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Catholic Church and School

NOVEMBER 22ND | SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Taking the Journey TOGETHER



MASS SCHEDULE

MON: No Mass/Communion Service
TUE: 8:30 AM Mass
WED: 8:30 AM Mass
THU: 8:30 AM Mass & 2:00-9:00 PM Adoration
FRI: 8:30 AM Mass
SAT: 3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation & 4:30 PM Mass
SUN: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Mass

**Mass Times often change for Holy Days of Obligation*

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Letter From Father Mark

Greetings.

Well, I have returned from Sabbatical. I've been back for a couple weeks. I intentionally planned it that way so I would have a couple of weeks to gradually reengage. Over the last couple of weeks, I've been visiting classes at the school and telling them about my Sabbatical; where I've been; what I've been doing, etc.

I will officially be "back in the saddle" on November 23. I want to take this opportunity to thank Father Ray for all his work and for doing an excellent job of taking care of Holy Trinity in my absence. If it wasn't for our retired priests, those of us who are still in active ministry, would not be able to do things such as take a sabbatical or even take a few days of vacation time. Our retired priests are very generous in their service to the diocese and to our parishes. Even though they have retired, they still stay very busy helping. It is greatly appreciated. Thanks, Fr. Ray!

During my sabbatical, I spent a great deal of time in prayer with the monks of Saint Meinrad. I concelebrated Mass with them each day and also prayed the liturgy of the hours with them frequently. My favorite was morning prayer at 5:30 each morning. Most mornings I was up around 4 AM to exercise. As you may know the monks do a great deal of their prayer in Gregorian chant. I learned a great deal about Gregorian chant from the monks. My time at St. Meinrad was like a four-month practicum in chanting :-) I hope to incorporate some into our liturgies here at Holy Trinity. It is a beautiful form of prayer and research has actually shown that listening to Gregorian Chant can lower blood pressure and heart rate as well as calm our stress.

As I return to the Parish, I hope to reinstate my weekly Facebook videos in a weekly chat. Some of these will be general in nature, and some of them will be focused on a particular topic. For example, one series I plan to do is on the rule of Saint Benedict, which is the rule that is followed by the monks of Saint Meinrad..It is a rule that is followed in many monasteries around the world, but it also has applications to our own homes, our own daily lives, and our own families, even outside of a monastery.

I am glad to be back. I missed Holy Trinity.

Well, that's all for now. Have a good week.

- Fr. Mark



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SCHEDULES

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

Nov. 22nd	8:30AM	Benjamin Zenti
	10:30AM	For the Parish
Nov. 24th	8:30AM	Theresa Freilinger
Nov. 25th	8:30AM	Kathy Ricker
Nov. 26th	9:00AM	Thanksgiving Mass
Nov. 27th	8:30AM	Jim Wilson
Nov. 28th	3:00-3:45PM	*Reconciliation*
	4:30PM	Mary Jo Banks
Nov. 29th	8:30AM	Benjamin Zenti
	10:30AM	For the Parish

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Nov. 28th: 4:30pm
Altar Servers | Frank & Louie Brett, Olivia Thorne and Maggie Fiddelke
Lectors | Pat Pithan & Doug Volkmer
EMHC | Team 1
Music Coordinator | Tom Quiner

Sunday, Nov. 29th: 8:30am
Altar Servers I Charlie, Jamison and Quinton Lynch and Bennett Steinkamp
Lectors | Doug Gross & Wayne Johnson
EMHC | Team 1 /MC: Karen Quiner
Children's Liturgy I NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY - THANKSGIVING
Music Coordinator | Tom Quiner

Sunday, Nov. 29th: 10:30am
Altar Servers | Sophia Clark, Mia & Madelyn Daskalakes and Miriam Stegman
Lectors I Mary Ellen Winston & Bridget Sheaff
EMHC | Team 5/MC: Mark Amadeo
Children's Liturgy NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY - THANKSGIVING
Music Coordinator | Eric Sharp

CALENDAR | NOVEMBER 22ND, 2026

	Sunday Nov. 22nd	Monday Nov. 23rd	Tuesday Nov. 24th	Wednesday Nov. 25th	Thursday Nov. 26th	Friday Nov. 27th	Saturday Nov. 28th
School				NO School Thanksgiving Break	NO School Thanksgiving Break	NO School Thanksgiving Break	
Faith Formation			Morning Prayer following 8:30 Mass (CH)		Mass of Thanksgiving 9:00AM (CH)	No Mass	Sunday Reading Groups Mens (Terry's Patio) 7:30AM Womens (CH) 8:30AM
Adult Faith Formation			SVdP Meeting 4:00PM (MC) Book Club (Franklin Library) 6:30PM				
More	Coffee & Donuts Hosted by: SVdP		OCIA 6:30PM (CH)	Parish office closes at 2:00PM	Parish office closed		

CH: Church | K: Kitchen | MC: Media Center : 101-106: Classrooms | PO: Parish Office | SR: Social Room

PARISH NEWS

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE COMMITTEE!

Another Successful Year!

Another successful Beaverdale Holiday Boutique is in the books, and we are so grateful to everyone who helped make it happen!
A special thank you to Mallory Bennett and Janelle Kerr, who have led the charge in bringing this wonderful event together. From the variety of vendors and food and bakery options to the festive holiday atmosphere, the boutique continues to be a special weekend of community, celebration and fundraising.

The funds raised through the boutique go directly back to support our School Family Organization (SFO), helping provide resources, supplies and other important needs throughout our school and classrooms.

We couldn't do it without our incredible Beaverdale community, dedicated volunteers and everyone who gives their time and talents to make this tradition possible.

It takes a village, and here at Holy Trinity, we have a village that shows up!

As we look ahead to next year, we are always looking for additional volunteers to help keep this wonderful tradition going. We will especially need additional leadership support for next year's boutique. Whether you can help with planning, organizing or volunteering during the event, we would love to have you involved! If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Mallory Bennett at mabennett928@gmail.com.

Thank you for another wonderful year and for continuing to make such a meaningful difference for our school!

THANK YOU

From Father Ray McHenry

The holidays are upon us. We celebrate Thanksgiving this Thursday. This is the last Sunday of the Church year. The new Church year begins next week with the First Sunday of Advent. Then we celebrate the beauty of Christmas. This Sunday is my last day at Holy Trinity.

As of Monday, the 23rd Fr. Mark returns from his sabbatical. I have enjoyed my last five months with you. Thank you for how you embraced me and welcomed me to the parish.
I will cherish my thoughts of my time with you.

Many thanks to our great staff. They made it easy for me to serve as the Pastoral Administrator these past five months.

May Almighty God bless each one of you at Holy Trinity Parish.
- Father Ray

PARISH INFORMATION

Ministries at Holy Trinity

Coffee and Donuts: We appreciate everyone who has volunteered to assist with serving coffee and donuts. If you would like to participate this fall, please **sign up here!** You may also get in touch with Jan Swinton at jans@holytrinitydm.org in the parish office.

Baptism: Do you want to celebrate your child's baptism at Holy Trinity? The next Baptism Class is Monday, January 18. Contact Jan Swinton in the Parish Office at jans@holytrinitydm.org with questions.

Pastoral Care. Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health and career while caring for an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, either in your home, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, shared experiences and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view. Check out future bulletins for upcoming dates!

PARISH NEWS

HOLY TRINITY ART GROUP

Stay Connected!

The Holy Trinity Parish Art Group - Stay connected to the church and nurture your creative side with fellowship, inspiration, and even motivation to work on that creative hobby you've been "meaning to" start! Join us for our open studio session in the 7th grade rooms in the school on:

Sunday, December 13th from 1-3:30

Bring your own personal art or craft projects to work on, or just stop over to check things out and get inspired! This group is open to any Holy Trinity parishioners age 14 and over and all skill levels and artistic interestes are welcome! Contact Hannah Zimmerman with any questions hmjzimmerman@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Reach out to St. Vincent de Paul

As in past years, our Parish SVdP Conference is assisting families this Christmas. If your family needs help this year, or if you know a family that could use help, please contact Jan at the Parish office and let her know. All assistance provided by SVdP is confidential.

Our next SVdP Conference meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 4 p.m. in the HT Middle School. We'd love to welcome new members, so please join us if you'd like to learn more about our group and mission.

BOOK CLUB

Join us as we read in faith!

Are you interested in meeting people in the parish community who like to read? Are you interested in seeing fiction through our Catholic Faith? Consider joining our book club this fall. We'll be meeting at the Franklin Library in a small conference room from 6:30-8:00 PM.

If you have questions, email Sarah Suillivan Bigelow at ssullivanbigelow@gmail.com. The next scheduled Book Clubs are: November 24, 2026 | Illuminations by Mary Sharratt

CALENDAR FROM THE PARISH

Pick up in Parish Office

If you have not received a calendar through the school, faith formation or the parish office, please pick up in the parish office during weekday hours. The calendars include parish dates, school dates, and important dates on the liturgical calendar. Any questions reach out to Jan Swinton at jans@holytrinitydm.org.

"Human rights are not a privelege conferred by government. They are EVERY human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity."
-St. Mother Teresa



SCHOOL/PARISH NEWS

UPCOMING DATES

Mark your calendar!

November 25th-30th | No School-Thanksgiving Break

MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS THIS ADVENT!

Advent Resources at a Discount

As we prepare for Christmas, Holy Trinity invites families to make a little extra room for Jesus this Advent. We have gathered simple, ready-to-use resources from Catholic Sprouts that require no parent preparation and can help your family grow in faith with just 5–10 minutes each day. Resources include Jesse Tree devotionals for younger children and The Quest: A Journey Through Advent to Epiphany for older students.

Enjoy a special 15% discount on Catholic Sprouts orders using promo code HOLYTRINITY15OFF. Make time for Jesus and prepare your hearts to receive the Lord this Advent!

See the more information here!

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Parent Choice

Parental Choice: Parents hold primary responsibility for their children's education. ESAs empower families to choose the best educational environment regardless of financial standing.

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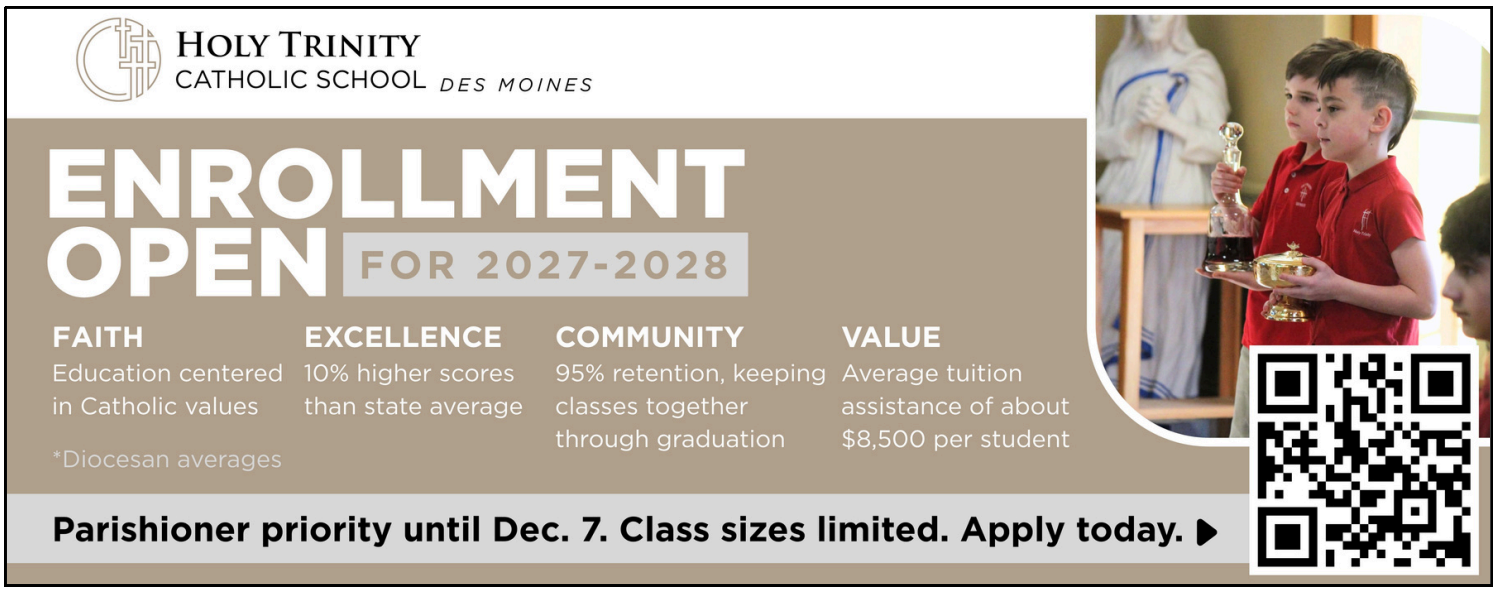

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

IOWA CATHOLIC RADIO PRESENTS

Iowa Women's Conference. January 23, 2027 @ St. Boniface Catholic Church in Waukee, Iowa.

"Be Her" Be inspired, equipped, and empowered to embrace your identity in Christ! Join national speakers, Lisa Cotter and Fr. Dan Reehil for a day of faith, fellowship, and inspiration as you discover and embrace the purpose God has ordained for your life, at every age, stage, and season.

Register today at https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events.
“She is clothed with strength and dignity.”
— Proverbs 31:25

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Collection – December 12–13

On December 12–13, our parish will participate in the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This appeal supports more than 21,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving the Church and God’s people.

Your generosity helps provide for their growing needs, including health care, nursing support, and medications. Thank you for remembering these faithful servants through your prayers and financial support.

See full letter here

FOCCUS FACILITATOR TRAINING NOVEMBER -

February Now Open

A FOCCUS Facilitator is a trained lay person, mentor couple, clergy member, or counselor who guides engaged (and sometimes married) couples through the FOCCUS® pre-marriage inventory (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding, and Study).

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• Review the Inventory: Couples independently complete a comprehensive questionnaire covering key life topics—such as communication, religion/spirituality, finances, parenting, conflict resolution, and family-of-origin.
• Guide Private Sessions: The facilitator meets with the couple one-on-one (in person or virtually) to review their unique FOCCUS Couple Report.
• Foster Dialogue: Instead of acting as a therapist or clinical counselor who "fixes" problems, the facilitator serves as a supportive companion and conversation guide, helping couples celebrate their strengths and constructively discuss areas of agreement, difference, or indecision.

Role & Background
• Not a Counselor: Facilitators do not provide formal psychological counseling or medical advice; rather, they encourage open, honest, and respectful communication.
• Faith-Centered or General: While FOCCUS is widely used in Catholic and Christian marriage preparation programs (often affiliated with local parishes or dioceses), versions and training programs exist for various faith and general communities.
• Certification: To become a certified facilitator, individuals must complete an official FOCCUS training workshop or self-paced online course and register through FOCCUS Inc. USA.

If you would like to get involved or know of someone who you think would be a great faciliator,email foccus@foccusinc.com for training dates.

OUR FAITH EXPLAINED



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Martyr, c. 1795-1839

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and his 116 companions represent the more than one hundred thousand martyrs killed during the persecutions of Christians which took place periodically beginning in the 17th Century and running though most of the 19th Century in Viet Nam. He was born Dung An Trân around 1795 to a poor pagan family in northern Viet Nam. He was instructed in the Christian faith and, three years later, he was baptized, taking the name Andrew at that time. As a parish priest, Andrew lived a simple life, fasting often and providing a model for the people in his town, many of whom were baptized by him. He was imprisoned and killed for his faith in 1938.

Saint Andrew and his companions, as well as the many thousands of unnamed martyrs in Viet Nam, provide powerful examples of the perseverance that strong faith can bring to those who are persecuted. Even today in Viet Nam, as well as elsewhere, persecution of Christians continues, but prayer can strengthen our faith.

Andrew's message today: Saint Andrew and his companions, as well as the many thousands of unnamed martyrs in Viet Nam, provide powerful examples of the perseverance that strong faith can bring to those who are persecuted. Even today in Viet Nam, as well as elsewhere, persecution of Christians continues, but prayer can strengthen our faith.

AFFABILITY

Virtues, Explained!

There was a certain sister in the Carmelite convent who particularly tried the patience of St. Therese of Lisieux.

But instead of avoiding this person, St. Therese instead made a point of smiling at her whenever the two met.

“Charity must not consist in feelings, but in works,” wrote St. Therese. “I set myself to doing for this Sister what I would do for the person I loved the most.” In doing so, she learned to see “Jesus hidden in the depths” of this woman’s soul.

St. Therese was growing in the virtue of affability when she did this. Affability is attached to justice, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, and demands “that we behave pleasantly to those among whom we dwell.” (Sum., II:II, 114, Art. 2)

In being affable, we make ourselves friendly, approachable, and agreeable to those around us, regardless of how they make us feel. “How good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together as one,” writes King David in Psalm 133.

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PRAYER & READINGS



READINGS

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Reading I : Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
I will tend my sheep.

Reading II : 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Christ has been raised from the dead.

Gospel : Matthew 25:31-46
When did we see you hungry?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: Who are the people most in need of help who live around you, and how can you help them?

Question for Youth: What can you do (alone, with friends, or with your family) to help those who are without food, shelter, or have other needs? When have you seen Jesus in the poor?

Question for Adults: As you grapple with this very strong, direct and demanding Gospel passage, name the people for whom you have cared personally – or if there are none, those for whom you will offer care in the coming weeks.

CHURCH FINANCES

Financial Blessings Ending week of 11/6/2026

Budget July '26 thru June '27	**$1,000,000**
YTD Actual Tithing	**$300,470**
YTD Budget	**$307,470**
YTD Surplus/(deficit)	**($7,002)**
Tithing for the Week	**$25,331**
Number of Donations Received	**246**

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FINANCE COUNCIL

Check out the minutes from the lastest Finance Council Meeting Below!

Meeting minutes from August of 2026

Reach out to Mary Gisler, maryg@holytrinitydm.org with any questions.

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INTENTIONS

Please pray for the joyful repose of the soul of Juan Coronado one of our parishioners, and for consolation for his entire Family.

Eternal Rest grant unto Him O Lord,
and let Perpetual Light shine upon Him.
May His Soul and the Souls of all the Faithful,
through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. ***Amen.***

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