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January 12th, 2025

*Baptism of the
Lord*

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

*“The Lord takes
delight in his
people.”
Psalm 149*

From Father Mark | January 12th, 2025

Greetings,

Happy new year! It's hard to believe we have begun another year....2025. I want to say how thankful I am for Holy Trinity and its people! Let's all take some time to consider all the blessings in our lives, especially the people for whom we can be so thankful. 2025 will also be a special year in our Church. The Pope has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee year. The theme for our Jubilee year is Hope. We are called to be pilgrims of hope. Let's all try to keep in mind how important hope is in our lives. It is hope that allows us to look to the future, to hope for a better life for our loved ones, hope for a better world.

Faith and hope are so important in our lives and are so closely related. When we have faith we are able remain hopeful. When we are hopeful, it can help us to remain faithful. Let's all hope big for 2025; for our families, for our world. Let's all hope big for our spiritual home; Holy Trinity and let's do all we can to make those hopes a reality.

Have a good week,

Fr. Mark Neal



Holy Trinity Book Club

Starting January 2025

- 1) Purchase our club's book from Beaverdale Books, Divine Treasures, or Amazon.
- 2) Read three chapters a month.
- 3) Join a discussion time that works for you.

Thursdays - 8 P.M.

Dates: 1/30, 2/27, 3/27

Location: 4208 Adams Ave.

Host: Kathleen Meradith-Eyers
k.meraditheyers@gmail.com

Fridays - 9 A.M.

Dates: 1/31, 2/28, 3/28

Location: 3015 40th PL

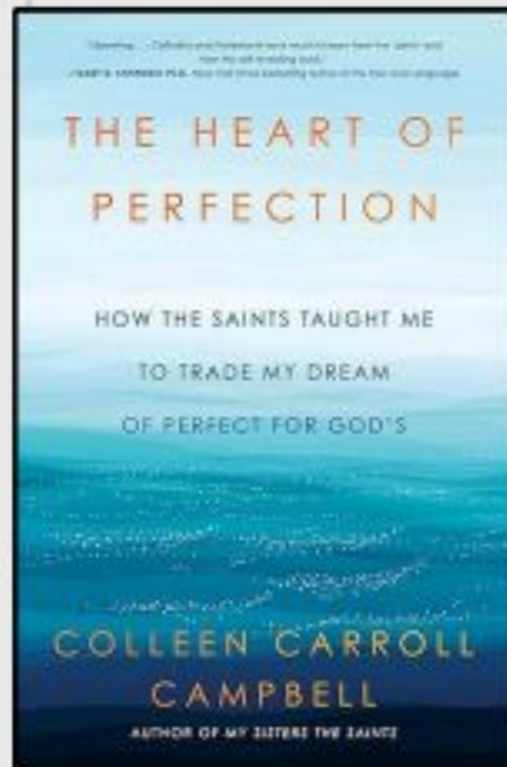
Host: Sophie Klaus
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Saturdays - 11 A.M.

Dates: 1/25, 2/22, 3/29

Location: 2629 38th St.

Host: Meghan Thorne
meghanmc515@gmail.com



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From the Church | January 12th, 2025

Parish Business Directory. Want to share information about your business with parishioners at Holy Trinity?

[Fill out this Directory form](#) and be added to our new business directory housed on our secure portal. Reach out to Jan Swinton with any questions.

Still Here. Sharing Sacred Scripture with Loved Ones in Memory Care. Are you grieving and missing a family member who has been placed in Memory or Alzheimer's Care? They are still here and we would love to minister to them.

We can make brief, peaceful visits and pray the sacred scriptures or Liturgy of the Hours for them. Our loved ones can still hear the still, small voice of the Lord!

To ask us to visit your loved one please call Deacon Troy Thompson (515-447-5707) or Jan Swinton, Parish Secretary (515-255-3162).

Rosary. please join our HT school and parish community in praying the rosary. We'll meet at the Bigelows house (403 42nd Street) at 8 pm on the first Monday of each month for intentions, rosary and fellowship. If you're not familiar with the rosary, come learn. We'll meet on Monday, January 6.

Please contact Sarah with questions:

ssullivanbigelow@gmail.com



Do you know of someone who is homebound? Do you know one of our Holy Trinity family who is homebound, in a care facility, hospital or hospice and would like to have a visit and possibly share in Holy Communion? Maybe they are not up to having a visitor but would enjoy a phone call, email or letter? If so, please contact our Pastoral Care Minister, Deacon Troy Thompson at troyt@holytrinitydm.org. 515-255-3162 ext 124 or 515-447-5707.

Coffee and Donuts. It's a new year! And we are looking for new volunteers. We are looking for volunteers to help serve coffee and donuts on Sundays after 8:30a and 10:30a masses. This is an important ministry that allows us to gather each week after mass! This is also a great opportunity to volunteer with a group and share more about your organization or group here at Holy Trinity.

If you are interested in signing up for coffee and donuts, please [sign up HERE](#), or contact Gigi Wilwerding at gigiw@holytrinitydm.org.

Nourish for Caregivers. The support group for caregivers is Jan. 13 from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Parish, Archangels Meeting Room. If you're caring for children, a spouse or a parent, take some time for support with Nourish for Caregivers. Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Thompson at troyt@holytrinitydm.org or Deacon Jim Houston at pastoralcare@saintpiuschurch.org

Living the Mystery of the Eucharist. After so much renewed devotion of the Eucharist, we are invited Jan. 18 to reflect on how God is inviting us to live out the Mystery as individuals and as a Church. How do we as believers become what we have received?

[Register here!](#)

Financial Blessings Ending Week of 1/3/25

Budget July 2024 through June 2025	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$230
YTD Actual Tithing	\$481,178	Tithing for the Week	\$12,491
YTD Budget	\$480,948	Number of Donations Received	78



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Speaker & Founder of Safe Social Network

Ben Tracy will be speaking with 3rd -8th grade students during the school day.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH

There will be a parent presentation in the evening: 7pm-8pm

Ben Tracy speaks to more than 100,000 students, parents, and educators each year about digital citizenship, online safety, and responsible social media use.

He shares his own powerful story about how teenage social media impacted his life and discusses cyberbullying, online predators, the relationship between social media and mental health, drugs on social media, and he encourages students to use technology in a positive way.



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From the School | January 12th, 2025

Stem bootcamp: Hydraulic Judobots

When? Monday, January 27th from 3:30-5:30p

Who? 4th-8th grade students

Where? Holy Trinity STEM Lab

Cost: \$25 - will be charged on your Holy Trinity Blackbaud account after the event

RSVP: Only 24 spots, so [click here to reserve your spot](#) today! Sign up closes Sunday, January 19th.

Fourth through eighth grade students are invited to join Ms. Brott for a hands-on STEM Bootcamp where you'll learn how to design and build a functioning judobot using hydraulics! Then you will face off against other students in a Judobot fight.

Want to see what a Judobot fight is? [Click here](#) to see an example of a Judobot fight.

NOW HIRING. Middle School Interventionist. Holy Trinity School is looking for a part time middle school interventionist for math and reading. Applicants must have a valid Iowa Teaching License.

If you are interested in learning more about this position please contact Monica Morrison mmorrison@htschool.org.

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Questions? Email megan.mortier@gmail.com and sarahmseverson21@gmail.com



Uniform Donations. We are accepting uniform donations starting after break! Please make sure uniform items are in good condition when donating. We are currently in high need of pants.



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Upcoming Dates.

- NO SCHOOL: January 20th
- CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: January 26th-31st
- NOON DISMISSAL: January 29th
- NO SCHOOL: February 3rd

Enrollment. Parishioner Enrollment started December 1st at the Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools, our students experience nurturing and innovative environments where smaller class sizes foster big dreams.

Plus, with Education Savings Accounts, an education at our schools might be more affordable than you think! All K- 12 Iowa students qualify for an ESA for the 2025-2026 school year.

Parishioner enrollment begins December 1.

- Parishioner priority enrollment December 1 –January 24.
- General Enrollment opens up January 25.

Schedule your visit today with Mercedes Steinkamp, email her at mercedes@htschool.org



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PRESCHOOL
THRU
8TH GRADE



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JOIN US FROM 11:45AM-1PM



JANUARY 26TH, 2025



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our website

<https://holytrinitydm.org/school/>



BREAKFAST
SERVED IN THE
GYM AFTER MASS
BY THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS!

Women's Evening of Recollection



Women's Evening of Recollection

Monday, January 13, 2025

6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. Augustin Church | 545 42nd Street, Des Moines

Spend a brief time away from the world to be with Our Lord. The Evening is designed to help you spend time alone with God, to look at your life from His perspective, and find practical ways to serve God amid your ordinary work and family life. A priest will present two meditations based upon the spirituality of St. Josemaria Escrivá, the founder of Opus Dei. There will be time for personal prayer, reflection, and confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction.

- 6:30 Confession. Confession will also be available between meditations
- 6:40 Practical Talk
- 7:00 First meditation. Confession. Meditation.
- 8:00 Benediction
- The Women's Evenings of Recollection will take place on the 2nd Monday of each month. No Women's Evening of Recollection in July and December.

Questions: Terry McFarland (630-885-0246).

terryanmcfarland@gmail.com

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS POSSIBLE AND SUCCESSFUL! ESAs are a benefit for Iowa families and empower parents to choose the school that best meets their children's needs. ESA dollars do not provide an additional funding stream to Catholic Schools, rather ESAs provide parents the ability to pay tuition using government funds. Additionally, the actual cost of educating a child at our Catholic schools exceeds the amount of tuition charged. In 2023-2024, the average cost to educate a student in our schools was \$9,105/student in grades K-8 and \$12,918/student in grades 9-12. Charitable giving and parishioner tithing support the cost to educate not covered by tuition payments or ESAs. We are grateful for the continued support our faith community provides. Your support not only makes Catholic schools possible, but successful!

Silent Ignatian Preached Retreat with Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J., March 13-16, 2025. This retreat invites you into a deepening of relationship with God as you enter the Lenten journey. These three days of prayer and reflection will center on God's meeting Abram and three of His Apostles as they are. We'll journey with them as they are invited to a deepening of their relationship with God. No pointing of Divine Fingers but more the invitation to experience God's fidelity to our human fears and questions. Time will be spent in being who we are in God's loving gaze rather than preparing or changing our behavior to do what we should. **Cost: \$425 per person, including room and meals.** **Location: Creighton University Retreat Center located one hour east of Omaha.** [Register here](#) or use the QR code:



2025 Jubilee of Hope. "Hope does not disappoint" (*Rom 5:5*). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years...For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" (*cf. Jn 10:7.9*) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope" (*1 Tim 1:1*). - Pope Francis, **Spes non confundi**

What is a Jubilee? Also known as a "Holy Year," a Jubilee is a special year of remission of sins and universal pardon. It is a time of spiritual renewal, pilgrimage, and reconciliation that occurs every 25 years. The concept is rooted in the biblical tradition found in the Old Testament, where a jubilee year occurred every 50 years, and was marked by the forgiveness of debts, liberation of slaves, and the return of land to its original owners.

[Visit the official website of the Jubilee from the Vatican to stay up-to-date on all Jubilee news and events.](#)



Baptism of the Lord

Christmas- During the Christmas season from December 24th until the Sunday after Epiphany, we reflect upon the mystery of love that is made visible in the birth and early childhood of Christ.

Reading I : Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

God upholds his servant, a light for all nations.

- The first reading from Isaiah sings of God's servant, being upheld by the Spirit.
- God has formed us and we belong to God.
- We are sent to heal and set free.

Reading II : Acts 10:34-38

Jesus is the savior of all nations.

- Anyone called by God is acceptable to Christ.
- Jesus was anointed by the Spirit.

Gospel : Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Jesus is baptized.

- The heavens were opened and God spoke.
- Jesus invited John to baptize him in order to fulfill all that God demanded.
- This is my Son, God said, My favor rests on him.



Bring Home the Gospel | January 12th, 2025

Reading I Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 | Psalm | Reading II Acts 10:34-38 | Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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.

Activity Of The Week Bring out pictures and remembrances of the baptism of each family member. Then tell the story of those events.

Saint Of The Week St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest, 1175-1275

Raymond was born at Villafranca de Benadis, near Barcelona, in 1175 to the noble family of Peñafort, related to the kings of Aragon. A very bright boy, he received the best education available and, at the age of twenty, was professor of philosophy at the Cathedral School of Barcelona.

An interest in law prompted Raymond to move to Bologna in 1210 where he completed his doctoral degrees in both civil and canon law. Occupying a chair in canon law at the university in Bologna for a few years, Raymond became interested in the Dominican order which was drawing a number of his brighter students and fellow professors into their ranks. Returning to Barcelona in 1219, Raymond had the opportunity to meet St. Dominic. Also in this year, Raymond was appointed archdeacon of Barcelona by the bishop.

In 1222, in the year after St. Dominic's death, Raymond, at the age of forty-seven decided that he too was being called to the Dominican order. Part of his reasoning for this decision was that he had grown too self-satisfied with his accomplishments. Recognizing this, he asked the novice master to assign to him the most onerous and demeaning tasks so that he might overcome his vanity. One of the assignments given to Raymond was to use his skills in canon law to assemble for the guidance of confessors a listing of all of the rules which had been worked out by the Church over the centuries for dealing with sins and sinners. The result was a unique compilation, *Summa de casibus poenitentialibus* (Summary of penitential cases).

In 1230, Pope Gregory IX summoned him to Rome where he became the pope's confessor. Gregory also had Raymond edit and codify the many canons of the Church which had been written over the centuries. Some of the more recent canons were restatements of earlier papal bulls and, in many cases, contradicted the earlier decrees. This comprehensive work took several years to complete and remained the most comprehensive authority on canon law until 1917 when a new code was written.

In recognition of Raymond's work, Pope Gregory IX named him archbishop of Tarragona in Aragon in 1235. Pleading to be relieved of this appointment, Raymond returned to Barcelona where he resumed the quiet prayerful life which he was drawn to. This seclusion was not to last however. In 1238, his brothers elected him as Superior General of the Dominicans. Reluctantly, Raymond accepted this appointment and undertook the task of reforming, clarifying, and putting into permanent form the constitution of the Dominican order. He included in this work that the voluntary resignation of the superior, for just reason, should be accepted. This work was accepted by the Dominicans at three general chapters and remained in effect until 1924.

In 1240, pleading old age and illness, Raymond resigned as superior. While he was able to return to his life of prayer and seclusion, Raymond lived another 35 years to his 100th year.

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?*



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Parish Calendar | January 12th, 2025

	Sunday [1/12]	Monday [1/13]	Tuesday [1/14]	Wednesday [1/15]	Thursday [1/16]	Friday [1/17]	Saturday [1/18]
School				School Mass hosted by 4th Grade 8:30AM			
Faith Formation			OCIA (CH) 6:30PM	FF & Edge Class (Rm 103 & 104) 6:30PM			Sunday Reading Groups Men (MC) 7:30AM Women (CH) 8:30AM
Adult Faith Formation	Mass 8:30AM & 10:30AM	No Communion Service	Mass 8:30AM Morning Prayer following 8:30 Mass	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM Morning Prayer following 8:30 Mass	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More				Schola (CH) 6:30PM 9th Grade Confirmation (Rm 101 & 102) 6:30PM			

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

Upcoming Mass Schedule, Liturgy Schedule, and Intentions			
[1/12]	8:30AM	Mass	Max Fahnlander
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
[1/14]	8:30AM	Mass	John "Jack V. Ecker
[1/15]	8:30AM	Mass	Bill Hicks
[1/16]	8:30AM	Mass	For the sick
	2-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
[1/17]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Poor
[1/18]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	For the Parish
[1/19]	8:30AM	Mass	William F. McCroy II
	10:30AM	Mass	Max Fahnlander

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers		
Saturday	Altar Servers	Mary, Anna & Paul Heilman and Maggie Fiddelke
[1/18]	Lectors	Mary Sanders & Todd Treese
4:30PM	EMHC	Team 3
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Evelyn Hunt, Cartier Bryant and Gwennie & Jonah Johnson
[1/19]	Lectors	Linda Willems & Sherill Whisenand
8:30AM	EMHC	Team 3/MC: Katy Polich
	Children's Liturgy	Team D: Alicia & Luke Lynch
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Mia & Madelyn Daskalakes and Bridget & Lydia Caswell
[1/19]	Lectors	Matt Connolly & Tom Green
10:30AM	EMHC	Team 3/MC: Jim Wilwerding
	Children's Liturgy	Team 3: Margaret Toomey & Colton Barney
	Music Coordinator	Eric Sharp

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