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Taking the Journey TOGETHER

I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Luke 3:15-22

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www.holytrinitydm.org/contact-us Rev. Mark Neal, Pastor 515 255 3162 X126

FROM FATHER MARK JAN 9 2022

GREETINGS.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the many cards and gifts and kind words that I received at Christmas. They were all very much appreciated!

A big thanks to Brad Rea and his team of volunteers for once again making our church beautiful for our Advent and Christmas celebrations! The decorations always help me get in the holiday mood...thank you all!

Also, a note about our Giving Tree this year -- it was very successful. Gift cards and cash amounted to about \$4400, and that does not include hats coats mittens along with other personal items. Our total giving for this year was probably an excess of \$6000. Thank you very much for your generosity! You can be sure that it helped to brighten the Christmas of others.

One last item, we will be shortly kicking off the Ignite capital campaign which you can read more about here <u>https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/ignite</u>. This is a diocesan wide effort. There will be a number of areas that will be benefited by it. The biggest beneficiary will be our Catholic schools as we seek to keep these centers of education vibrant for decades to come. More details will be available soon.

Have a good week.

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Father Mark Neal





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FOOD PANTRY The Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) has provided a food pantry service to the Des Moines area for the past 45 years. It now provides food security to families from 14 partner food pantries and 31 mobile food pantry sites located throughout the city. During this time of Pandemic, more people are being assisted now than at any time in the program's history. We are still accepting donations here at HT. Those wishing to provide their support may drop either food or non-food items (diapers, wipes, personal products, etc.) into one of the green collection tubs located at the Holy Trinity Church entries. DMARC also welcomes cash/check donations as they are able to buy items at discounted prices and realize savings with their purchases. Checks written should be made payable to Holy Trinity (noted for DMARC) and placed in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued support.

THE NEXT BAPTISM CLASS IS MONDAY JANUARY 17

If you are planning on baptizing your child at HT, a Baptism Class is needed. Please sign up for class by calling the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext. 128 or responding to this email. We look forward to celebrating with your family!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED We can have 3! Eligible servers are students <u>already</u> trained with Parental Permission. <u>Parents—</u>email student's name and Mass time availability to <u>carolynr@holytrinitydm.org</u>.

USHERS NEEDED! As we are now required to maintain our holy obligation for Sunday masses, we need you! Please contact Andy Negrete 255-3162 ext. 129 or andyn@holytrinitydm.org

JOIN THIS CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP AT HT

Greetings adult men of Holy Trinity Parish, you are invited to participate in Exodus 90 beginning on January 17, 2022. The exercise is for Catholic men who want to experience 90 days of prayer, asceticism and fraternity. Disciplines/ascetic practices include: reading through Exodus and reflections on scripture, a daily holy hour, cold shower and abstaining from TV, sports, sweets, snacking, alcohol, and video games. Other practices include a weekly fraternity meeting, daily check in with an anchor and fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays (similar to Lenten fasting practices as prescribed by the Church). An informational meeting will be held by Craig Vasquez on the 8th of January at 10:00 AM in the media center at Holy Trinity. Please prayerfully consider this exercise, men of Holy Trinity and check out the link for more information <u>https://exodus90.com/</u>



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED... Linda Muelhaupt

Parishioner of Holy Trinity Parish

Ralph Kiel Brother of Deacon Randy (Cheryl) Kiel of our Parish

Ruth Donnelly Parishioner of our Parish

Monica Olson

Sister of Vonnie (Tony) Salem of our Parish

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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF JAN 2, 2022

Budget - July 2021 - June 2022 YTD Actual Tithing through Jan 2 YTD Budget through Jan 2

\$1,000,000 \$472,200 \$502,975 YTD Surplus (Deficit) Tithing for the week ending Jan 2 (\$30,775) \$17,207

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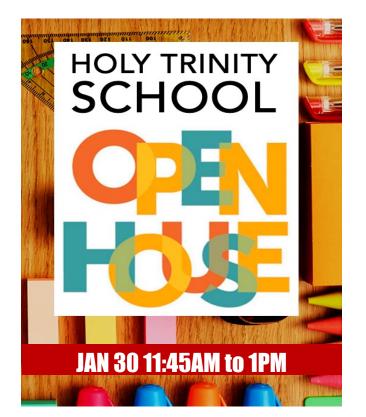
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SAVE THE DATE 22-23 ENROLLMENT AT HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL STARTS JANUARY 30

Make sure you have access to early enrollment! Go here: https://htschool.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry



CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF YOU!

Catholic schools and their students benefit all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support parishes provide. Thank you to all parishes across the Diocese of Des Moines for supporting Catholic education! On behalf of all our students at Holy Trinity thank you for your support! Your generosity not only makes our school possible but successful.

We invite all parishioners to pray for Holy Trinity and the success of Catholic education throughout our community. Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support. To learn more about Catholic education in the Diocese of Des Moines, please visit <u>dmdiocese.org/catholic-schools</u>.

¡LA EDUCACIÓN CATÓLICA ES POSIBLE POR TI!

Las escuelas católicas y sus estudiantes se benefician durante todo el año de la orientación religiosa, las oraciones y el apoyo que brindan las parroquias. ¡Gracias a todas las parroquias de la Diócesis de Des Moines por apoyar la educación católica! En nombre de todos nuestros estudiantes de Holy Trinity ¡gracias por su apoyo! Su generosidad no solo hace que nuestra escuela sea posible sino también exitosa.

Invitamos a todos los feligreses a orar por Holy Trinity y el éxito de la educación católica en toda nuestra comunidad. Gracias por sus oraciones y apoyo continuo. Para obtener más información sobre la educación católica en la Diócesis de Des Moines, visite <u>https://www.dmdiocese.org/catholic-schools</u>.





Please support our school by donating \$100 to Holy Trinity Catholic's Centennial Student Grant to ensure students, no matter their need, have access to a Catholic Education over the next 100 years. Donation link opens Feb 2.

https://factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/VRpxPmb5h



Want more information? Call the School Office 515 255 3162 X116 M-F 8AM-4PM Fax 515 255 1381



We are 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, learn and achieve excellence in life and learning.

EN THINGS ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

STRONG FAMILY CONNECTIONS WITH HISTORY & TRADITIONS

New families are supported by parent ambassadors for the first year to help them get the most out of the Holy Trinity School experience.

INVOLVED, DEDICATED AND CARING FACULTY & STAFF

Holy Trinity Teachers cultivate joy in your child on a personal level and want each student to meet and exceed their own definition of success.

SMALL CLASSES MEAN MORE INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION

One-on-one time with our educators so your student gets the attention they deserve.

WE RESPECT ONE ANOTHER IN ALL WE DO

Meaningful interaction and teamwork across grade levels thru our buddy system.

OUR STUDENTS HAVE FAITH THAT ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL HAS A HEART FOR SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY

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HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Holy Trinity School students are proactive, highlymotivated learners that graduate 8th grade socially and emotionally ready for high school and beyond.

AFFORDABLE STREAM-BASED CATHOLIC EDUCATION

We teach with technology and hands-on learning tools with a Catholic moral lens to more actively engage students in an environment that opens more doors.

PURPOSEFUL 21ST CENTURY EDUCATION

Our curriculum allows students to be problemsolvers because we know that the future will hold unknown challenges that will require creativity, critical thinking and persistent experimentation.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

We believe students, parents and teachers working together create a highly effective learning experience. The thousands of service hours donated by parent volunteers makes Holy Trinity the BEST!

Taking the Journey TOGETHER Holy Together Catholic School SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!



Guaranteed to tickle your faith and nourish your soul! Contact John Mertes at 515 255 3162 x 224 or johnm@holytrinitydm.org for more info





Formerly lowans for Life

Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, January 15 9 AM Mass @ Christ the King Parish 5711 SW Ninth St, Des Moines. Rosary at Planned Parenthood directly after (start time approximately 9:45 AM) 1000 East Army Post Road, Des Moines DO NOT PARK IN PLANNED PARENTHOOD PARKING LOT Following will be the Prayer Rally for Life & Liberty @ Planned Parenthood. All faith traditions are welcome!

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE IN NORWALK---TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH Doors open at 6:00 PM. Game begins at 6:45 PM. Cost is \$15 per person. Get your teams (up to 8 players per team) together for the most fun you will have this winter! There will be 8 rounds with 10 questions per round. Prizes awarded! Sloppy Joes will be available for purchase. Soda-pop and water will also be available. You may bring snacks and BYOB (beer, wine only please). Tickets may be purchased in the church office or call 515-981-4855 St. John Church is located at 720 Orchard Hills Dr. Norwalk.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION OPEN The Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) has a unique opportunity! After 13 years of leadership as Executive Director, Jeanne Wells Thill announced her retirement as of June 30, 2022. This position secures donations of more than \$4.5 million annually, supported by a 75% Iowa tax credit for all donors! The successful candidate will be self-motivated to promote and coordinate CTO across the Des Moines Diocese. The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree in finance, education or related area, knowledge of Catholic schools and 2 to 5 years of related experience, excellent public speaker, proficient with computer technology, database management and be an organized self-starter. For a full job description and qualifications, contact Jeanne Wells Thill at jwells@dmdiocese.org or by email:jwells@dmdiocese.org. Or, send your cover letter and resume to: Catholic Tuition Organization 601 Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309

YOUNG CATHOLIC NETWORK All young adult professionals in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Young Catholic Network Speaker Series on Tuesday, January 25th! Join us at 6PM for an evening of networking and fellowship at the Catholic Pastoral Center in downtown Des Moines. Enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers while meeting other Catholics committed to professional voung and spiritual growth. Sharon Krause of Krause Group (parent company of Kum & Go) and Dalla Terra Ranch will be our featured speaker. She will talk about the alignment of one's personal and faith-based mission in the workplace and beyond! Free childcare is provided if you register by Jan 17. Register today at www.dmdiocese.org/ycn!

JOIN "TEAMS OF OUR LADY" FOR A BETTER MARRIAGE

If you are interested in enriching your marriage, come and meet couples that are already involved with doing just that! TEAMS is a group of 5-7 couples that meet monthly to share a potluck meal, prayer, and discuss topics reflecting on faith and marriage. There are couples of all ages in Teams, with and without children. Join us Monday, January 17, 2022 at 7 PM at St. John's Basilica to learn more. Childcare provided. Please email Maria & Mark Campbell at <u>maria.campbell@msn.com</u> or Ann & Brian Moylan at <u>ammoyot@yahoo.com</u> with questions and childcare needs.



INTERNAL CONTROL SPECIALIST JOB OPPORTUNITY The Diocese of Des Moines has an immediate opening in our Finance Department working with parishes and schools. More information can be found on the Employment page of our website under Diocesan openings. <u>www.dmdiocese.org</u>

JOPPA IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS Joppa needs Volunteers to work 2-4 hr shifts at the NEW Joppa Resource Center. Located at 2326 Euclid Ave; Des Moines. Please go out to <u>www.joppa.org</u> and click on Volunteer. This is a great opportunity for those who are retired, service hours for kids, Youth groups or businesses.



MAN-UP WEST, JANUARY 2022-JOIN US FOR OUR 2022 KICKOFF!

Our January meeting will be a two-part meeting. First, Matt Willkom, Iowa Catholic Radio's Executive Director, will join us to launch our 4th year of ManUp West Power Lunch. Then, a discussion of Lenten activities will follow. Our Agenda includes- An update on Iowa Catholic Radio's Plans for 2022, A description of the "Eucharistic Miracles Display" and the stories behind it as well as an explanation of the process to schedule it for your parish, An update on "Exodus 90" which begins January 17th, Updates on other "Men's Small Group" offerings in the Des Moines Area, as well as a preview of some of the presentations scheduled for the Power Lunch in 2022. Our meeting will be Friday, January 14th, Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Des Moines. A lunch from Chick-fil-A will be available for a free-will offering. Register for event at

https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events

THE BISHOP WANTS TO HEAR FROM US Bishop William Joensen invites us to take part in a brief survey that will assist our visioning process for the Diocese of Des Moines. We want to hear of your joys and disappointments, your hopes and priorities for our diocesan future. To complete the survey in English, go here:

<u>https://forms.gle/1mp721t5b8TFcAid8</u> or click on the QR code (print the QR code image next to this note). En espanol: <u>https://forms.gle/nnPzXFtVJcs4oTXj6</u> (print the Spanish QR code image next to this link). The Bishop also invites us to pray that God will grace us with clear vision of His will for the way forward.



ENGLISH VERSION

El Obispo quiere escucharnos

El Obispo William Joensen nos invita a tomar parte en una breve encuesta que ayudará a nuestro proceso visionario para la Diócesis de Des Moines. Queremos escuchar sobre sus gozos y decepciones, sus esperanzas y sus prioridades para nuestro futuro diocesano. Para llenar esta encuesta en inglés, visite <u>https://forms.gle/1mp721t5b8TFcAid8</u> o haga clic en el código QR (la imagen impresa enseguida de esta nota). En español: <u>https://forms.gle/nnPzXFtVJcs4oTXj6</u>. El Obispo tambien nos invita a orar para que Dios nos conceda la gracia de una visión clara de su voluntad para nuestro futuro.

> SPANISH VERSION



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SPIRITUALITY OF THE READING

Staying With

Today marks the formal end of the Church's Christmas season. Jesus' birth into earthly life has now been sufficiently celebrated. His public life comes next and his baptism begins it, even though the vestment color is still white. I know, I know, Christmas has been over for ages and we are making ready for Easter eggs or whatever else. But the Church has sense and gives us a Christmas season of weeks instead of just ripping down decorations and going on to the next thing. Good for the Church.

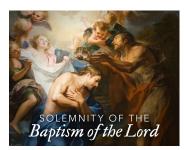
But what about Jesus' public life, beginning with Baptism? In the <u>Gospel</u> we hear the voice of God the Father speaking to him. This only happens twice in the Gospels, though on the other hand, Jesus talks and prays to his Abba often. Here it is the same message from God both times. "You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased" (<u>Gospel</u>).

Who would not want to hear these words over and over? I would. The beloved of God! It is like having candy and circuses and ice cream and all your favorite things. God has settled upon you as his special one. Everything will be fine. Except that "being fine" is not the true meaning of "beloved."

I was visiting a Jesuit friend of mine in Washington DC, Pete, who is a prankster. He was in the kitchen cooking up homemade spaghetti. Icky sticky mess.

I asked him what time something or other was going to happen and he said "I don't know, but we can ask Joe." Joe was another Jesuit who on that Saturday was working at his job in the Jesuit Conference building. My friend put the kitchen phone on its speaker and floured in the phone number.

Joe answered and Pete said, "Hi, how are you doing, Joseph?"



Joe said, "Just great."

Pete said, "How wonderful, since you are spending your weekend working."

Joe said, "No it is ok. God told me everything was going to be fine."

Without skipping a beat Pete said, "Yeah that's what he told his Son."

I was on the floor laughing at such a funny, quick, piercing reply, delivered seemingly with no forethought at all. But notice what is behind that joke. God does in fact tolerate pain and suffering, now in his beloved son, on the cross. This is the other side of being the beloved of God.

Suffering, temptation.

Jesus heard the voice from the cloud and went to the desert to ponder. Maybe by now he saw the implications. The devil was going to give him huge, slick temptations to help win him over. Build up your earthly power and honor, use your now public status as "Beloved." Be big.

Directly and deeply contrary to Jesus' mission, of course, but God let the temptation happen.

Why? Well, God is like a parent watching a teenager's growing pains. Help all you can, but definitely do not stop the growing.

Temptation and suffering create an urgent need in a person to open up, to broaden the scope, to better understand what love is, to see that love does not mean God taking charge and making everything alright but rather God *staying with* the beloved, continuing to love and admire him or her, since love at its root means sharing another's life, not taking it over.

To paraphrase the Father's words at the Jordan: receive my love that never runs away, never let go, even in the desert, even on the cross.

John Foley, SJ

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READING I Isaiah 40:1-11

PSALM 101:1b-30

READING II Titus 2:11-14. 3:4-7

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-22

Question for Children: What are some things you can do to please God?

Question for Youth: "With you I am well pleased." What are you doing right now that is pleasing to God? How does it feel to live that way?

Question for Adults: Name a time when you felt your actions were pleasing to God.

Use these activities as a way to further reflect:

• Place holy water in a special dish near the entrance of your home. Encourage family members to bless themselves with the sign of the cross each time they enter or leave the house. Practice making the sign of the cross as a reminder of our baptism and of our identity as God's adopted sons and daughters.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

Raymond was born near Barcelona, Spain. At the age of 20, he became professor of philosophy at the Cathedral School of Barcelona, and eventually earned doctoral degrees in law. When he was called to the Dominican order, and he asked that he be given menial tasks to overcome his vanity. He became Pope Gregory IX's confessor and codified and edited canons of the Church. From 1230 to 1917 his work was the authority on canon law. After asking to be relieved from his appointment as Archbishop of Tarragona in Aragon, he was elected Superior General of the Dominicans where he reformed, clarified, and put into permanent form the Constitution of the Dominican Order. He lived to be 100 years old and spent his last 35 years in prayer and seclusion. He is the patron saint of attorneys, canon lawyers and medical record librarians.

Raymond's message today: God gives each one of us many talents. It is important how we use them. Raymond recognized that it is easy to forget where these gifts came from and that they are not created by ourselves but must be used for God's work.

What gifts have you been given? How are you using them?

"Look then on Jesus, the author and preserver of faith: in complete sinlessness he suffered, and at the hands of those who were his own, and was numbered among the wicked. As you drink the cup of the Lord Jesus (how glorious it is!), give thanks to the Lord, the giver of all blessings."

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ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT

FEAST DAY 7 JANUARY

PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF JAN 9 2022

	SUNDAY 1/9	MONDAY 1/10	TUESDAY 1/11	WEDNESDAY 1/12	THURSDAY 1/13	FRIDAY 1/14	SATURDAY 1/15
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL			PTO MTG 6PM		BOE MTG 6PM	Talent Show Submissions Due	REMINDER NO SCHOOL MONDAY JAN 17
FAITH FORMATION			RCIA 6:30 PM CH	Faith Formation 6:30PM SR			
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM 10:30AM	No Communion Service	Mass 8:30AM	School Mass 8:30AM Hosted by Grade 6	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:15PM	Mass 8:30AM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM Sunday Reading Group MEN'S 7:30AM SR WOMEN'S 8:30AM CH
AND MORE	Baptism Of the Lord		First Eucharist Parent Meetings 6:30PM	First Eucharist Parent Meetings 6:30PM 9th Grade Confirmation Class 6:30PM			

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

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS DAILY MASS READINGS @ https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100421.cfm

Sunday Jan 9 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass

Monday Jan 10

Tuesday Jan 11 8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday Jan 12 8:30 AM School Mass

Thursday Jan 13 8 AM Mass 2-9 PM 4:15 PM

Friday Jan 14 8:30 AM Mass

Saturday Jan 15 3-3:45 PM 4:30 PM Mass

Sunday Jan 16 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass **BAPTISM OF THE LORD** Jim Durbala Diane Smith

NO Communion Service

Ruth & Jim Wright

Charlie Ambelang

Marcie Coleman Adoration Rosary

Beverly Poncin

Reconciliation Laura Falconi

For the Parish Michael Wright

NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday Jan 15 4:30PM

Altar ServersTyler Leo & Elijah DuShaneLectorsGary Thull & Kathie ObradovichEMHCTeam 3Musical CoordinatorTom Quiner

Sunday Jan 16 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Lectors EMHC Children's Liturgy Musical Coordinator Cameron Good & Jack Ernst Jean Severson & John Goode Team 1 Pam Hellman Frances Paterik

Sunday Jan 16 10:30 AM

Altar Servers Lectors EMHC Children's Liturgy Musical Coordinator Claire Zwier & Volunteer Peggy Jones & Matt Connolly Team 3 Paul Bush Frances Paterik

WEEKEND MASSES Sat 4:30 PM / Sun 8:30 & 10:30 AM WEEKDAY MASSES Tue, Wed & Fri 8:30 AM / Thurs 8AM



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