



Holy Trinity

Catholic Church and School

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May 2

Fifth Sunday
of *Easter*

2021

Taking the Journey TOGETHER



*I am the vine,
you are the branches*

John 15: 1-8

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IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE
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We heard from so many of you about how
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community! We don't want to let this
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Thank you!

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FROM THE CHURCH MAY 2 2021

2021 BREAKING BREAD MISSALS

We invite each Parishioner to take home a hard copy of the 2021 Breaking Bread Missal and bring it back for your personal use each week. Please **DO NOT** leave them in the pews or they will have to be recycled. The Missals are located on a table in the back of the church. Also, there is a new App available for a small cost that is approved by the USCCB. Below is the information for downloading it to your mobile device. Go [HERE](#) for more information or to purchase. Note: We will be transitioning away from posting music on our website to using our take home Missals or Breaking Bread App beginning the weekend of May 22/23.

Your parish missal is now available as an app!

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AN INVITATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
If you are a graduating High School Senior & member of Holy Trinity parish, please join us as we celebrate you and pray for your continued success at the **10:30 Mass on Sunday, May 16th**. The graduates will have reserved seating. If you can join us, please RSVP to the parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org or 255-3162 x226



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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. Thank you!**

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED...

William Bell Parishioner and husband of Itasca Bell of our Parish

Diane Smith Parishioner and wife of John Ecker of our Parish



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF APR 25 2021

Budget - July 2020 - June 2021	\$1,008,000	YTD Overage (Deficit)	(\$4,368)
YTD Actual Tithing through Apr 25	\$839,249	Tithing for the week ending Apr 25	\$29,655
YTD Budget through Apr 25	\$843,617	Number of Donations Received	305

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FROM THE SCHOOL MAY 2 2021



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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.

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All parents who attend get a Comfy Clothes Day pass for their student!

ATTENTION ALL HOLY TRINITY PARENTS!! The Holy Trinity PTO relies on parent support and we need to build up our roster of volunteers. Please join us for our FINAL meeting of this school year on May 13th at 6 PM (zoom links posted on the PTO Facebook page)

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FROM THE SCHOOL MAY 2 2021



DISCOVER THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
DIFFERENCE AND EARN A

\$1,500 TUITION GRANT!

Families who transfer their children to Holy Trinity Catholic School may be eligible for a tuition grant if you enroll between now and June 30, 2021. Tuition grants are available for each child in grades 1-7 for the first two years of enrollment.

YEAR ONE: \$1000 credit on full tuition for each eligible student

YEAR TWO: \$500 credit on full tuition for each eligible student

Families with students enrolled at Holy Trinity currently can earn a \$500 credit for each family they refer that enrolls.

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NOTES ON THE MASS MAY 2 2021

SPIRITUALITY OF THE READING

Cutting Back

The Gospel for this coming Sunday of Easter has the familiar story about the vine and the branches. Jesus, vine, is rooted and stable and will always bring us all the nourishment we need.

Maybe you would like to stop there and contemplate such a rich image. Do so if you would like.

Because just beyond it there is the small matter of being pruned. To prune a plant is to cut parts of it off. Jesus mentions it twice in our reading: Speaking as the vine, he says that the Father takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes, so that it bears more fruit.

Ouch.

If we bring forth no fruit, we “will be thrown out like a branch and wither.” If we bear some, we have to be pruned. We lose either way!

And it seems to be our fault:

If only I were a better person, if only I had done the right thing, if only the world were different, if only I had been dealt a better hand in the game of life, or, or, or. If I weren’t so full of guilt I wouldn’t have to be pruned. It is all my fault!

But guilt is a major feature of human life. “Everything goes wrong,” it says. To tell the truth, many people take the crucifixion as a direct result of their own sins. “I caused this. My sins killed Jesus.” This is not completely false, but it is out of control. How could your small sins take down the Lord of the universe? So could there be a better way to deal with guilt? Yes.

First, decide whether you are bearing no fruit at all. None. If that is really and actually true, then get help from someone, because spiritually you are dying. Most of us do bear good fruit—it is just that we don’t remember that we do.

Second, with that settled, look at what pruning is. It is a way to make things better, make a better plant, a better tree, a better orchard. If you cut tired old branches from your Philodendron, for instance, it will begin to thrive again, not wither. Pruning encourages new growth and the overall health of the plant or tree.

Third, seen in that way, you and I do need to be trimmed regularly, don’t we? Here is an example. Maybe unconsciously we have been thinking that we ourselves are the vine, independent of Christ, not just a branch. The reason pruning would help is not that we should be punished, but that it promotes health of the whole person, the whole garden, the whole orchard—the mystical body of Christ.

Trust the steadiness of Jesus’ gardener hand. Trust even while suffering. Drink in your overflowing share of trust at Sunday’s table of the Lord. Let the Word instruct you, let the body and blood of Christ, which was pruned to almost nothing, fill you and shape you.

Then you can say to the Lord with the rest of us, go ahead, trim whatever gets in the way! I am not the vine, I am a branch. My job is not to be perfect, it is to remain in you, Christ, and to let you do good within me and through me and us.

John Foley, SJ

Father Foley can be reached at:

Fr. John Foley, SJ



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BRING THE GOSPEL HOME MAY 2 2021

READING I: ACTS 9:26-31

PSALM: 22:26-32

READING II: 1 John 3:18-24

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

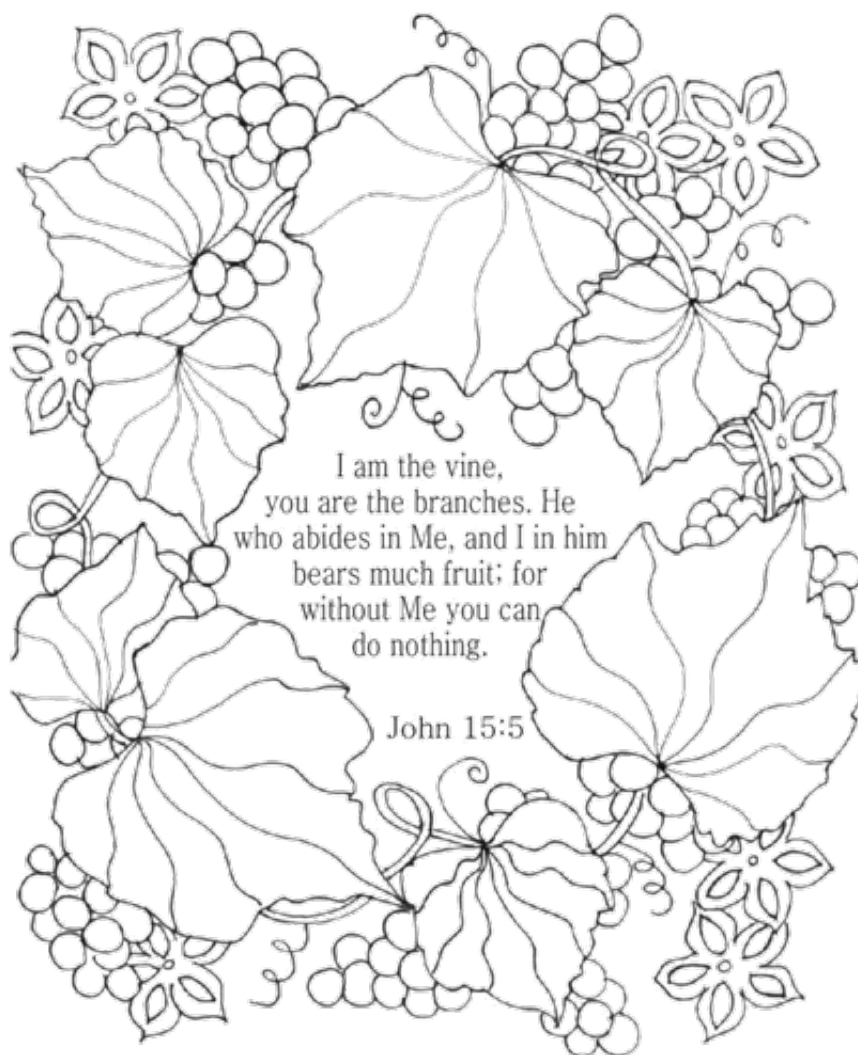
Question for Children: How do you keep yourself connected to Jesus in your daily life?

Question for Youth: Jesus is the vine – we are the branches, connected to Him as our life-source. When do you feel most connected to Jesus in your everyday life? How can you go there more often?

Question for Adults: How does your own connection to Christ, the vine, affect your daily life? What image from this reading helps you see the importance of this connection to Christ?

Here is a family activity to further reflect on the Sunday readings:

- Go on a nature walk with your family and collect tree branches. When you get home, attach string to the branches and create a mobile. Remind each family member how Jesus is the vine, the support in each person's life, and how we serve as branches to spread his word to all.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Pancras, Martyr, d. c. 304

A young saint about whose little is known is Pancras. He is thought to have been born in Phrygia around the year 290. He was brought to Rome by his uncle, Saint Dionysius, in the early Fourth Century where both were converted to Christianity. This was the period when the persecution by the emperor Diocletian was beginning. Though the circumstances are not known, it is believed that Pancras and his uncle were called upon to worship pagan gods and refused. Pancras, at the age of fourteen, was then beheaded. His uncle died later in prison. Pancras was buried in a cemetery in Rome, which later was named after him. In the Seventh Century, Pope Vitalian sent relics of St. Pancras to England as the evangelization of that land was getting underway. St. Augustine of Canterbury later dedicated the first church built in England to the saint. Today, many churches and public places in England, including a borough and a railroad station, are named after this saint. St. Pancras is a patron of children. He is also patron against false witness and perjury.

Pancras' message today: At any age, it is never easy to stand up for one's beliefs in the face of persecution, be it threat of death or just ridicule. This young saint had the courage to accept death rather than turn against his beliefs. *Pray that God will give you the moral fiber to answer scorn with strength if you are faced with abuse.*

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DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY MAY 2 2021

DIACONATE ORDINATION OF ALEX KRAMER

Holy Trinity—All parishioners of Holy Trinity are invited to join me in celebrating my diaconate ordination, the final step before my priestly ordination next summer (2022) in Des Moines. It will be in Rome at St. Peter's Basilica on Thursday September 30th, 2021. In order to facilitate travel, a pilgrimage has been organized for all interested. If you would like to travel with the pilgrimage group, please visit the following website for more information and in order to register for the pilgrimage (<https://www.traveltymepilgrimages.com/diaconate-ordination-of-alex-c-kramer>). Please note that there is no deposit required for registration. If you register online and choose the "check" option for the deposit, you can register without paying. The maximum group size is 28 and a final decision will be made in mid-June as to whether the pilgrimage will be able to occur. While there is an organized group, anyone is free to travel to Rome for the ordination. If you choose to travel on your own, please contact me (akramer@pnac.org) so I can arrange tickets for the ordination. I thank the parishioners of Holy Trinity for your support over the many years of seminary formation and ask for your prayers as I near the end of my time in seminary. Be assured of my continued prayers for all of you! In Christ, Alex Kramer



ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN Please join us in saying the Rosary for the unborn each Saturday morning at 10 am in front of Planned Parenthood, 1040 E Army Post Rd, Des Moines IA on the public sidewalk. We will pray for the unborn. We also hope this will give people passing by the opportunity to think about their stand on abortion. For questions call Kathy at 641-660-8446.

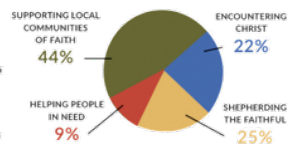
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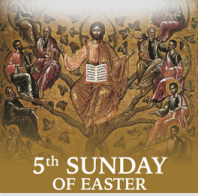
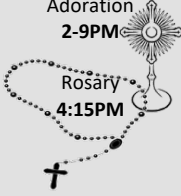
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PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF MAY 2 2021

	SUNDAY 5/2	MONDAY 5/3	TUESDAY 5/4	WEDNESDAY 5/5	THURSDAY 5/6	FRIDAY 5/7	SATURDAY 5/8
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL	Enrolling NOW for 21-22 School Year Sign up today!	\$1 JEANS DAY				NO SCHOOL KC Open	
FAITH FORMATION				Faith Formation via Zoom Closing Night All Grades 6:30PM			
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM 10:30AM 	No Communion Service	School Mass 8:30AM Hosted by 1B	School Mass 8:30AM Hosted by 4W	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:15PM 	Mass 8:30AM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Sunday Vigil Mass 4:30PM Sunday Reading Grp MEN'S 7:30AM SR WOMEN'S 8:30AM CH
AND MORE							

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 May 2

8:30 AM Mass For the Parish
10:30 AM Mass Jim Cooney

Monday May 3

NO Communion Service

Tuesday May 4

8:30 AM Mass Therese Gilroy

Wednesday May 5

8:30 AM Mass Kitty James Grogan

Thursday May 6

8 AM Mass Dr Paul & Alice Giblin
2-9 PM Adoration
4:15 PM Rosary

Friday May 7

8:30 AM Mass Gertrude Percy

Saturday May 8

3-3:45 PM Reconciliation
4:30 PM Mass For the Parish

Sunday May 9 Happy Mother's Day

8:30 AM Mass Ruth & Jim Wright
10:30 AM Mass Marty Olsen

NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday May 8 4:30 PM Sunday Vigil

Altar Server Tyler Leo & Volunteer
Lectors Kathie Obradovich & Olivia Kiernan
EMHC Team 2
Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

Sunday May 9 8:30 AM

Altar Server Gabe Polich & Volunteer
Lectors Guy Leman & Jean Severson
EMHC Team 1
Children's Liturgy No Children's Liturgy
Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

Sunday May 9 10:30 AM

Altar Server Josh Spencer & Volunteer
Lectors Tom Green & Peggy Jones
EMHC Team 2
Children's Liturgy No Children's Liturgy
Musical Coordinator Dr. Kevin Allemagne

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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