessment

COMMUNITY

Brought to Holy Trinity by the Respect for Life group, the Chili Cook-Off invited parishioners, school families, and friends together for an evening of friendly competition, great food, and fellowship. Contestants shared their favorite chili recipes while a celebrity panel of judges selected the winner. Prizes from local businesses added to the excitement. The event strengthened relationships, supported local businesses, and created meaningful opportunities to build community beyond the classroom and church walls.

Hundreds of Holy Trinity community members attended the Garden Soiree which raised $85,000 to support our school, which contributed to new windows for the C Building that houses elementary school classrooms.

Holy Trinity's Rosary Garden offers a peaceful space for prayer and reflection. Blessed by Father Mark during our May Crowning with our eighth-grade students, the garden is a meaningful addition to our faith community. We are grateful to our Walkathon for helping fund the project and to SFO for assisting with planning. This special space will continue to nurture prayer and strengthen our faith for years to come.



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. Please contact Mary Gisler at 515-255-3162 ext. 123 or email maryg@holytrinitydm.org to make donations or for more information. Please note that the year-end value includes $273,764 in grant allocations to Holy Trinity Church that have not been distributed.

Below is the financial position of the Holy Trinity Foundation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

BEGINNING VALUE	ADDITIONS	CHANGE IN MRKT VALUE	VALUE AT YEAR END
$2,432,387.40	$13,508	$296,420.65	$2,742,316.05

**Note: The year end value does not include $317,083.88 in grants to Holy Trinity that have not yet been distributed. Bathroom Remodeling ($17,579) & Christmas Books for the Parish ($700)

HOLY TRINITY ENDOWMENT

The Holy Trinity Endowment Fund was established September 22, 1999. The goal is to use profits for the education of students at Holy Trinity School. This amount is used to support the general operation of the school.

BEGINNING VALUE-01/01/25	DONATIONS/ INVESTMENT INCOME/CHANGE IN VALUE	WITHDRAWALS /FEES	VALUE AT YEAR END
$1,845,969	$232,380	$-230,459	$1,855,390

A Year of Growth, Renewal, and Stewardship

Thanks to the generosity of Holy Trinity parishioners, the 2025–26 fiscal year was an outstanding year for our families, students, and campus. From significant building improvements to changes in school operations, these accomplishments reflect our shared commitment to strengthening Holy Trinity for generations to come.

Investing in Our Buildings and Campus

One of our major projects was the renovation of Building B, the former convent. Improvements included geothermal heating and cooling, an outside air circulation system, new windows, and fresh paint. The building now provides a brighter, more comfortable environment for music, band, preschool, STEM, and teacher offices. Funding came from the COVID-19 Employee Retention Credit, the 2024 School & Family Organization Walkathon, school building and capital campaign funds, and proceeds from the 2025 Gala.

The church's upstairs restrooms were fully renovated through parishioner support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal and a grant from the Holy Trinity Foundation. Additional campus improvements included HVAC projects, radon mitigation, and more secure school entryways funded through a safety grant.

Our new Rosary Garden on the west side of the school provides a peaceful space for prayer and reflection, made possible by the Building & Grounds Committee and financial support from the School & Family Organization.

With another generous grant from the Holy Trinity Foundation, we renovated the duplex property along Urbandale Avenue, just south of the Preschool building. Updated kitchens, bathrooms, paint, and carpeting transformed the space. The lower unit will serve as small-group meeting space, while the upper unit will provide an apartment for a visiting or retired priest. The renovations were completed by Munro Construction, a parishioner-owned company.

Strengthening Our Parish and School

The 2025–26 fiscal year marked an important transition as school finances moved to Des Moines Regional Catholic Schools. This change brought adjustments to how school and parish expenses are recorded, with more normalized reporting expected moving forward.

Our community also saw success through the semiannual garage sale, which generated nearly 45% more profit than budgeted, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers.
Thank You, Holy Trinity Family!

These accomplishments would not be possible without the generosity of our parishioners, families, staff, and volunteers. We are especially grateful to the Holy Trinity Foundation, School & Family Organization, and Building & Grounds Committee for their continued support.

The Holy Trinity Foundation is an independent, parishioner-created nonprofit that supports our church through grants for campus improvements and faith development. Parishioners are encouraged to consider supporting its mission through planned giving, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), or a direct donation. For more information, please contact Don Westerheim or Tom Nolan.

As we look ahead, we give thanks for all that has been accomplished and pray for the continued growth and vibrancy of Holy Trinity. God is truly great!

Statement of Activities - Holy Trinity Catholic Church & School

JUNE 2026

Income:

PARISH

Parish Administration	CURRENT	BUDGET	LAST YEAR
Tithing	$1,058,439	$1,000,000	$1,022,180
Christmas, Easter & Holy Days	$17,315	$15,000	$13,583
Plate	$31,181	$31,500	$34,308
Offering/Bequest/Mass Stipend	$6,197	$5,500	$8,376
Diocesan Appeal Refund	$36,781	$0	$30,484
Building Fund, Desig. Don, Misc.	$32,048	$5,000	$51,415
Interest Income, Capital Gain/Loss	$24,223	$2,500	$24,895
Subtotal, Parish Admin:	$1,206,184	$1,059,500	$1,185,241
Parish Hall Rental	$300	$0	$0
Garage Sale/Bazzars/Bulletin	$29,484	$20,000	$23,938
Bulletin	$0	$0	$6,013
Votive Stands	$672	$600	$714
Rental Property	$4,710	$8,400	$8,820
Subtotal, Other Parish:	$35,166	$29,000	$39,485
Catechesis	$13,682	$14,000	$13,561
TOTAL PARISH INCOME:	$1,255,032	$1,102,500	$1,238,287

SCHOOL

School Administration			
Tuition, CTO, Fees	$9,055	$0	$1,993,716
Foundation/Grants	$73,839	$73,839	$67,656
Designated Donations/Aux	$1,043,558	$20,000	$222,699
Subtotal, School Administration:	$1,126,452	$93,839	$2,284,072
Lunch program	$9,392	$0	$193,635
Kid's Connection	$120,283	$0	$373,690
Preschool	$3,485	$0	$292,056
Subtotal, Other School Programs	$133,161	$0	$859,381
TOTAL SCHOOL INCOME:	$1,259,613	$93,839	$3,143,453

TOTAL INCOME:	$2,514,645	$1,196,339	$4,381,740

Statement of Activities - Holy Trinity Catholic Church & School

JUNE 2026

Expense:

PARISH	CURRENT	BUDGET	LAST YEAR
Parish Administration			
Wages & Benefits	$261,639	$257,349	$221,041
Office & Program Supplies	$43,292	$420,101	$144,459
Building & Grounds	$86,421	$63,800	$127,834
Subtotal, Parish Administration:	$391,352	$741,250	$493,334
Liturgy, Music, Votives	$57,639	$57,800	$54,062
Garage Sale, Bulletin	$259	$2,000	$10,148
Adult Faith & Sacraments	$1,339	$4,000	$4,981
Rectory & Duplex	$16,084	$12,350	$11,723
Subtotal, Other Parish:	$75,321	$76,150	$80,914
Catechesis	$128,554	$136,486	$132,851
TOTAL PARISH EXPENSE:	$595,227	$953,886	$707,099
SCHOOL			
School Administration			
Wages & Benefits	$234,762	$0	$2,213,950
Office & Program supplies	$396,619	$0	$63,677
Instructional Materials:	$5,945	$0	$180,587
Building & Grounds	$1,189,619	$0	$488,668
Subtotal, School Administration	$1,826,945	$0	$2,946,882
Lunch program	$10,726	$0	$196,311
Kid's Connection	$97,036	$0	$265,459
Preschool	$38,756	$0	$259,007
Subtotal, Other School Expense:	$146,518	$0	$720,777
TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSE	$1,973,463	$0	$3,667,659
TOTAL EXPENSE:	$2,568,690	$953,886	$4,374,758
NET RESULTS:			
Parish Net	$659,805	$148,614	$531,188
School Net*	($713,850)	$93,839	($524,206)

** related to the transfer of school financing from Holy Trinity to the Region, and construction projects. See narrative for details.*

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Summary Statement of Financial Position

	June 30, 2026	June 30, 2025
Operating Cash	$258,268	$709,023
Restricted Cash & Investments	$3,042,867	$3,369,746
Total Cash:	$3,301,135	$4,078,769
Long Term Debt, LOC, other debt:	$0	$0



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