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FROM FATHER MARK MAR 28 2021



GREETINGS

Happy first week of spring!

This week I wanted to share with you some more of the offices and ministries that are supported by the Annual Appeal. An important one is the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis for our Diocese. Among the areas supported by this Diocesan office are:

- Providing curriculum, pastoral leadership, guidance, skill development, professional networking and opportunities for growth for catechetical leaders (directors of religious education, Catholic School principals and youth ministers).
- Assisting parish communities in developing comprehensive youth ministry/adolescent catechesis and a systematic process for high school Confirmation which evangelizes high school youth to become missionary disciples.
- Developing comprehensive programming to evangelize and support young adults.
- Developing comprehensive programming to evangelize students on the college campuses throughout the Diocese of Des Moines.
- Organizing National Catholic Youth Conference for 500 youth in the Diocese.
- · Planning and implementing the Diocesan Youth Rally.

This ongoing training, support and events are all critical in continuing Catholicism with the next generation. These programs and ministries supported by the Annual Appeal are ones that simply cannot be administered by an individual parish alone.

As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, I would like to set our goal as a parish this year as the following:

- 1. Make our parish assessment AND
- 2. Raise our number of pledges to 400 or more

Keep in mind, any amount we go over our assessment stays here in the parish for our own use! Conversely, any shortage would have to be made up out of our operating funds.

We are off to a good start, but still have a ways to go. Thank you to all those who have already made such generous pledges. Remember all pledges regardless of size help us to make our assessment. We are counting on your commitment to supporting and growing our faith beyond our four walls with the help of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Have a good week.

Fr Mark Neal

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Dear Friends in Christ,

A special spirit of unity is pervasive among Christians around the world during the season of Lent and as we continue into Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. It is quite natural that our prayer reflects a special awareness of the Holy Land.

Each year we are invited by the Holy Father to offer monetary gifts on Good Friday which will help support Christians in the Holy Land. Many of our sisters and brothers there depend on the collection for their lives. This collection provides the direct link for each of us to be witnesses for peace and also to protect the Holy Places.

Just as in all parts of the world, the pandemic has impacted pilgrimages to the Holy Land where the pilgrims have been a great source of income for the people there. However, there are hopeful signs as well. The Catholic Church is providing formation and education, conducting pastoral ministry, housing and feeding the poor and maintaining parishes and shrines in the Holy Land.

Pope Francis has challenged all of us to "become bearers of hope." Through our generous gifts, we can be instruments in bringing that hope to the Christians in the Holy Land. We can be part of the ministry of the Holy Land Franciscans who continue to nourish the people there with presence, care and service just as they have for the past 800 years.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity as we reach out to our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. May you be abundantly blessed as we anticipate the glory of the Easter Season.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D.

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Bishop of Des Moines

Enclosure

FROM THE CHURCH MAR 28 2021

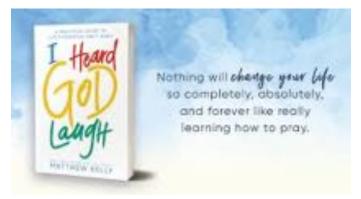


SERVING THE SUFFERING CHRIST As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let's reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference: those who proclaimed him king of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? Visit **crsricebowl.org** to learn more.

NCYC 2021 IS ON! The National Catholic Youth Conference will be held this year from Nov 18-20 in Indianapolis. It's open to all who will be freshman-senior students in the 2021-22 school year. The theme is Ablaze! NCYC is the largest gathering of Catholic youth in the country—it's a biennial three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. Teens and their group leaders enjoy speakers, workshops, live music, rousing sessions, reconciliation and a beautiful closing liturgy. Best of all, teens are part of an enormous community of peers who love Jesus, their Catholic faith, and aren't afraid to show it. Teens and youth leaders then bring the experience back to their parishes. Only 10,000 tickets will be sold! We are hosting an information night on Tues, March 30th at 7PM for both parents and teens in the social room. Cost, hotel information, COVID mitigation, questions and cancellation policy will be discussed. We need a final count of who wants to go from our parish no LATER than APRIL 15! Feel free to bring a friend. Please come and to learn more--you don't want to miss out.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED...

Frank Keiter, husband of Tammy Keiter of our Parish



EASTER GIFT After all masses on Easter Weekend, Holy Trinity will be giving each family a book entitled <u>I Heard God Laugh</u> by Matthew Kelly. The book is a practical guide to life's essential daily habit and will help all of us grow closer in our relationship with God. This gift was made possible by donations from the Altar and Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus, members of the parish, as well as donations from individuals from other parishes. May this Easter Gift bring your family many blessings.

EASTER DECORATING Please help us decorate for Easter on Saturday, April 3rd from 7:00-9:00 am in the morning. Many hands make light work....this is a beautiful way to finish your Lenten Season. Contact Brad Rea, 314-5239 if you have any questions. Thank you for your service.



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ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED We can have 2 Altar Servers at Weekend Masses. Eligible servers are students already trained with Parental Permission. Parents—email carolynr@holytrinitydm.org with student's name and Mass time availability. We could really use more Altar servers to rotate and support each other. Thank you!

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF MAR 21 2021

Budget - July 2020 - June 2021 YTD Actual Tithing through Mar 21 YTD Budget through Mar 21 \$1,008,000 \$750,961 \$744,909 YTD Overage (Deficit) Tithing for the week ending Mar 21 Number of Donations Received

\$6,052 \$42,141

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FROM THE SCHOOL MAR 28 2021







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COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER



Whatever we raise, we split with you – toward '22 HT Tuition or '22 Gala Auction Bidding Bucks. You pick which you would rather win in our 2021 fundraising raffle. #RaiseMoreWinMore

\$25 per ticket to enter for a chance to win. The more you enter—the better the odds!

This 50/50 Fundraiser will start on Friday April 23. We will post on Facebook where we are in our efforts to encourage you to Raise More, Win More! We will announce the winners LIVE on Facebook.

MORE INFO ON WHERE AND HOW TO BUY TICKETS COMING SOON

- The first 150 who buy \$50 worth of tickets get a FREE pair of Holy Trinity custom socks (be ready to hit the ground running for next year's Gala!)
- The first 50 who buy \$100 worth of tickets get a FREE Holy Trinity custom Peace Pole Sleeve (Share your Love of Holy Trinity with the whole neighborhood!)

Rules and Regs:

Amount awarded is based on amount raised split in half. The more raised, the more that can be won.

- '22 HT Tuition Giveaway is credited in increments of \$1000 to your FACTS account.
- '22 Gala Auction Bidding Bucks is offered in increments of \$500 credit in Greater Giving for 22 Gala Auction use.
- Gift items are limited and pick up at Holy Trinity only—NO Shipping.
- Winnings subject to tax

NOTES ON THE MASS MAR 28 2021

SPIRITUALITY OF THE READING

The Small Things and the Great King

In the <u>Gospel</u>, Jesus is acclaimed as King of Israel by a crowd of people as he rides to Jerusalem on a donkey. It is a great triumphal parade, a high point of local fame and popular success for Jesus.

But I want to ask about the donkey. It's not Jesus' donkey. How did he get it?

The <u>Gospel</u> says Jesus sent his disciples to a neighboring village to untie it and take it away. But why would anyone let the disciples of Jesus simply make off with somebody else's donkey? As far as that goes, how did Jesus even know a donkey was there in that village?

Here's one possible answer. The Gospel says that Jesus was near Bethany when he sent his disciples to get the donkey. So maybe that donkey was in Bethany. Bethany is the home of Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Like the donkey, which is a humble beast, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are small and ordinary people. Nobody would acclaim them in great parades. But they are nonetheless the particular friends of Jesus. Maybe the donkey belongs to them or to their friends. Maybe Jesus knows exactly where that donkey is because he has seen it when he was visiting Mary and Martha and Lazarus. Maybe the villagers are so ready to let the disciples of Jesus take the donkey because they know and trust Jesus.

On this way of reading the story, with the people shouting and acclaiming him King, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the small beast which comes from the village of his particular friends, two ordinary women and their equally ordinary brother.

And here's the sequel. The crowd that acclaims Jesus so greatly is next seen shouting for his crucifixion. That's how much fame and popular success are worth. And here's what particular friendship with the Lord is worth. When Jesus ascends to God the Father, do you know what place he chooses as the site for his ascension? It's Bethany (<u>Luke 24:50</u>), where his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus live.

And so in his royal procession, on that little donkey, our Lord shows us what is truly worth caring about, the small things, the particular things so dear to us and to our great King.

Eleonore Stump



BRING THE GOSPEL HOME MAR 28 2021



PALM PROCESSION: MARK 11:1-10 OR JOHN 12:12-16

READING I: ISAIAH 50:4-7

PSALM: 22:8-9; 17-24

READING II: PHILLIPIANS 2:6-11

GOSPEL: MARK 14:1-15:47

Question for Children: Name one thing that you will do each day this week to remind you that Jesus died and rose to new life for you.

Question for Youth: We hear the story of Jesus' death each year. What did you hear differently this year? How has your faith changed in the past year?

Question for Adults: Identify and share one way that you personally "die in Christ."

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Vincent Ferrer, Priest

The son of a Scottish nobleman and his Spanish wife, Vincent was born in 1350 in Valencia, Spain. He entered the Dominican order at the age of eighteen and was sent to Barcelona to continue his studies. By the age of twenty, Vincent was teaching philosophy at Lérida. He would, over time, teach and preach over much of Europe, gathering a vast number of followers. As a young priest, Vincent was called into the service of Cardinal Pedro de Luna. He was sent on diplomatic missions to persuade the rulers of the Spanish kingdoms to support the antipope Clement VII. Largely successful in these tasks, Vincent then carried on his own missionary work.

Vincent's message today: Few of us will have visions of Christ calling us to ministry, but all of us are called by God for a purpose in life.

Do you know what you are called to? Do you take some time in your prayers to listen or do you just talk?



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DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY MAR 28 2021



Please join the DM Faith Committee for Peace for a virtual ecumenical prayer service to raise voices in support of justice and peace and an end to racism. This will be on Palm Sunday, March 28th at 3:00 pm. We will remember the true meaning of Palm Sunday. It will be live-streamed from Capitol Hill Lutheran Church. Access the service at http://chlcdesmoines.org. It will also be on Facebook.





ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL Thank you to all who have given. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Each and every person's gift is important. Remember, when we reach our parish goal, any additional gifts stay right here for our own use. For those who have not made their pledge or one-time gift, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the Diocese that no single individual or parish can offer. Simply fill out a pledge card and place it in the offertory basket or drop it in the mail. Gifts can also be made online dmdiocese.org/giving. Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal!

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During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.

Pope Francis



Diocesan Celebration of

Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11th
at Christ the King Catholic Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 p.m.

Mass at 3:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Divine Mercy Des Moines Committee www.divinemercydesmoines.com



PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF MAR 28 2021

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	SUNDAY 3/28	MONDAY 3/29	TUESDAY 3/30	WEDNESDAY 3/31	THURSDAY 4/1	FRIDAY 4/2	SATURDAY 4/3
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL	Enrolling NOW for 21-22 School Year Sign up today!	Spring Pictures at School					NO SCHOOL/KC MONDAY APRIL 5 Easter Monday
FAITH FORMATION					TRIDUUM RESERVATIONS REQUIRED		
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Palm Sunday Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM	No Communion Service	School Mass 8:30AM Grades K-2	School Mass 8:30AM Hosted by 3E	Holy Thursday Mass 7PM	Good Friday Evening Service 7PM	Easter Vigil Mass 8PM Sunday Reading Grp MEN'S 7:30AM SR
AND MORE			NCYC Info Night For Parents & Teens 7PM SR				Parish Office CLOSED APR 5 Easter Monday

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

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday Mar 28

8:30 AM Mass Janice Radosevich 10:30 AM Mass For the Parish

Monday Mar 29 NO Communion Service

Tuesday Mar 30

8:30 AM Mass Ann Doud Bendernagel

Wednesday Mar 31

8:30 AM Mass Kathy James Grogan

TRIDUUM RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Thursday Apr 1 Holy Thursday

8AM NO Daily Mass 7PM Holy Thursday Mass Frank Keiter

Friday Apr 2 Good Friday

8:30AM NO Daily Mass 7PM Evening Service NO Intention

Saturday Apr 3 Easter Vigil

3-4 PM NO Reconciliation 8 PM Mass For the Parish

Sunday Apr 4 Easter Sunday

8:30 AM Mass Ruth & Jim Wright 10:30 AM Mass Evelyn Bisanti

NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday Apr 3 8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Altar Server Please Volunteer
Lectors Please Volunteer
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Musical Coordinator Dr. Kevin Allemagne

Sunday Apr 4 8:30 AM Easter Sunday

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Children's Liturgy No Children's Liturgy

Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

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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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