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December 3, 2023



**First Sunday
of Advent**

Taking the Journey TOGETHER



*Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your
face and we shall be saved. Ps 80*

Advent

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITURGY

FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

- Friday, December 8th at 8:30am and 5:30pm

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

- Sunday, December 24th at 8:30am

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

- Sunday, December 24th at 4pm, 6pm, and 10pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

- Monday, December 25th at 9am

RETREATS AND GATHERINGS

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

- Wednesday, December 6th from 6-8pm
- Sunday, December 10th from 4-6 pm

ADULT ADVENT RETREAT

- Saturday, December 16th from 12pm-4:30pm

SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICES

TAIZE at HOLY TRINITY

- Sunday, December 3rd 5-5:45pm
- Sunday, December 10th 6-6:45pm (after the Generations of Faith)
- Sunday, December 17th 5- 5:45pm

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

CONFESSION at HOLY TRINITY

- Saturday, December 2nd at 3pm
- Wednesday, December 6th at 5pm
- Saturday, December 9th at 3pm
- Wednesday, December 13th at 1pm and 6pm
- Thursday, December 14th at 5:30pm
- Saturday, December 16th at 3pm
- Wednesday, December 20th at 6pm

DIOCESAN ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES 2023

- Tuesday, December 5th at 7 pm (St. Francis of Assisi, WDM)
- Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 pm (St. Augustin, Des Moines)
- Saturday, December 9th at 10 am (Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, Ankeny)
- Sunday, December 10th at 2 pm (St. Mary of Nazareth, Des Moines)
- Sunday, December 10th at 4 pm (St. Pius X, Urbandale)
- Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm (St. Theresa, Des Moines)
- Thursday, December 14th at 7 pm (Ss. John and Paul, Altoona)



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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 for details!



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 or 515-255-3162 ext. 128 to add a family to the list.

Enrich Your Advent. HT offers Adoration and Prayer after 8:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesdays during Advent. Share a few extra minutes with Jesus as we prepare for Christmas!

Thankful For You! Many HT members are returning pledge cards and setting up online tithing. We are abundantly grateful for your financial support in addition to your participation and contributions of time and talent.



If you have not made a tithing commitment for next year, just scan the QR code or visit [holytrinitydm.org/donate](https://bit.ly/holytrinitydm.org/donate) to donate!

Your pledges help us build our budget for the next year. So far, **we are on track to meet or exceed our tithing goal!**



Financial Blessings Ending November 24, 2023

Great Job!

Budget July 2023 through June 2024	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$2,668
YTD Actual Tithing	\$369,128	Tithing for the Week	\$38,245
YTD Budget	\$366,460	Number of Donations Received	298



Generations of Faith

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord! Attend *Generations of Faith* on Wednesday, December 6, from 6 to 8 p.m., and Sunday, December 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Social Room.

Enjoy a free dinner and discussion based on Isaiah 40:3 and Luke 3:4 as we prepare for the coming of our Lord! Learn more about your Catholic Faith with neighbors!

Register online at <https://bit.ly/413E7nO> and contact John Mertes at johnm@holytrinitydm.org for details.

Uncovering the Call of Advent: Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy.

Advent Retreat
Saturday, December 16, from 12 to 4:30 p.m.
with Tom Primmer!

Tom is the Director of Faith Formation at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, an oblate of St. Benedict, a Spiritual Director, and has served as an adjunct professor teaching college courses in world religions, philosophy, and ethics.

Adults of HT are invited to share an afternoon with Tom to uncover the call of Advent, and reflect upon the meaning of hope, peace, joy, and love.

The retreat is Saturday, December 16, from 12 to 4:30 p.m. Register at <https://bit.ly/46HMZiP> and contact John Mertes at johnm@holytrinitydm.org for details.



Make a donation! Scan the QR Code or visit [holytrinitydm.org/donate](https://bit.ly/holytrinitydm.org/donate)

Attend Holy Trinity Catholic School!

We pride ourselves on being an Iowa-accredited school that meets and exceeds the state's English, math, science, and social studies standards. Join our educational journey today!

- **Faith Curriculum.** Our students experience Daily Prayer, Weekly Mass, Sacrament Preparation & Participation, Religion Class, and Service Learning.
- **Student Supports.** Our faculty and interventionists are endorsed in special education to meet the needs of diverse learners.
- **Building Character.** Social and emotional learning plays a vital role in the classroom, helping students foster empathy and improve interpersonal skills.
- **Sustained Success.** Holy Trinity is a *Professional Learning Community*. Only one in 200 schools and districts in the United States and Canada receive this honor.

2024-2025 Enrollment Starts Now!

We have space for new preschool, transitional Kindergarten, elementary, and middle school students, and members of Holy Trinity Parish receive top enrollment priority!

2024-2025 Enrollment Priority for Registered and Participating Parishioners began Friday, December 1, and continues through Friday, January 26, 2024. Claim your spot before the general community starts enrolling on Saturday, January 27, 2024.



[Click here or scan the QR Code to apply before January 26!](#)

Need more information? Contact Richard TeKippe at rtekippe@htschool.org for details! Schedule a tour or Student Shadow Day, discuss tuition assistance, and more.



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



Knights of Columbus®

Save The Date! Join the Knights of Columbus for breakfast after 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 10. Proceeds will benefit *Coats for Kids*.

Advent Taizé Service. Join the St. Catherine of Siena Parish and Student Center for a time of quiet reflection featuring the melodic voices of St. Catherine of Siena Choir and seasonal readings in a peaceful atmosphere.

The Taizé Service is Wednesday, December 6, at 7 p.m.



IOWA
CATHOLIC
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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 8 p.m. Get your tickets at [iowacatholicradio.com](https://www.iowacatholicradio.com).

YCDM Events. Young Catholics of Des Moines strengthens the community through faith and friendship!

Attend the Ice Skating Social at Oakmoor Sports on Friday, December 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. This event is during public skate time. Mention YCDM for \$5 admission and rental.

Attend the Christmas Party at St. Theresa Parish on Friday, December 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. Wear festive sweaters, enjoy snacks, and wrap presents for *Innervisions*.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3EO6VHk> and contact ycdmcatholicssingles@gmail.com for details.

Lessons, Carols, and Christmas Reflections. Drake Alumni Choir, *Umeri*, presents celebratory music, readings, reflections, and a deeply immersive visual experience on Sunday, December 17, 3 p.m., at St. Ambrose Cathedral.

Dr. Michael Rubbelke of the Saint John's School of Theology will offer a pre-concert presentation on the art and spirituality of The Saint John's Bible at 1:30 p.m. at the Diocese of Des Moines Pastoral Center.

Both events are free and open to the public. Contact aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu for details.

Business Manager Opportunity. Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church is hiring a Business Manager that reports directly to the pastor and oversees the stewardship of the physical, financial, and personnel parish resources.

This is a full-time, salaried, benefits eligible position. Visit <https://bit.ly/3uAAWro> for a full job description. Send your resume to Fr. Michael at frmichael@olih.org to apply.

Celebrate Your Family! Revitalize your marriage during the Worldwide Marriage Encounter: positive, simple, common sense, private experiences between husband and wife.

Attend February 16 to 18 in Marshalltown, April 12 to 14 in Epworth, September 27 to 29 in Dubuque, and November 8 to 10 in Holstein. Call Sue Fink at 563-920-9419 for details.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE *at Sacred Heart*

Tuesday, Dec 12

5:30 PM Rosary

5:50 PM Procession

6:30 PM Bilingual Mass
Celebration to follow



Sacred Heart Catholic
1627 Grand Ave
West Des Moines



Notes on the Mass | December 3, 2023 | First Sunday of Advent

Advent - The twofold character of Advent calls us to prepare for the remembering of the Word made Flesh at Christmas, and directs us to wait with alertness for Jesus' second coming.

Reading I : Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 - We have not seen any God like you!

- The first reading was written after the Israelites returned from exile and resettled in Judah.
- The people were discouraged by widespread poverty, dissension among their leaders, and the overwhelming task of rebuilding the ruins.
- The prophet challenges the Israelites to persevere at their task.

Reading II : 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 - He will strengthen you to the end.

- Paul's letter is addressed to the Corinthians, a people who have embraced Christianity with ardor.
- They compete with one another for the most evident signs of the spirit.
- Paul reminds the people that the most essential gift for their salvation is perseverance in faith.

Gospel : Mark 13:33-37 - Be constantly on guard!

- The author of Mark's Gospel wrote for a community greatly concerned with events of the end of time.
- Today's passage repeats two ideas. First, no one but God knows the time of the end. Second, the proper response of the faithful disciple is to watch and be ready at all times.
- Only those who persevere in watching will be saved.

Question for Children - What special things do you do to get ready for a visitor at your house? What things can you do like that to get ready for Jesus?

Question for Youth - What is one thing that you can do this week to help you remember that Jesus is coming?

Question for Adults - When you're getting ready to receive a guest, what are some things you do? How do you apply this to receiving Christ?

Saint of the Week - Andrew, Apostle, First Century

- Andrew, a native of Bethsaida, was a fisherman like his father, John, and his brother, Simon. When John the Baptist began preaching penance, Andrew became his disciple. One day, Jesus passed by while John was preaching and John said, "Behold the lamb of God." Andrew immediately grasped John's meaning and went off after Jesus, staying with him for several hours. He later introduced Jesus to Simon Peter, and the rest, as they say, is history. A feast honors this Apostle on November 30.
- **Andrew's message today:** Hearing Jesus' words convinced Andrew that the Messiah had come at last. While we can't hear Jesus' words directly, our faith in Jesus as the Messiah grows as we study Scripture.
- Do you spend some time each day studying the Word of God? Check in a local Christian bookstore or your parish library for books and other resources which may help in your pursuit.



Parish Calendar | December 3, 2023

	Sunday [12/3]	Monday [12/4]	Tuesday [12/5]	Wednesday [12/6]	Thursday [12/7]	Friday [12/8]	Saturday [12/9]
School		Middle School Band & Choir Concert 6:30PM	School Family Organization Meeting 6PM			Feast of IC Mass hosted by 2nd Grade 8:30AM	
Faith Formation	Taizé 5PM			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	Feast of IC Mass 8:30AM Feast of IC Mass 5:30PM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More	Advent Begins!			Generations of Faith 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			
[12/3]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass	Gerald Goebel
[12/5]	8:30AM	Mass	Georgette Droessler
[12/6]	8:30AM	Mass	
[12/7]	8AM	Mass	Tim Sheaff
	2-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
[12/8]	8:30AM	Mass	Elizabeth Green
[12/9]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	For the Parish
[12/10]	8:30AM	Mass	Jim Kleinschmidt
	10:30AM	Mass	Ron & Mary Ann Nielsen

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers		
Saturday	Altar Servers	Heilman Family, Vinny & Burke Smith
[12/9]	Lectors	Lorraine Riseley, Kathie Obradovich
4:30PM	EMHC	Team 3
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Jamison Lynch, Jed & Jack Meylor
[12/10]	Lectors	Luke Lynch, Jean Severson
8:30AM	EMHC	Team 1
	Children's Liturgy	Janelle & Ian Kerr
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Claire & Josh Zwier, Perry Family
[12/10]	Lectors	Mary Ellen Winston, M. Toomey
10:30AM	EMHC	Team 3
	Children's Liturgy	Jean Smith, Alaina Hoover
	Music Coordinator	Frances Paterik

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