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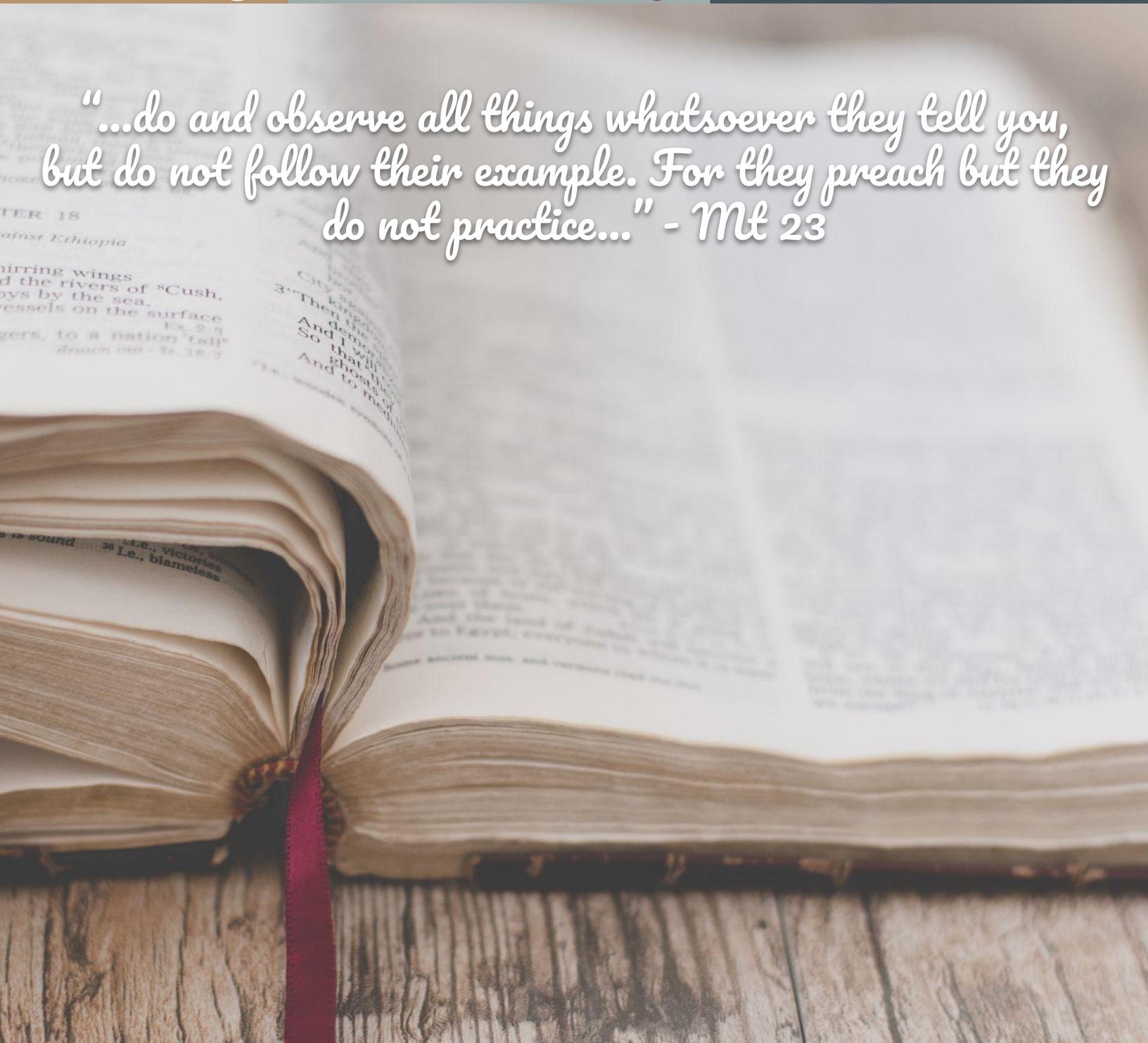
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November 5, 2023

Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

*"...do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you,
but do not follow their example. For they preach but they
do not practice..." - Mt 23*



From Father Mark | November 5, 2023

Greetings.

It's that time of year when everyone's thoughts turn to being grateful for what they have, preparing to give gifts for the holiday season, and reflecting on the new year ahead.

At Holy Trinity Parish, we are fortunate to have wonderful parishioners who take this journey of faith, respect, and service with us every day. We have many parishioners who volunteer to help the Parish on a daily basis, who extend a helping hand to those in need, and who donate to the many worthy causes we all believe in.

With regard to our tithing here at Holy Trinity, it has been declining for several years. However, as with your own household budget, expenses increase each year. We need the participation of every one of our parishioners. Tithing is how we pay our bills, how we pay our staff, and it is how we provide programming for our members.

This year tithing supported:

- 385 Students
- 1,052 Parish Families
- OVER 165 Sacraments
- OVER 400 Masses

Our parish and school will always need your tithing support to stay vibrant and active. We appreciate your 2022 tithing and your 2023 tithing so far. I am personally asking you to increase your tithing pledge for the next year by five percent. This goal has been set Parish wide.

Making a donation is easy! Scan the code to make a pledge online now:



Take the time and pray on what you are able to do in support of our Parish home at this time, and consider what the Parish does to regularly impact your life. God has blessed us all—our Church, our School, and our own families! Part of our calling as God's people is to not only be thankful for these blessings but also to be willing to return a portion of them in service of our faith.

Thank you for your continued generosity to Holy Trinity. Have a good week

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Mark Neal".

Fr. Mark Neal





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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%.



Check out the full 2022-23
Annual Report



Beaverdale

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 10
5:30 - 8:30PM

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 11
9AM - 2PM



We need your help to make Mrs. Kringle's Bakery a great success!

For 45 years, Holy Trinity School and Parish families have filled our bakery tables with delicious cookies, bars, candies, and breads. Please join us in continuing the tradition by baking and donating any of the following:

What Should I Bake?

Holiday Classics: peanut butter blossoms, cake balls, spritz, snickerdoodles, gingerbread, and sugar cookies.

Bars: scotcheroos, seven layer, lemon, pumpkin, blondies, chocolate chip, or your favorite.

Christmas Candies: caramels, divinity, fudge, truffles, peanut brittle, peanut clusters, and pecan tassies.

Quick Breads: pumpkin, lemon poppyseed, banana, or your favorite.

Chex Mixes: salty and sweet, sugar cookie, caramel, puppy chow, or your favorite.

How to Package:

Use paper plates with plastic wrap, plastic bags, or disposable containers like foil pans.

Label every item, and please state if items contain nuts, peanut butter, or other allergens.

Please cut bars into 2" x 2" squares, and cut fudge into 1" x 1" squares.

No need to use decorative wrap! We will place your items on trays.

Where Do They Go?

Please use the parish office entrance to drop off baked goods outside the library on Thursday, November 9, from Noon to 8 p.m. and Friday, November 10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We can also collect your baked goods in the pick-up lines after school on Thursday!

How Do I Sign Up?

Visit <https://bit.ly/3S7c1FD> or scan the code to sign up!

Contact Beth Gookin at 515-556-3555, Anne Broderick at 515-208-4627, or Jeanne Gookin at 515-423-5640 for details.





Learn from the Best. The **Pie Ladies** have been making delicious treats for the Beavertdale Holiday Boutique year after year. We want to take a moment to appreciate all the love and hard work they put into making goodies. **Thank you for your many years for service and dedication, ladies!**

If you want to learn for the best, become a **Pie Lady in Training** on Thursday, November 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the kitchen. There are only a few spots left! Visit <https://bit.ly/3S7c1FD> or scan the code to sign up!



The Spirit Swag Store is Open! Shop HT hats, tumblers, bags, blankets, magnets, shirts, hoodies, and jackets online now. Orders will ship directly to your home for a flat fee!

Visit <https://bit.ly/46M5oNg> or scan the code to shop. Orders are due on November 13. Contact Kari Rogers-Hensley at krog810@gmail.com for details.



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@holyltrinitydm.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 October 27

Budget July 2023 through June 2024	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$22,658)
YTD Actual Tithing	\$265,822	Tithing for the Week	\$2,730
YTD Budget	\$288,480	Number of Donations Received	60



Make a donation! Scan the QR Code or visit holyltrinitydm.org/donate

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.



Masculine Genius. Masculinity is in crisis! Participation in religious worship, interest in marriage, and engagement in economic and political life has drastically declined.

Dr. John Bishop joins Man-Up West Power Lunch to discuss the thoughts of John Paul II and the concept of sacred masculinity, or the “masculine genius.”

Dr. John Bishop, is an experienced pilgrimage leader with extensive involvement as a leader with FOCUS Formation Department. He has a Doctorate in Moral and Systematic Theology and is Founder and Executive Director of FORGE.

Attend Man-Up West at Noon on Friday, November 10, at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Lunch from Chick-fil-A is provided for a free will offering. Register online at iowacatholicradio.com/events/.

Big Band Affair. St. John the Apostle in Norwalk hosts the *High Society Big Band* on Saturday, November 11, from 6:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Enjoy food and drinks for a freewill offering, plus BYOB! Call 515-981-4855 or visit the parish office at 720 Orchard Hills Drive, Norwalk for details and tickets.

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Thirty-first 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 : Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 | Honor God with your gifts. Be faithful one to another.

Malachi contrasted how God's people disrespected him to how other nations respected him.

For this dishonor the priests would be cursed.

The people were accused of infidelity in marriage

Parent-child and husband-wife relationships were compared to God's covenant with Israel.

Reading II : 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13 | God's Word is at work in believers.

Paul said Sylvanus and Timothy, like parents, had spent their lives to bring the message of God to the Thessalonians.

Sylvanus and Timothy had functioned as true apostles.

They had not distorted the Gospel by their own self-seeking.

Gospel : Matthew 23:1-12 | Seek God's honor, not your own honor.

Jesus told the Pharisees that they taught the law but did not practice it, not exhibit the compassion the law requires.

Some Pharisees used the Law and their office for their own benefit.

To seek exaltation was to be humbled; to seek humiliation was to be exalted.

Seek God's honor, not your own.



Bring Home the Gospel | November 5, 2023

Reading I Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 | **Psalm** 131:1, 2, 3 | **Reading II** 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13 | **Gospel** Matthew 23:1-12

Question For The Children How can you make the light of Christ shine through your life?

Question For The Youth What does it mean to humble yourself?

Question For The Adults Do you practice what you preach?

Activity Of The Week Discuss some Catholics who are being considered for sainthood. Have they exalted themselves, or humbled themselves? Sainthood is for all time, and not temporary glory. How does this equation work? Discuss how Jesus gave us teachings to help us be the best we can be for all time.



Saint Of The Week Rose Philippine Duchesne

Philippine, as she was called by her family, was born into an aristocratic family in France. The marriage of her mother, Rose Périer, to her father, Pierre-François Duchesne, had united the two most prosperous textile manufacturing families of the town. The family traits of strong will and determination were passed on to Philippine, along with a passion for reading and study. When Philippine was not yet ten years old, a Jesuit missionary enkindled a desire in Philippine to be a missionary to the Indians in the “new world.” She entered the convent when she was old enough, and eventually arrived in New Orleans. From there they went up the Mississippi River to Missouri where she founded several schools. Her faith and prayerfulness were an example for all.

Saint’s message today:


Philippine contributed much energy to organizing schools and convents in the diocese of New Orleans. But perhaps her greatest contributions came from her lifelong dedication to prayer. Much has been accomplished through prayer, and God certainly answered the prayers of this saint.

If you are having difficult in praying, perhaps you may want to look into a different way of prayer. Ask your pastor or a pastoral minister for some suggestions on resources that can help you in your search.



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Parish Calendar | November 5, 2023

	Sunday [11/5]	Monday [11/6]	Tuesday [11/7]	Wednesday [11/8]	Thursday [11/9]	Friday [11/10]	Saturday [11/11]
School				School Mass hosted by 5th Grade 8:30AM	Picture Retake	No School End of Trimester 1	
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		Confirmation 7PM					
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			
[11/5]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass	Matthew Hull
[11/7]	8:30AM	Mass	Ed & Mary Bleimehl
[11/8]	8:30AM	Mass	Elizabeth Green
[11/9]	8AM	Mass	Delos Swanson
	2-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
[11/10]	8:30AM	Mass	Dennis Olson
[11/11]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	Ron Nielsen
[11/12]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass	Ruth & Jim Wright

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers		
Saturday	Altar Servers	Mary/Anna/Paul Heilman & Vinny/Burke Smith
[11/11]	Lectors	Todd Treese, Mark Judge
	4:30PM EMHC	Team 2
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Bennett Steinkamp, Jamison Lynch & Jed/Jack Meylor
[11/12]	Lectors	Doug Gross, Karen Quiner
	8:30AM EMHC	Team 3
	Children's Liturgy	Brenda & Meredith Heggen
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Siobhan Bigelow, Gemma Kahler & Addie Koester
[11/12]	Lectors	Rachel Nabor, Chris Coleman
	10:30AM EMHC	Team 2
	Children's Liturgy	Kate McInroy, Jane Kinney
	Music Coordinator	Frances Paterik

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