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November 17th, 2024

Thirty-third Sunday of
Ordinary Time

Taking the Journey TOGETHER



*“Blessed the man who
fears the Lord.”
-Psalm 112*

From Father Mark | November 17th, 2024

Greetings.

Last weekend we had our annual Beaverdale Holiday Boutique; it was a great success with large crowds both Friday night and during the day on Saturday. A big thank you to all our volunteers without whom it would not have been possible. There are so many moving parts in the boutique....it is a daunting task, but our team did a fantastic job. A special thanks to Janelle Kerr, Katie Dall-Winther, and Mallory Bennett for their leadership. Thanks so much!

It's hard to believe we're all already getting close to the holiday season. It is just another week until Thanksgiving. During this upcoming season of giving thanks, let's all call to mind all those people in our lives for whom we can be thankful. Let's tell those in our lives who are so important to us how thankful we are to have them.

Have a good week

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Mark Neal". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Fr. Mark Neal



From the Church | November 17th, 2024

Confirmation. Holy Trinity Parish would like to thank Bishop William Joensen for the beautiful Confirmation service of our young confirmands November 3rd.

"May God the Father almighty bless you, whom he has made his adopted sons and daughters reborn from water and the Holy Spirit, and may he keep you worthy of his fatherly love".

Altar Server Training. Our next server training opportunity will be Sunday, November 17 after the 10:30 mass. Please reach out to Jan Swinton in the Parish office if you would like your student to attend. They must have received their First Communion before going through training.

Building and Grounds Committee. We will be restarting our Building and Grounds committee.

The first meeting will be Tuesday, November 19th at 7pm in the Social Room. If you are interested in assisting with this committee, please join us for our first meeting!



Rosary. Please join our Holy Trinity school and parish community in praying the rosary.

Our next meeting is Sunday, December 8 at 8 pm and will be held at the Bigelows house (403 42nd Street) for intentions, rosary and fellowship. If you're not familiar with the rosary, come learn. Please contact Sarah with questions: ssullivanbigelow@gmail.com

Taize. Holy Trinity's Advent Taizé is a meditative prayer service that quiets the soul in preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. Upon entering the church and getting a song sheet, the candle light and low lights signal it is a time for calm and rest. The lector, cantor and musicians walk you through the 45-minute service. All are invited to listen to the Word and sing simple chants, each followed by short periods of silence. The repetitive nature of this sequence stills us and opens us to God's grace in anticipation of the true Light of Jesus.

This mode of prayer originated in Taizé, France by Brothers who had formed a community devoted to bringing unity to the world and God's One Church. Taizé France annually hosts thousands of youth from all Christian faiths with gatherings, music and fellowship. Today, Taizé is a worldwide community of gatherings in local communities. <https://www.taize.fr/en>

Please join fellow parishioners and community members for this simple and short service the last two Sundays before Christmas.

December 15th and 22nd

5:00 to 5:45pm

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Good Luck! Please, pray for all of those going to the National Catholic Youth conference in Long Beach.

They will be gone from Nov 14-16. It will a trip with a goal to be filled with a greater love and relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic church.

Financial Blessings Ending Week of 11/10/2024

Budget July 2024 through June 2025	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$19,756
YTD Actual Tithing	\$327,906	Tithing for the Week	\$33,437
YTD Budget	\$308,150	Number of Donations Received	274



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Holy Trinity Saint Vincent De Paul

CHRISTMAS PROJECT

As in past years, our Parish SVdP Conference is assisting families with food this Christmas. If your family needs help this year, or if you know a family that could use help, please contact Jan Swinton, jans@holytrinitydm.org or 515-255-3162 ex. 128

***All assistance provided by SVdP is confidential.
Deadline to turn in names is December 2nd.***

SVdP Conference meeting:

- Tuesday, November 26 at 4 p.m. | Holy Trinity School.

We'd love to welcome new members, so please join us if you'd like to learn more about our group and mission.

Any questions reach out to Matt Dore, 515-669-5563 or email at matt.dore@drake.edu

From the School | November 17th, 2024

2nd Grade Readers. A huge thank you to the Jensen family for their incredible gift of the book "Just Like Caitlin" to EVERY second grader in Iowa!

[#justlikecaitlin](#)



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.

Upcoming Dates.

- NO SCHOOL/THANKSGIVING BREAK | Nov. 27th-NOV. 29th
- NO SCHOOL- December 2nd

Spirit Store Open. Get ready to gear up and show your Holy Trinity spirit like never before! We are thrilled to announce the grand opening of our Holy Trinity Spirit Store!

Not only does every order help our school with a small profit going to the School Family Organization to support our teachers, but it's also a great way to show your support, while keeping costs low.

What's in Store for You?

-Self-Servicing Ordering: Browse and order your favorite Holy Trinity gear with ease.

-Home Delivery: Enjoy the convenience of having your spirit wear shipped directly to your doorstep.

-Ship to School: Email will be sent when order is ready; Purchase(s) will be sent home with student.

Every purchase from the Spirit Store helps raise funds for our school community. Start shopping online today at shopholytrinitydm.com!

Watch for future updates with more items and designs.

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



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Call the School Office at 515.255.3162 ext. 115 for more information!

From the Diocese & Community | November 17th, 2024

Tap into Faith.

Meet the Pastor & Musician:

Father James Ahenkora is the new pastor of OLIH & he is also a talented musician.

Details:

Meet with Father James Ahenkora, OLIH Pastor & Musician

Date/Time:

Sunday, November 24, 2024; Doors open at 7:00 PM; Talk begins at 7:30 PM -

Typically Fourth Sundays from August-April

Location: Fenders Brewing: 212 W Van Dorn Street, Polk City, IA 50226

Website - Fenders Brewing:

<https://www.fendersbrewing.com/tapintofaith>

Website - Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/fendersbrewing/>



Santa Lucia Celebration

Sunday, December 8, 3:00PM

Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa
2633 Fleur Dr. Des Moines

Lighting of the Christmas Fire, Candlelight procession and blessing of the congregation and St. Lucy altar with prayer service. Refreshments to follow. Open to the public and is free of charge.

The Basilica of Saint John is hiring a part-time bookkeeper.

If you know of anyone that might be interested, please have them contact the Basilica of Saint John.

Please send resume to: CharlesS@BasilicaofStJohn.org

2024 A Child is Born Christmas Gala

YOU'RE INVITED TO A PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS GALA ON
NOVEMBER 23rd!

Pulse Life Advocates will host a pro-life Christmas Gala, A Child is Born! on November 23rd at the Iowa Events Center in Downtown Des Moines. The evening consists of a cash bar, a delicious dinner, Christmas auction items, and great pro-life speakers.

The Saints & Sinners will provide Christmas entertainment. Tables of ten/\$900; \$100/seat.

Order online
today: PulseForLife.org.

Save the Date. Parishioner Enrollment Starts December 1
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Parishioner enrollment begins December 1.

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



Date change for Nourish for Caregivers:

December 2, 6:00pm at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 3663 64th St. Urbandale IA.



Go to dmdiocese.org for more information!

Thirty Third Sunday Of 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 : Daniel 12:1-3

Those who lead others to justice shall be like stars!

- The first reading is an example of apocalyptic biblical literature.
- After predicting the great destruction of all human kingdoms, Daniel 12 portrays the ultimate victory.
- Today's passage is the clearest statement concerning resurrection from the dead found in the Old Testament.

Reading II : Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Jesus took his seat at the right hand of God.

- Today's reading from the letter to the Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus' victory over sin and death is one in which we already share.
- Jesus will come again, and the believer must be ready.
- The day and hour Christ will come, no one knows.

Gospel : Mark 13:24-32

God alone knows the hour.

- The author of the Gospel of Mark expresses the urgency and need for vigilance felt at this time when Christ might return at any moment.
- Today's passage is an apocalyptic discourse linking the events of the destruction of Jerusalem with the expected second coming of Christ.
- The imagery of cosmic catastrophe surrounds the expectation.



Bring Home the Gospel | November 17th, 2024

Reading I | Psalm | Reading II | Gospel

Question For The Children If Jesus came to visit you today, what would you do? What would say? How would you act?

Question For The Youth If today was your last day, what would you be most thankful for? What would you regret?

Question For The Adults If today was your last, what would you do with it?

Activity Of The Week According to our faith tradition, we do not know the day or hour when Jesus will come again. What would you like to be doing when Jesus appears?

Saint Of The Week Frances Xavier Cabrini, Teacher & Religious, 1850-1917

Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first citizen of the United States to be canonized as a saint. Born Maria Francesca Cabrini at San Angelo, Italy, she was naturalized as a citizen of the United States at Seattle in 1909.

Frances was sent to a convent school at an early age, and dreamed of becoming a missionary in China. At the age of twenty-four, she went to a small orphanage in Codogno called the House of Providence, to help in the management of this institution. During this time, she attracted several other women to help in her work, and in 1877 seven of them took first vows. Shortly after, the House of Providence was closed down, and the bishop encouraged Frances to found her own order of missionary sisters.

The nuns were called the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, and their ministry was the Christian education of girls. The sisters spent the next few years setting up schools and homes for children throughout Italy. Then, in 1889, Pope Leo XIII asked Frances to sail to the United States to work among the Italian immigrants there, and Frances left for New York with six other sisters.

Within three months of their arrival, Mother Cabrini had already founded an orphanage and a school. In the thirty-five years before her death, she was to open sixty-seven hospitals, schools, orphanages, convents, and other foundations in the United States, Central America, and South America. Despite a great dread of water, Mother Cabrini sailed the oceans more than thirty times in her missionary work.

Although she discounted talk of miracles in her life, there are several recorded instances of special favors. One account tells of a sister who had suffered for many years from varicose veins. Her doctor had advised her to wear elastic stocking at all times, but somehow, she obtained a pair of Mother Cabrini's cotton stockings. Upon putting them on, she felt instantly cured. Seeing her walking briskly the next day, Mother Cabrini asked her what had happened. When the sister confessed to wearing her stockings, Mother Cabrini told her, "I hope you are not so foolish as to say my stockings cured you. I am wearing them all the time and they do me no good. It was your faith that did it."

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is the patron saint of immigrants. A memorial honors her on November 13.

Mother Cabrini's message today: The strength of the United States has come from those who have emigrated from other countries to our shores. Mother Cabrini was sent to tend to the needs of these people. Today, we seem to have lost sight of the richness which immigrants have brought to our country.

- *Would you turn immigrants away or do you seek justice for them?*



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Parish Calendar | November 17th, 2024

	Sunday [11/17]	Monday [11/18]	Tuesday [11/19]	Wednesday [11/20]	Thursday [11/21]	Friday [11/22]	Saturday [11/23]
School				School Mass hosted by 2nd Grade 8:30AM			
Faith Formation	Baptism 10:30 Mass 11:30AM Altar Server Training		1st Reconciliation (2nd Grade) (CH) 6:30PM	FF & Edge Class 6:30PM (103 & 104) 1st Reconciliation (2nd Grade) (CH) 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 Mass OCIA (MC) 6:30PM	Mass 8:30AM Schola (Music Room) 6:30PM	Mass 8:30AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM Morning Prayer following Mass	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More	NO COFFEE/DONUTS			9th Grade Confirmation (101 & 102) 6:30 PM			Youth Babysitting (GYM) 4-8PM

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			
[11/17]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass	Max Fahnlander
[11/19]	8:30AM	Mass	Rachel Dubec
[11/20]	8:30AM	Mass	Mike Hanback
[11/21]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Homeless
	2-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
[11/22]	8:30AM	Mass	Mike Hanback
[11/23]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	Albert "Skip" Braak
[11/24]	8:30AM	Mass	Rachel Dubec
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers		
Saturday	Altar Servers	Maren & Payton Wolfe and Mary & Anna Heilman
[11/23]	Lectors	Mary Sanders & Vonnie Salem
4:30PM	EMHC	Team 1
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Kaylee Maloney, Bennett Steinkamp, Hilari Thibodeau and Mary Cate Bergman
[11/24]	Lectors	Steve Stimmel & Luke Lynch
8:30AM	EMHC	Team 1/MC: Karen Quiner
	Children's Liturgy	Team B: Katy Polich
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Joshua Zwier, Colton Barney and Bridget & Lydia Caswell
[11/24]	Lectors	Teresa Baustian & Jim Wilwerding
10:30AM	EMHC	Team 4/MC: Mark Amadeo
	Children's Liturgy	Team 2: Kate McInroy & Jane Kinney
	Music Coordinator	Eric Sharp

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