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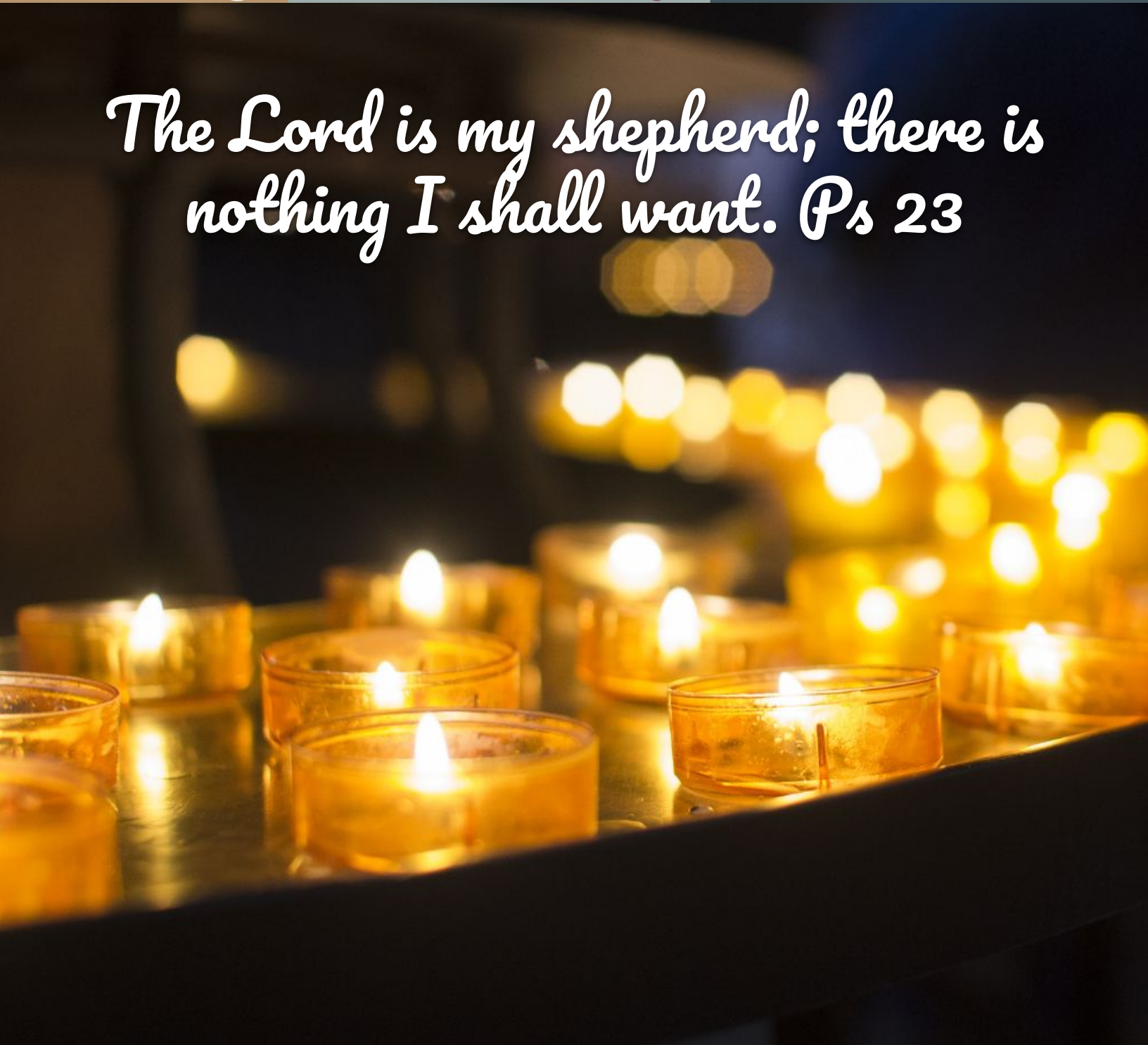
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*Solemnity of  
Christ the King*

**November 26, 2023**

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*The Lord is my shepherd; there is  
nothing I shall want. Ps 23*



## From Father Mark | November 26th, 2023

Greetings-

I have an update on the Holy Trinity art piece. Below are a couple of pictures of the clay original:



*A note:* as this is a bas relief sculpture, the flat stippled rectangular clay backdrop to the imagery will go away in the finished piece to keep the focus on the piece itself.

The process has gone to the molding stage where it will be finished. I do not yet have a timeline as to when the piece will be finished.

Thank you to all who have turned in your pledge cards, and have set up their tithing online. If you have not yet turned in your tithing commitment for next year, please make sure you turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible. QR codes have set up around the Church that will direct you to our donate page on our website, this is an easy way to set up automatic tithing. Your pledges are crucial to building our budget for the next year, and we appreciate your careful consideration when considering your pledge to Holy Trinity Parish.

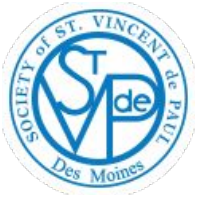
Have a good week

Fr. Mark Neal

*Fr. Mark*



## From the Church | November 26, 2023



**SVdP Christmas Project.** Help our Parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference support families in need this Christmas. If you know a family that needs help with food and gifts this year, or if your own family could use help, contact the parish office!

All assistance provided by SVdP is confidential. Contact Mercedes at [mercediess@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:mercediess@holytrinitydm.org) or 515-255-3162 ext. 128 to add a family to the list.

The next SVdP meeting is Tuesday, November 28, at 4 p.m. to learn more about this group and assist their mission!



**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.

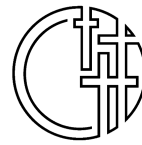
Contact Deacon Dan Maxcy at [danm@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:danm@holytrinitydm.org) or Deacon Jim Houston at [pastoralcare@saintpiuschurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@saintpiuschurch.org) for details.

*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*

**Enjoy Taizé During Advent.** Experience serenity and silence at Taizé this Advent season. Give yourself over to simple prayer and song in a period of joyful expectation.

- Sunday, December 3, from 5 to 5:45 p.m.
- Sunday, December 10, from 6 to 6:45 p.m.
- Sunday, December 17, from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Contact Julie at [redflutejc@gmail.com](mailto:redflutejc@gmail.com) for details!



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**Attend Holy Trinity Catholic School next year!**

We have space for new preschool, pre-Kindergarten, transitional Kindergarten, elementary, and middle school students next year. **Members of Holy Trinity Parish receive top priority to enroll!**

**Parishioners can apply for the 2024-2025 school year on Friday, December 1.** Look for an application link in the next several bulletins. Contact Richard in the school office at [rtekippe@htschool.org](mailto:rtekippe@htschool.org) if you want to receive a notification when the application opens.

**Parishioners have until Friday, January 26, to apply with top priority.** Then, families outside of our parish can apply. Claim your spot before we reach capacity!

**Need more information?** Contact Director of Enrollment Richard TeKippe at [rtekippe@htschool.org](mailto:rtekippe@htschool.org) for details! Schedule a tour or Student Shadow Day, discuss tuition assistance, and more.

### Financial Blessings Ending November 17, 2023

Budget July 2023 through June 2024	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$16,082)
YTD Actual Tithing	\$330,883	Tithing for the Week	\$7,800
YTD Budget	\$366,460	Number of Donations Received	52



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## From the Diocese & Community | DATE

**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](mailto:ycdmccatholicsingles@gmail.com) for details.



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Des Moines' Ecumenical Eatery

**Provide Lunch for the Homeless** Holy Trinity Parish has committed to help provide and serve lunch the last Thursday of each month at Connection Cafe. We'll be providing shredded BBQ chicken sandwiches, fruit, chips, and cookies for about 160 people Thursday, Nov. 30. Lunch will be served at St. John's Lutheran Church (600 6th Ave, Des Moines). Please sign up to help [here](#).

Thank you so much for your support of The Connection Cafe!



**Dinner in December.** Don't miss this Iowa Catholic Radio event featuring keynote speaker Dr. David Anders, host of EWTN's *Called To Communion*. Enjoy a cocktail hour, dinner, and expect an exciting announcement!

Dinner in December is Friday, December 8, at the Embassy Suites. Cocktail hour at 6 p.m., and Dr. Anders takes the stage at 8pm Get your tickets at [IowaCatholicRadio.com](http://IowaCatholicRadio.com).

**Advent Taize Service** Please join the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Advent Taize Service on Wednesday evening, Dec. 6th at 7pm. Advent Taize is a quiet reflection of the season featuring the melodic voices of St. Catherine of Siena Choir, seasonal readings and quiet reflection in a peaceful, candlelight atmosphere.

Located at: 1150 28th Street entrance off, Brattleboro Ave,  
Des Moines, IA 50311

**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 gathering is 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!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Join the Knights of Columbus for a breakfast on **DECEMBER 10th** after 8:30 am & 10:30 am Mass.

The proceeds from the breakfast will go to benefit "Coats for Kids."

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Go to [dmdiocese.org](http://dmdiocese.org) for more information!

*Solemnity of Christ the King*

**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 : Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 | I will tend my sheep.**

- The shepherd image is a favorite in the Scriptures.
- In ancient times, the king was often called the shepherd of his people.
- In today's first reading, the prophet Ezekiel contrasts the wicked shepherds, who exploit the flock and neglect the weak, with God, who gives rest to the flock.

**Reading II : 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 | Christ has been raised from the dead.**

- In Paul's description of the Resurrection, Christ was the King, the shepherd, who laid down his life for the flock.
- The Corinthians doubted the reality of the resurrection for humans.
- But, according to Paul, to deny the resurrection of believers was also to deny the Resurrection of Christ.

**Gospel : Matthew 25:31-46 | When did we see you hungry?**

- Today's discourse on the end time in Matthew is a description of the final judgment under the figure of a king-shepherd who separates the good and bad animals in his flock. The bad are identified as goats and the good as sheep.
- The goats and sheep represent "all the nations," all peoples who had been called together for this judgment.
- The point of the image is that all people will be judged by God as to how well they care for the weak and disadvantaged. Caring for "the least" of our sisters and brothers seems to be our highest calling!



# Bring Home the Gospel | November 26, 2023

**Reading I** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 | **Psalm** 23:1-3, 5-6 | **Reading II** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 | **Gospel** Matthew 25:31-46

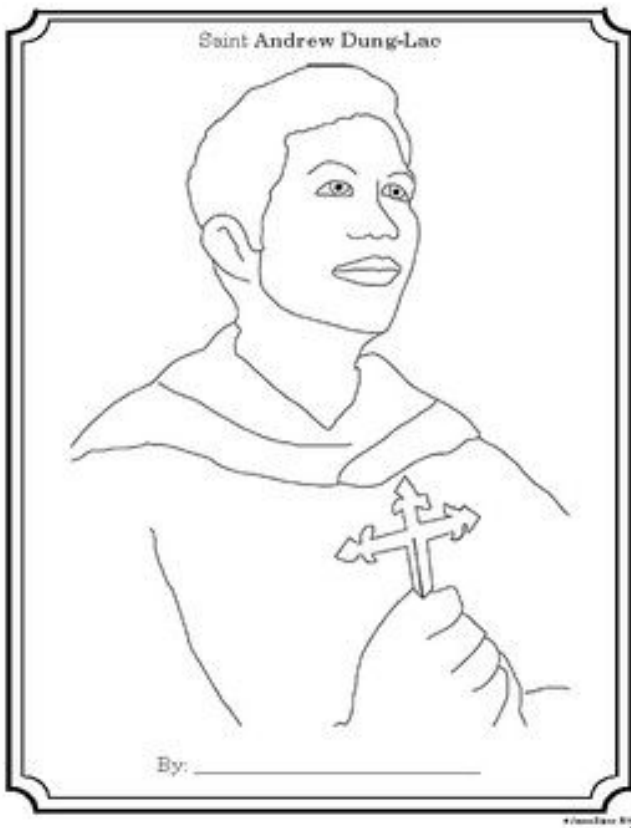
**Question For The Children** Who are the people most in need of help who live around you, and how can you help them?

**Question For The Youth** What can you do (alone, with friends, or with your family) to help those who are without food, shelter, or have other needs? When have you seen Jesus in the poor?

**Question For The Adults** As you grapple with this very strong, direct and demanding Gospel passage, name the people for whom you have cared personally – or if there are none, those for whom you will offer care in the coming weeks.

**Activity Of The Week** Jesus calls us to be shepherds for others. Who are the weak in the community? Do you know anyone who is struggling to belong in your community? Do they need friendship, support, food, tutoring? What can you do as a family?

## **Saint Of The Week** Andrew Dung-Lac



Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and his 116 companions represent the more than one hundred thousand martyrs killed during the persecutions of Christians which took place periodically beginning in the 17th Century and running through most of the 19th Century in Viet Nam. He was born Dung An Trân around 1795 to a poor pagan family in northern Viet Nam. He was instructed in the Christian faith and, three years later, he was baptized, taking the name Andrew at that time. As a parish priest, Andrew lived a simple life, fasting often and providing a model for the people in his town, many of whom were baptized by him. He was imprisoned and killed for his faith in 1938.

### **Andrew's message today:**

Saint Andrew and his companions, as well as the many thousands of unnamed martyrs in Viet Nam, provide powerful examples of the perseverance that strong faith can bring to those who are persecuted. Even today in Viet Nam, as well as elsewhere, persecution of Christians continues, but prayer can strengthen our faith.

While not likely to face the kind of persecution that these saints experienced, is your faith strong enough to face the ridicule that is more likely to come your way? Pray that God will give you the strength to bear up to the scorn that may come your way and to pray for your persecutors.



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# Parish Calendar | November 26, 2023

	Sunday [11/26]	Monday [11/27]	Tuesday [11/28]	Wednesday [11/29]	Thursday [11/30]	Friday [12/1]	Saturday [12/2]
School		No School Teacher PD		School Mass hosted by 8th Grade 8:30AM		\$1 Jeans Day hosted by 2nd Grade	
Faith Formation				9th Grade FF 6:30PM  FF & 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				Nourish (MC) 6PM			
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			
[11/26]	8:30AM	Mass	Frank & Janice Radosevich
	10:30AM	Mass	Alvin Reed
[11/28]	8:30AM	Mass	Georgette Droessler
[11/29]	8:30AM	Mass	Carl and Elizabeth Neal
[11/30]	8AM	Mass	Theresa, James, Dennis & Tom Neal
	2-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
[12/1]	8:30AM	Mass	Regina Sinnott
[12/2]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	Willis J. Dore
[12/3]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass	Gerald Goebel

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers		
Saturday	Altar Servers	Mary/Anna/Paul Heilman, & Vinny/Burke Smith
[12/2]	Lectors	Dave Bunkers, Marsha Szymczuk
4:30PM	EMHC	Team 2
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Abram Witt, Jacob Heikes, Evelyn Hunt, & Mary Cate Bergman
[12/3]	Lectors	Rob Hoover, Tom Green
8:30AM	EMHC	Team 2
	Children's Liturgy	Alicia & Luke Lynch
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Everett Bott, John Mundy, Noah Dragoo, & Kellan Murphy
[12/3]	Lectors	Linda Willems, Jeff Nielsen
10:30AM	EMHC	Team 3
	Children's Liturgy	Chris Coleman
	Music Coordinator	Frances Paterik

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