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November 12, 2023

Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

Congratulations on your Confirmation!

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Brandon Tran

O God, I pray that you give me a right heart, that I may come to know you in Jesus. Lead me to know the sinfulness of my own heart, and your great love for me, in Christ Jesus. Help those who teach me, to give me the teaching I need. Grant that, on my Confirmation Day, I may be ready to give myself to be your faithful soldier and servant to my life's end; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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YEAR IN REVIEW



1 OVER 400 CELEBRATIONS

Masses and Communion Services were celebrated at Holy Trinity Church by Father Mark Neal and our team of Deacons. These included funerals, weddings, and sacraments celebrated.

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387 STUDENTS

Your children received an award-winning early childhood, elementary, and middle school education for your children within a values-based Catholic School setting.

100s OF CANDLES BURNED

To help light the way in celebrations, illuminate our faith and assist us in celebrating our most sacred sacraments. Their cost totaled over \$1,500.

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TITHING DECREASED

Our Parish tithing decreased this last year by 6 %, while expenses increased by 5%.



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Annual Report





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Find The Strength And Serenity You Need. *Nourish* gathers once a month to support the practical, emotional, and spiritual needs of family caregivers. *Nourish* gives you tools and resources to connect with your faith, encounter Christ, and see the grace and blessings in your caregiving journey.

Focus on pertinent issues like entering into caregiving roles, managing family dynamics, advocating for loved ones, how stress and faith coexist, staying engaged, and end of life.

You are invited! Attend the meeting on Wednesday, November 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

Contact Deacon Dan Maxcy at danm@holytrinitydm.org or Deacon Jim Houston at pastoralcare@saintpiuschurch.org for details.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom 15:13



Register for Baptism Class. Do you want to celebrate your child's baptism at HT? Attend the next Baptism Class on Monday, November 13. Call the Parish Office at 515.255.3162 ext. 128 to register!

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

Financial Blessings Ending November 3

Budget July 2023 through June 2024	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$33,500)
YTD Actual Tithing	\$274,475	Tithing for the Week	\$8,653
YTD Budget	\$307,975	Number of Donations Received	63



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From the Diocese & Community | November 12, 2023

Have you read any good “people” lately? St. Catherine’s Community Formation Ministry invites you to the highly anticipated *CultureAll Open Book* at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Student Center on Saturday, November 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of storytelling, conversation, authentic personal connection, internationally themed appetizers, desserts, beverages, and wine.

This lovely evening of food, fellowship, amazing stories, and meaningful conversation is a free, but space is limited! Contact melinda.a.hendrickson@gmail.com to register by Tuesday, November 14.

Monthly Healing Service. Attend the monthly healing service at St. Ambrose Cathedral at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15. *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

St. Ambrose Cathedral will not host a healing service in December. The monthly healing service returns in January on Saturday evenings instead of Wednesdays.



Work for St Pius X. St. Pius X Catholic Parish is seeking a full-time Director of Music Ministry. The ideal candidate will work closely with the priests and Liturgical Coordinator to assist parishioners in strengthening their relationship with Christ through the musical element of the liturgy.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3KMgmdy> for a full job description, and candidates can submit letters of interest and resumes to spxmusic@saintpiuschurch.org.

Believe, Live, and Celebrate Your Faith! “This was the most joy-filled experience of my life. To be with thousands of other like-hearted individuals was truly uplifting. I want this conference in every city and community. We need that in our world right now.” - 2022 attendee quote.

Mark your calendar for *Christ Our Life Catholic Conference* on September 28 and 29, 2024. Go to christourlifeiowa.com for information and tickets.

Happy Friendsgiving! Join the Young Catholic Singles group for a potluck on Thursday, November 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Sacred Heart. Bring something to share and support the service project for *Innervisions*!

Visit <https://bit.ly/3ub5Vdy> to sign up and email ycdmccatholicsingles@gmail.com for details.



**PETER
HERBECK**

Break the Cycle. Fatherhood, male Church participation, and marriage are at an all time low. Men are in an multigeneration crisis, and it’s time to break the cycle! If today’s men are going to change the trends, we must learn to break ties with father wounds.

But how? Peter Herbeck will take on the problem. Peter is Executive Vice President and Director of Missions at Renewal Ministries. As an internationally renowned speaker, teacher, and author, Peter has been actively involved in forming men for more than 30 years.

Peter will speak on how he broke the cycle in his own life and how you can do the same! See him on Thursday, November 16, at The Tea Room (713 Walnut St.). Scan the code for details!



Our World Needs Prayer. Join fellow Iowans to pray the Rosary for our country. Meet at the west steps of the Iowa State Capitol on the third Sunday of every month. Come rain or shine!

The next two gatherings are Sunday, November 19, at 1:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 17, at 1:30 p.m. Contact Jeff Pierick at 515-778-6087 or Diana Balmaceda at 515-974-7691 for details. Don’t miss it!



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is an Education Savings Account?

An Education Savings Account (ESA) is a deposit of public funds into government-authorized savings accounts which eligible families may use to cover tuition, fees, and other qualified education expenses at accredited nonpublic schools in Iowa.

Am I eligible for tuition assistance if I receive an ESA?

Yes. You can receive an ESA in addition to other tuition assistance that may be available to your family. ESAs were not intended to replace School Tuition Organizations (STOs) and local tuition assistance programs.

Do ESAs take funding from public schools?

No. When students leave public schools using choice programs like ESAs, they free up money for the students who remain at the public school. Taking a student out of public school removes the cost of educating that student at that school. Most of these savings remain in local school budgets where they benefit other students; the rest of the savings go into state budgets. Additionally, for every student enrolled in an accredited nonpublic school, their public school district will receive \$1,178 of additional funding for the 2023-2024 school year – even if the student has never attended their local public school.

Do private schools accept students with diverse learning needs?

Accredited nonpublic schools are committed to working with all learners to the best of their ability, including children who may require additional support. Many schools work with parents and the local public school district of students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) to provide the services identified to meet the academic and behavioral needs of the child. There may be some student needs that nonpublic schools are not able to accommodate, and these decisions are based on the best interests of the child. Contact your local nonpublic school for information regarding admission information and criteria.

How do I apply?

An application will be posted in May of 2024 to the Iowa Department of Education site (<https://bit.ly/3Yd4iJR>). Only one application is needed per household. Parents and guardians can add multiple students attending multiple schools from their households. The application process should take no more than 10-15 minutes, and results will be available immediately.

When is the application deadline?

Applications are due at the end of June 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications are valid for one year; a family must apply annually to remain eligible for the program.

Where do I get more information?

Parents are invited to send their questions to studentsfirst@iowa.gov or call 515-281-5211 for more information.

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time

For a large part of the liturgical year, we devote ourselves to listening to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects unfolded as we seek God's truth and understanding.

Reading I : Wisdom 6:12-16 | Wisdom seeks those who seek her.

- In the Book of Wisdom, the author is associated with Solomon even though it was written after his death.
- Wisdom came to Solomon and he claimed that all the benefits he enjoyed came from her.
- Wisdom herself seeks those who wish to find her.

Reading II : 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | The dead will participate in Jesus' return.

- The Thessalonians believed in the immediacy of Christ's return.
- They became concerned about members of their Christian community who had died.
- In today's passage, Paul assures the Thessalonians that the dead will participate in Christ's glorious return.

Gospel : Matthew 25:1-13 | Readiness is essential for the end time.

- Today's Gospel is part of the last long discourse in Matthew's Gospel.
- The subject of this discourse is the end time.
- The point in the story of the wise and foolish virgins is that readiness is essential.



Bring Home the Gospel | November 12, 2023

Reading I Wisdom 6:12-16 | Psalm 63:2-8 | Reading II 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Question For The Children If Jesus came to your house today, what would you do to get ready for him?

Question For The Youth Even though you are still young, what strategy do you have to make sure you are “ready” for the inevitable moment when you will die?

Question For The Adults How are you preparing to be ready for that moment that no one escapes, the moment when you come to the end of your life as you know it now?

Activity Of The Week Gather the family together for a family meeting. Focus on how your family can keep the door open for the coming of God into your household? Start by discussing ways that family members can be more patient with each other.

Saint Of The Week Margaret of Scotland

Margaret was born in Hungary, the daughter of royal parents. Margaret and her husband, King Malcolm, had six sons and two daughters. Contrary to the general practice of royalty in that time, Margaret took charge of raising and educating her children. King Malcolm was good-hearted, but rough and uncultured. Because of his love for Margaret, she was able to soften his temper and she became his advisor in state matters. It was said that the main goals of Malcolm and Margaret were to maintain justice, to establish religion, and to keep their subjects happy. Margaret encouraged arts and education in her adopted country and instigated religious reform. With her husband, she founded several churches. They cared for the poor and homeless, and allowed their faith to rule their lives.

Margaret’s message today:

A heavy responsibility falls on those who have been given exalted positions. Margaret and her husband recognized the need to provide for those who were less fortunate than themselves. We too must do the same.

Have you accepted the responsibility of caring for those who need your assistance?



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Parish Calendar | November 12, 2023

	Sunday [11/12]	Monday [11/13]	Tuesday [11/14]	Wednesday [11/15]	Thursday [11/16]	Friday [11/17]	Saturday [11/18]
School				School Mass hosted by 4th Grade 8:30AM			
Faith Formation				Faith Formation & Edge Class 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 RCIA (CH) 6:30PM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More			First Reconciliation	First Reconciliation			
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			
[11/12]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass	Ruth & Jim Wright
[11/14]	8:30AM	Mass	Georgette Droessler
[11/15]	8:30AM	Mass	Leon Leinen
[11/16]	8AM	Mass	Fred Hunter
	2-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
[11/17]	8:30AM	Mass	Carl & Elizabeth Neal
[11/18]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	James Formaro
[11/19]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass	Elizabeth Green

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers		
Saturday	Altar Servers	P.&M.Wolfe, M.Fiddelke, J.&N.Niday
[11/18]	Lectors	Dave Bunkers, Marsha Szymczuk
4:30PM	EMHC	Team 1
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	C. Goode, Jack Ernst, Jack Hoodjer
[11/19]	Lectors	Lea Rea, Tim Stacy
8:30AM	EMHC	Team 3
	Children's Liturgy	Breanna Castro
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	V.Skeffington, R.George, B.&L.Caswell
[11/19]	Lectors	Scott Flood, Tammy Keiter
10:30AM	EMHC	Team 1
	Children's Liturgy	Margaret Toomey, Erik Altman
	Music Coordinator	Frances Paterik

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