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November 24th, 2024

Solemnity of Christ
the King

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

*“The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.”
- Ps. 93*

From the Church | November 24th, 2024

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 at Holy Trinity Church

First Reconciliation. We want to extend our deepest and most sincere Congratulations to all of our kids who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday, November 19 & Wednesday, November 20. We had 50 HT second and third graders celebrate the sacrament together with their families. We also want to extend a big thank you to Father Bob Chamberlain, and Father Larry Hoffman for helping our kids and their families celebrate their First Reconciliation. We look forward to starting the journey toward celebrating First Communion this coming spring. Congratulations one more time!

Advent Generations of Faith:

As we prepare for the start of the Advent season, we want to extend an invitation to our entire parish community to join up for our Advent Generations of Faith evenings. You can sign up to come on Wednesday, December 4 from 6:00-8:00 pm, or on Sunday December 8 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Please sign up for the night that works best for you. Our theme for this Advent is ***Come Let Us Adore Him (Matthew 2:11).***

These are two evenings that are wonderful opportunities for all members of our parish and school to start their Advent with prayerful reflection and a message of hope. There is no cost, and dinner will be provided. Please click on the link to get signed up. If you have questions, or need help getting signed up, please contact John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation at johnm@holymtrinitydm.org, or via telephone at (515) 255-3162, extension 224. [Sign up here!](#)

Adult Advent Retreat:

Attention All Adults of the parish. We're inviting you to join us on Saturday, December 14 for Adult Advent Retreat. This year's retreat will run from 12:00-4:30 pm with Mass to follow. We are honored to have Tom Quinlan, Director of the St. Joseph's Evangelization Center, with us to facilitate our afternoon together. This will be an excellent opportunity to take an afternoon for yourself to hear where God is calling you this Advent season, as we journey to the Joy, Hope, & Promise of Christmas.

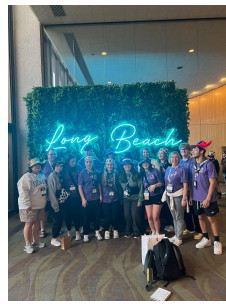
There is no cost for the retreat, and Lunch from Palmer's Deli will be provided. Please know that a free will offering will be taken, and all proceeds will go to support Holy Trinity's annual Advent Giving Tree. Please click on the link to get signed up. If you have further questions, or need help getting signed up, please contact John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation at johnm@holymtrinitydm.org, or via telephone at (515) 255-3162, extension 224. We're looking forward to having you as a part of this special day. [Sign up here!](#)

Financial Blessings Ending Week of 11/17/2024

Budget July 2023 through June 2024	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$6,988
YTD Actual Tithing	\$332,282	Tithing for the Week	\$4,376
YTD Budget	\$325,294	Number of Donations Received	61



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What was earned by our NCYC participants!

"Faith is personal but not private."

"I learned about what Charism meant and its importance."

"I learned that Jesus has experienced basically everything that we go through. We are never alone in our feelings and there is nothing that we go through that Jesus hasn't felt similarly."

"Even when you are down to nothing God is up to something."

"At NCYC I liked the session about finding your calling, he said there are.. 3 steps.1. Bravery.2. Believing .3.Bringing what you can. TO be able to be brave and bold and do things you would never want to have to believe and be passionate about your faith.. At the end of the day nothing comes with you to heaven except your loved ones."

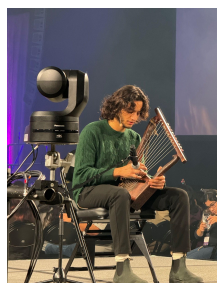
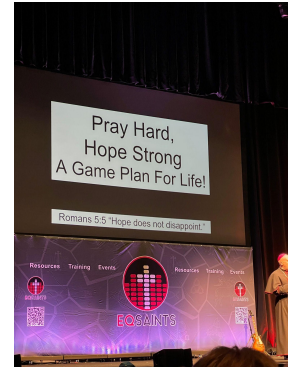
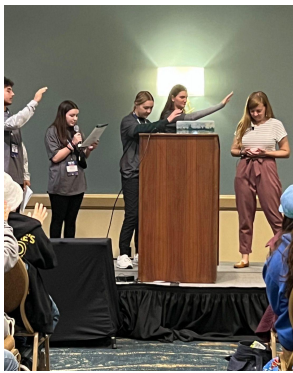
"Use the mess to make the message."

"You are the apostles of this generation."

"Having a relationship with God isn't contingent on anything, and he loves us so much that he'd create the entire universe just to hear us say we love him once!"

"God is always showing up and showing out for YOU!"

"The thing I will take home is the new friends and the new relationship with God."



From the School | November 24th, 2024

Happy STEMAS. Our STEM instructor is hosting our FIRST EVER STEM Boot Camp!

Put on those Elf hats and join us for STEM Engineering on December 17th.

[See the full flier here.](#)

[Register on Eventbrite. Spaces are limited!](#)

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.



DIOCESE OF DES MOINES

From the Bishop. This letter was shared from the Bishops of Iowa on Immigration. ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)).

Welcome to our new school nurse! Deb Gill will be joining us after Thanksgiving break as our new school nurse. Dedicated and versatile Registered Nurse with over 25 years of diverse healthcare experience, specializing in school nursing, clinical research, and patient care.

Expertise in managing complex healthcare needs of special education students, conducting medical screenings, developing health education programs, and providing comprehensive nursing care across multiple settings including schools, hospitals, and clinical research. Holds multiple nursing licenses, advanced degrees in Nursing and Teaching, and a strong commitment to student health, safety, and advocacy.

Outside of her professional life, Deb enjoys staying active, gardening, reading, and cherishes time spent with her grandchildren. Welcome to Deb!



Holy Trinity Spirit Store. With the weather getting colder, now is the perfect time to snag a uniform approved sweatshirt (hooded and crew) or fleece jacket.

Need an item before the holiday break? Make sure your order is placed by **Friday 6th** to ensure delivery by Christmas. All orders received after 12/6 will be delivered in January.

Start shopping online at shopholytrinitydm.com!

Every purchase from the Spirit Store helps raise funds for our school community. Thank you for your support!

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

Upcoming Dates.

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



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

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



Blue Christmas. "Blue Christmas" is a contemplative church service of peace, healing and hope for anyone who is mourning a lost loved one or experiencing hurt of any kind.

This service includes hymns, scripture readings, candle lighting and quiet reflection to help process feelings that the holidays may be a difficult time of year. Whether you are feeling blue or not, this gathering service unites us together to support one another as we express the fullness of God's goodness, faithfulness and love.

[DEC. 10TH AT 6 PM](#)
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[Learn more here](#)



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Job Opening. The Diocese of Des Moines is currently recruiting for a full time Administrative and Accounting Assistant at the Pastoral Center.

For more information, [please apply here!](#)

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

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



DES MOINES REGIONAL
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Save the Date. Parishioner Enrollment Starts December 1
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.

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

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.

Coffee and Donuts. Looking to sign up for coffee and donuts? [Please sign up here](#), or email Gigi Wilwerding gigiw@holyltrinitydm.org with questions.



Solemnity of Christ the King

Reading I : Daniel 7:13-14

The Son of Man will come on a cloud.

- The reading from Daniel is part of a vision of the victory of God's kingdom over all human kingdoms.
- The kingdom of God appears as a human who comes from heaven, God's domain.
- God presents everlasting kingdom, power and glory to the human ("son of man").

Reading II : Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus is the faithful witness.

- The Book of Revelation, written during the Roman persecution at the end of the first century, looks forward to the return of Jesus and the establishment of God's kingdom.
- The reading portrays Jesus as the Son of Man, the witness to the truth of resurrection and the hope for everlasting life.
- Jesus is the victor over all earthly rulers and has made God's people into a royal nation, a nation of priests.

Gospel : John 18:33b-37

My kingdom does not belong to this world.

- The Gospel of John presents Christ the King in a different light.
- During his lifetime Jesus bears the title of ruler only at his most vulnerable moments.
- Jesus rejects the title, "King of the Jews," that Pilate gave to him because his kingdom is not of this world, he is the Messiah sent from heaven.



Bring Home the Gospel | November 24th, 2024

Reading I | Psalm | Reading II | Gospel

Question For The Children Is it difficult or easy for you to tell the truth? How does Jesus help you?

Question For The Youth Today we celebrate Christ the King. How much do you let Jesus' truth rule your life? How difficult is it for you to follow Jesus?

Question For The Adults What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?

Activity Of The Week The Feast of Christ the King reminds us that the truth of Christ deserves our loyalty. How can you live that truth more fully each day?

Saint Of The Week St. Gertrude the Great, Religious, 1256-c. 1301

There are conflicting accounts of the early life of this saint. By one telling, Gertrude was orphaned at an early age and nothing is known of her family. Another report tells us that she was the child of a noble family at a time when it was often the custom to commit one young child of a large aristocratic family to the religious.

In any case, the accounts agree that Gertrude was born on January 6, 1256, at or near Eisleben, Germany, and on the fact that she entered the Benedictine Convent of Helfta at the age of five. There, she came under the care and influence of the abbess, also named Gertrude, and her sister, Mechtilde. Under the guardianship of these two saints, Gertrude soon learned to speak and read Latin and developed a liking for the study of philosophy from the texts in that language.

In about 1282, Gertrude experienced the first of a series of visions of Christ which would continue for the remainder of her life. While Gertrude had led a very scholarly life to this point, as a result of these early visions, she abandoned the study of philosophy and now began to concentrate all of her studies on Scripture. Also at this time, Gertrude began to write of her visions. Her humility led her to be remorseful for the life that she had led, selfishly studying subjects that, she felt, were not leading to her salvation.

Gertrude's writings spread throughout Europe where her reputation as a theologian developed and grew over the next several centuries. She was especially popular in Spain where St. Teresa of Avila chose Gertrude for her model. St. Francis de Sales was also greatly influenced by this saint's writings.

In one of her visions, Jesus gave a prayer to Gertrude that, he said, would release a thousand souls from purgatory each time that it is said and would also heal sinners who are still living:

"Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

Several miracles were attributed to Gertrude in her lifetime. In at least one case, a sister in her convent was afflicted by a strong temptation. While she fought off the lure of this failing, it continued to trouble her. Praying to Jesus, she asked that she be relieved of this suffering. In answer to her prayer, Jesus told her to ask Gertrude to pray for her. Once this happened, she was never bothered again.


While St. Gertrude was never formally canonized, Pope Clement XII entered her name in the Roman Martyrology in 1677 and declared a universal feast day for her. This is now celebrated in the United States as an optional memorial on November 16.

Gertrude's message today: While this saint was especially learned, it was not until she was about twenty-six that she chose the field and ministry that was to lead to sainthood.



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Parish Calendar | November 24th, 2024

	Sunday [11/24]	Monday [11/25]	Tuesday [11/26]	Wednesday [11/27]	Thursday [11/28]	Friday [11/29]	Saturday [11/30]
School				No School Thanksgiving Break	No School Thanksgiving Break	No School Thanksgiving Break	Reminder: No School Monday 12/2
Faith Formation							Men's Sunday Reading Group (MC) 7:30AM
Adult Faith Formation	Mass 8:30AM & 10:30AM	No Communion Service	Mass 8:30AM Morning Prayer following 8:30 Mass OCIA (CH) 6:30PM	NO Mass 8:30AM	Thanksgiving Mass 9:00AM	NO MASS	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More	Coffee & Donuts following 8:30 & 10:30 Mass	10:00AM Funeral		9:30AM Visitation/ Funeral Parish Office Closes at 2:00PM	Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving	Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving	1:30PM Wedding

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			
[11/24]	8:30AM	Mass	Rachel Dubec
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
[11/26]	8:30AM	Mass	Shirley Renda
[11/27]	8:30AM	No Mass	Jim Wilson
[11/28]	9:00AM	Mass	Tim Sheaff
[11/29]	8:30AM	No Mass	For the Poor
[11/30]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	For the Parish
[12/1]	8:30AM	Mass	Tim Cooney
	10:30AM	Mass	Frank Severino, Sr.

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers		
Saturday	Altar Servers	Lola & Penelope Carroll and Frank & Louie Brett
[11/30]	Lectors	Kathie Obradovich & Dave Bunkers
4:30PM	EMHC	Team 2
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Jacob Heikes, Andreo Castro, Elizabeth Bungert and Jamison Lynch
[12/1]	Lectors	Scott Flood & Ben Klaus
8:30AM	EMHC	Team 2/MC: Mark McAndrews
	Children's Liturgy	Team C: Breanna Castro & Jessica Bergman
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Colton Barney, Bridget & Lydia Caswell and Noah Drago
[12/1]	Lectors	Peggy Jones & Mary Ellen Winston
10:30AM	EMHC	Team 2/MC: Mary Ellen Winston (switching with 12/8)
	Children's Liturgy	Team 3: Margaret Toomey & Colton Barney
	Music Coordinator	Eric Sharp

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