April 17, 2022 Easter

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School

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"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." -John 20

Join us in person or Worship Online!



2022

holytrinitydm.org/contact-us Rev. Mark Neal, Pastor (515) 255-3162 x126

FROM FATHER MARK APRIL 17 2022

Greetings.

Happy Easter! In the Gospel today, we hear of Mary Magdalene arriving at the tomb of Jesus and finding it empty. As the Gospel continues she says, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." She is confused, what has happened to Jesus, where has he been taken? When Peter and the other apostle arrive, we hear one believes, we do not know about the other. There is much confusion about the Resurrection.

Likewise, are we not sometimes confused in our own lives and unsure of how to proceed as we try to move forward? Don't we sometimes doubt ourselves and the decisions we have made in life. On Good Friday, we heard Jesus cry out "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" Then moments later, we hear him say with his dying breath, "Into your hands, I commend my spirit." The scriptures tell that Jesus was like us in all things except sin. Maybe in his humanity, Jesus had that moment of confusion, but he quickly places his life in the hands of God his Father.

What of ourselves? We all have those moments of human weakness, those times of doubt and confusion. When the apostles are told Jesus has risen and that he has defeated death, they have a difficult time believing even though they have been told all along that he would rise. In seeing the risen Jesus, they finally come to believe. During this Easter Season, are we able to see God at work in our own lives? Do we even recognize Him amidst those times of confusion and doubt?

As we celebrate Easter, spending time with family, friends, and loved ones, let us all take some time to give thanks for the gift of our faith. We are thankful for our God who assures us that as long as we persevere in the faith, we will not be defeated...not even by death itself. If we look for God and are willing to see him, we can see his presence and his work all around us.

Looking ahead, do not forget to join us next Saturday, April 23 for the Holy Trinity "Holywarts" Gala Auction that begins at 5:30 p.m. There will be many wonderful auction items, great food as well as fun opportunities to support our School & Church. For tickets/registration, go to the front page of our website (holytrintydm.org) or call the Parish Office.

Have a good week

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Fr. Mark Neal





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FROM THE CHURCH APRIL 17 2022

MASS COORDINATORS Beginning on Holy Thursday, we will be restoring the role of Mass Coordinator (MC). If you are a lector, EMHC, children's lector, altar server, please check in with the MC before liturgy. The MC will be checking in ministers at the glass memorial table by the SE door (near the restrooms) at the back of church. All ministers should be present at least 15 minutes before Mass. Thank you for your service to our Parish!

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS IS APRIL 25 If you are planning on baptizing your child at Holy Trinity, a Baptism Class is needed. Please sign up for the April 25 class by calling the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext. 128 or emailing Carolyn Rainey at <u>carolynr@holytrinitydm.org</u>. We look forward to celebrating with your family!

THE PARISH LIBRARY IS OPEN Thank you to Bev Bauder and Kathy Talbot for bringing the library back to life. The library is open 20 minutes before, and 15 minutes after Masses on Sundays and weekdays. It is also open 15 minutes after Mass on Saturdays. Book checkout is on the honor system. Please use the checkout sheet and limit checkout to 3 weeks. If you have books you wish to donate, please leave them in the return book box. Take advantage of this great resource during this Lenten season of growth and throughout the year as well!



Thanks to our Knights of Columbus and their Crew for hosting delicious Lenten Fish Dinners. Shout out HT Youth Group for yummy desserts. We appreciate all our Fish Dinner Patrons!



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2022

Budget July 2021 - June 2022 YTD Actual Tithing through April 10 YTD Budget through April 10 \$1,000,000 \$764,590 \$796,249 YTD Surplus (Deficit) Tithing for the week ending April 10 Number of Donations Received

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HOLY TRINITY'S HOLY TRINITY'S

JOIN US SATURDAY, APRIL 23 for an evening of fun, food & fundraising!

Dinner, Live & Silent Auction Doors Open at 5:30PM

Tickets: \$40 per Wizard Tables: \$400 *Limited Availability*

Please visit <u>https://bit.ly/3wNjL4X</u> to RSVP as soon as possible!

You are cordially invited to...

Holy Trinity's Spring Fling Princess Ball

Saturday, May 7 from 6-8PM Holy Trinity Gymnasium DJ Dancing, Photos, Craft Station & Dessert Bar

> *Space is Limited* Register by May 5 \$25 for Adult + 1 Child \$35 for Adult + 2 Children \$45 for Adult + 3 or more Children

Go to <u>bit.ly/3linKsq</u> to register, <u>bit.ly/36oPQol</u> to volunteer, and <u>bit.ly/3ifhLd8</u> to bring desserts!

A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their donations

baby clothes donation drive

MAY 15 8:30 & 11AM MASSES @ HOLY TRINITY

What is Mary's Helping Hands?

Mary's Helping Hands is a nonprofit organization that provides families in the metro area with basic necessities for their child's first years of life, including baby clothes, diapers, & nursing accessories.

Learn more at: www.maryshelpinghandsiowa.org



Donate via PayPal

DONATIONS NEEDED

- Gently used & new baby clothing, sizes NB-2T'
- Receiving blankets, crib sheets & other bedding
- Maternity clothes (all sizes)
- Baby towels and wash cloths
- Hats and socks
- Bibs and burp cloths



RACE TO HEARTLAND FOR KIDS IN SUPPORT OF MARY'S MEALS

WHEN

Saturday, May 7, 2022 9AM-12PM

WHERE

St. Augustin Catholic Church 545 42nd St Des Moines, IA 50312



Join us for the **9th annual** Race to Feed Kids in support of Mary's Meals! This isn't just your average run/walk. Every single race registration will feed one child at school in Malawi, Africa for an entire year, helping to end hunger and change their story.

Gather with us after the race for family-friendly activities!



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BISHOP DRUMM RETIREMENT GARAGE SALE The garage sale will be held every Thursday starting May 5 through September 29, 8:30AM until 12:30PM. Donate clothing, shoes, household goods and furniture at the rear garage of the property located at 5737 Winwood Dr., Johnston. Please no computers, printers, old tv sets or baby car seats. Contact Helen Thull at 515-669-4621 for details.

JOB OPENINGS Sacred Heart School Kitchen (West Des Moines) will have 2 Utility Job Openings, 1 Full Time, 1 Part Time. For more information and job descriptions, please contact <u>Beckie.Grenier@sacredheartwdm.org</u>.

BISHOP'S CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Join us as we celebrate the life-changing impact our faith-centered education has provided for more than 120 years. This annual event recognizes special honorees, educators, administrators, and volunteers for their impact on our Catholic schools. Join us on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianola! Event Details: 4:30PM Mass in the St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianola Sanctuary; 5:30PM Social Hour in the St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianola Great Hall; 6:30PM Dinner and Awards Ceremony in the St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianola Great Hall



FIGHT FOOD INSECURITY WITH ST. VINCENT DEPAUL Our 2021 Fight Food Insecurity Golf Fundraiser was such a great time – we're doing it again! Save the date for Thursday, May 26 at Copper Creek Golf Course located at 4825

Copper Creek Dr. in Pleasant Hill. Registration starts at 8:30AM with a shotgun start at 10AM. Registration is just \$150 per person which includes hosted food and beverages. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please contact Randi Radosevich at

resourcedirector@svdpdsm.org for details.

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE Based on new CDC guidance and consultations with our local medical experts, the Diocese of Des Moines has removed its strong recommendation for mask use and no longer requires masks during the distribution of Holy Communion. Effective immediately, the following guidance will be provided on our website:

- Masks are optional for the faithful and clergy during Mass and other indoor activities.
- We encourage everyone to discern the use of masks based on their own health and potential immunity.
 Find additional information provided by the CDC about your local situation at https://bit.ly/3u5PEm7.



Diocesan Celebration of Divine Mercy on April 24 at Christ the King Catholic Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2PM-3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3PM Mass at 3PM Celebrated by Bishop William M. Joensen

Refreshments following Mass Sponsored by Divine Mercy Des Moines Committee www.divinemercydesmoines.com

Want more information? Go to dmdiocese.org



Patience

That word haunts me at Easter. Yes, the promise of all ages has now been fulfilled in the Resurrection, and we rejoice.

Even so, we have to wait for our slow selves to understand. We are forced to learn patience.

Remember how Jesus was so unhurried when he learned that Lazarus, his friend, not far away in Bethany, was dying? Jesus delayed four days going there. In other words, he waited "forever" in emotional time. Mary and Martha, those close friends of his, did without him as they buried their brother and grieved. Jesus finally got there and each sister cried out words that tore into him.

You could have saved our brother!

Jesus wept. Yes. And then he replied, "I am the resurrection and the life."

We must decide to entrust still another sluggish part of ourselves to God and to his promise. On this day we rejoice because we can sense the truth of this statement. This day it is spread out before us in the Great Celebration of Easter.

We followers of God and his Christ take a long, long time to get beneath the surface of this feast, to put ourselves into the hands of, after all, what is not a money-back guarantee, but a promise. "You will be my people and I will be your God." It is so tough for us to drink the milk of trust in the same way a child drinks at its mother's breast. We must decide to entrust still another sluggish part of ourselves to God and to his promise.

Maybe it is the length of the Easter Vigil Service that helps us to take in this fact.

In the full Vigil Service there are ten readings, including the Epistle and the Gospel, together with a candle-lightingceremony ("Light of Christ"), and numerous Baptisms. Patience is the name of the game. It lets us hear, in sequence, how Abba God created us and blessed us, how he called upon Abraham, how he rescued the Hebrew people as they ran from their captors in the desert journey (and ran from God too). For a "brief moment," we are told, God loses patience and turns away! But then "with enduring love" takes his people back, offering water to the thirsty and grain to the poor. Can you trust this? How much?

You will be my people and I will be your God.

Finally the Gospel is proclaimed, announcing an empty tomb! The women in the story believe. The men don't. At least not right away.

How about you, woman or man, do you believe? Is Jesus risen or is he not? Or is it after all just a child's fable?

On this Easter weekend, after we have reacted just like the disciples during those seemingly never-ending postcrucifixion days, and even after we sing songs about resurrection, still we do it by faith and trust.

We hear it anew, maybe now more profoundly, with pandemic and Eukraine!

So, we wait, even, with joy!

Halleluiah!

Ultimately we are asked which path we will follow. The skeptical, calculating path of doubters, or the trusting, patient route of those who keep learning to believe—above all and after all—in the tender mercy of God.

Halleluiah!

John Foley, SJ



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READING I Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 **PSALM** 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 **READING II** Colossians 3: 1-4 **GOSPEL** John 20: 1-9

QUESTION FOR THE CHILDREN What is good and new in your life?

QUESTION FOR THE YOUTH Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year?

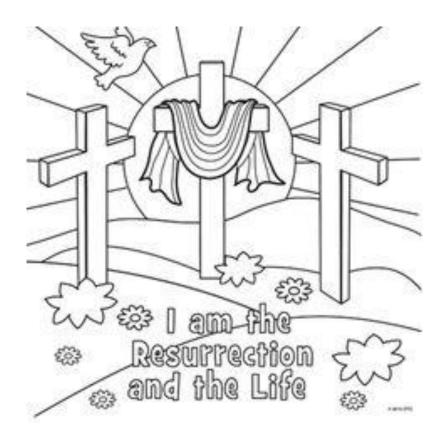
QUESTION FOR THE ADULTS In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life?

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK Decorate an Easter candle to reflect the resurrection of Jesus. Let everyone contribute in some way. Use the candle as a table centerpiece and light it every evening during the Easter Season. SAINT OF THE WEEK Julie Billiart, Virgin and Religious

Mary Rose Julie Billiart was born in northern France. She was exceptionally gifted, but with little education at the age of seven, she memorized the catechism and taught the children in her village its lessons. She celebrated her First Communion at the age of nine, ordinarily reserved for adults. Because of a robbery, then later a shooting of her father, she became partially paralyzed and confined to bed. She spent several hours a day praying, and catechizing young children gathered at her bed. She had to escape persecution for her faith and eventually began the Sisters of Notre Dame. She is the patron of those suffering from illness or impoverishment.

JULIE'S MESSAGE TODAY God will give us all of the strength and knowledge that we need to accomplish the mission that he has given us.

How are you using the gifts that God has given to you to undertake and complete your calling?



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PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF APRIL 17 2022

	Sunday 4/17	Monday 4/18	Tuesday 4/19	Wednesday 4/20	Thursday 4/21	Friday 4/22	Saturday 4/23
Holy Trinity School	WE ARE ENROLLING NOW holytrinitydm.org /school	No School		School Mass Hosted by 5th Grade 8:30AM		No School	
Faith Formation	Easter		RCIA (CH) 6:30PM	Faith Formation 6:30PM			
Adult Faith Formation	Mass 8:30AM & 10:30AM	No Communion Service	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
And More		Parish & School Offices CLOSED					5:30PM RSVP NOW!

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

Mass Schedule, Liturgy Schedule & Intentions

Sunday April 17 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM Mass

Tuesday April 19 8:30AM Mass

Wednesday April 20 8:30AM Mass

Thursday April 21 8AM Mass 2-9PM 4:05PM

Friday April 22 8:30AM Mass

Saturday April 23 3-3:45PM 4:30PM Mass

Sunday April 24 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM Mass **Easter** Marcie Coleman For the Parish

Frank & Janice Radosevich

For the People of Ukraine

Therese Gilroy Adoration Rosary

For the Poor

Reconciliation Ruth & Jim Wright

For the Parish Dale McCormick

Next Week Liturgical Ministers & Altar Servers

Saturday April 23 4:30PM

Altar Servers Lectors EMHC Musical Coordinator

Sunday April 24 8:30AM

Altar Servers Lectors EMHC Children's Liturgy Musical Coordinator

Sunday April 24 10:30AM

Altar Servers Lectors EMHC Children's Liturgy Musical Coordinator Tyler Leo & Elijah DuShane Mary Sanders & Lorraine Riseley Team 1 Tom Quiner

Copic & Jacaob Heikes Doug Gross & Ann Benetti Team 2 Chris & Kaylyn Sachs Tom Quiner

Siobhan Bigelow & Volunteer Margaret Toomey & Tim Stacy Team 1 Jean Smith Frances Paterik

Weekend Masses Times Sat 4:30PM, Sun 8:30AM & 10:30AM Weekday Masses Times Tue/Wed/Fri 8:30AM, Thurs 8AM



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