



Holy Trinity

Catholic Church and School

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March 12, 2023

Third Sunday
of Lent

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
In 4:5-42



Join us in-person or worship online at <https://bit.ly/37n4LAu>



CAREGIVERS NEED CARE TOO Find strength and serenity. *Nourish* is a monthly ministry to support the practical, emotional, and spiritual needs of caregivers. Find tools and resources to connect with your faith, encounter Christ, and see the grace and blessings in your caregiving journey.

Nourish for Caregivers focuses on issues pertinent to anyone caregiving, whether you care for a parent, spouse, or child. Topics include entering caregiving roles, managing family dynamics, how stress and faith co-exist, staying engaged, end of life issues, advocating for a loved one.

All caregivers are invited to attend on Wednesday, March 29, in the Social Room. Contact Deacon Dan Maxcy at danm@holyltrinitydm.org or Deacon Jim Houston pastoralcare@saintpiuschurch.org.



SUPPORT THE GALA AUCTION Do you want **two free tickets** to the 2023 Holy Trinity Gala Auction? Participate in our donation collection event on Sunday, March 26, after 10:30 a.m. Mass for a chance to win! Drive by the parish office to drop your donation and be entered into a drawing for two tickets to the auction.

Can't think of a donation? No problem! You can donate money to create auction packages. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the church and schools largest fundraising event. See you there!



VBS TAKES PLACE JULY 10 TO 14 Vacation Bible School is an awesome summer tradition at Holy Trinity, and we are proud to host what promises to be an amazing week exploring the reaches of outer space discovering God's wondrous love for us! Make plans to join the fun!

This year's theme is *Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light*. Applications are be available April 1. VBS welcomes participants entering Kindergarten/TK through Fifth Grade in the fall of 2023.

We need plenty of help leading VBS this summer. We invite all middle school, high school, and returning college students of the parish to be part of our leadership team. We also can use plenty of help from adults of the parish.

If you have questions, contact Director of Faith Formation John Mertes at johnm@holyltrinitydm.org or 515.255.3162 ext. 224. We look forward to seeing you!

UPCOMING LECTOR TRAINING If you want to serve HT Parish as a Lector, attend training on Monday, March 20 at 7:45 p.m. in the Church. We have great volunteers and welcome more to help proclaim God's Word at Mass.

Contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@holyltrinitydm.org or 515-255-3162 ext. 128 if you are interested.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED...

Richard Wacht - Husband of Jeanie Wacht and Father of Lori (Mike) Willcox



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2023

Budget July 2022 through June 2023	\$988,204	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$37,273)
YTD Actual Tithing	\$615,924	Tithing for the Week	\$9,483
YTD Budget	\$653,197	Number of Donations Received	62



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Lent at Holy Trinity Parish

Adoration

Thursdays from 2 to 9 p.m.

Holy Rosary

Thursdays at 4:05 p.m.

Holy Thursday

April 6 at 7 p.m. | Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

April 7 at 2 p.m. | Stations of the Cross

April 7 at 7 p.m. | Proclamation of the
Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 5 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Holy Saturday

April 8 at 8 p.m. | Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

April 9 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

Area Reconciliation Services

Mar. 18 at 10 a.m. | St. Anthony

Mar. 19 at 3 p.m. | St. Mary of Nazareth

Mar. 19 at 4 p.m. | St. John, Adel

Mar. 22 at 7 p.m. | Sacred Heart

Mar. 22 at 7 p.m. | St. Theresa

Mar. 28 at 6 p.m. | St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlisle

Mar. 29 at 6:30 p.m. | Assumption, Granger

Mar. 30 at 7 p.m. | Ss. John and Paul, Altoona

Individual Reconciliation Times

Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., Fridays at 12 p.m., and Saturdays at 4 p.m. | Our Lady's Immaculate Heart

Saturdays at 3 p.m. | All Saints

April 2 at 1 p.m. | St. Pius X

April 3 at 6 p.m. | St. Pius X

Weekdays at 4 p.m., and Weekends one hour before Mass | Our Lady of the Americas



Holy Trinity Spring Garage Sale 2023

March 16, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | March 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | March 18, 9 a.m. to Noon

We Need Volunteers!

Consider assisting with set-up, collection, and tear down. Contact Teresa at parmentert13@gmail.com or call the parish office at 515-255-3162 ext. 128.

Donation Drop-Off

Sunday, March 12, after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

NO DONATIONS after 5 p.m. on Tuesday

What Sells!?

Sewing and Craft Materials | NEW Items of All Kinds | Dishes and China
New Small Carpet | Samples Jewelry | Toys and Books | Pots and Pans
Furniture in Good Condition | School Uniforms | Lamps and Lampshades
Baskets | Glassware and Mirrors | Garden Tools | Stereos
Drapery and Curtains | Silk Flowers and Plants | Sporting Goods
CDs and DVDs | Small Appliances | Bedding and Linens | Clean Clothing

***NO** computers, monitors, fax machines, printers, keyboards, TVs, VCRs, cassettes, magazines, textbooks, underwear, baby cribs or car seats, mattresses, exercise equipment, or light fixtures

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ST. MICHAEL'S SPRING RETREAT
Third Grade through Eighth Grade boys are invited to St. Augustin's school on Saturday, March 25, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Enjoy activities, games, discussion, and a special appearance from Bishop Joensen!

This retreat, led by high school boys and priests, focuses on the Eucharist and St. Joseph.

Cost is \$50, with an optional overnight for an additional \$35. The overnight event is for Sixth Grade and older to enjoy a paintball outing. Overnight participant pick-up is at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Scholarships are available to cover costs.

Register by March 20. Contact kmpierick@gmail.com or 515.778.6087 for details and registration.

ACCOUNTING OPENING The Diocese of Des Moines is looking for an accounting clerk to process accounts payable and cash receipts, and maintain accurate records for donations including the annual diocesan appeal and other various appeals. Visit <http://bit.ly/3KtKIHg> for details.

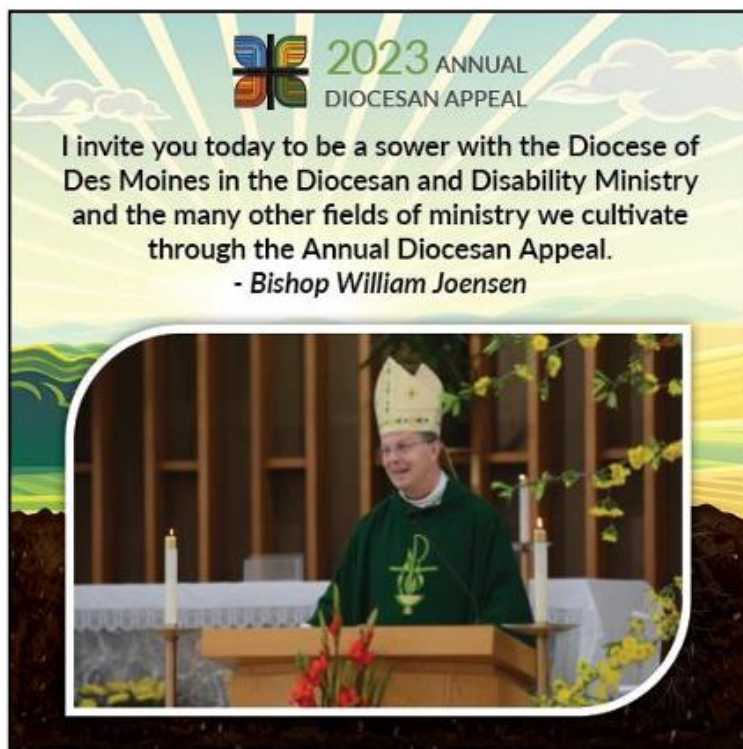
CELTIC MUSIC CONCERT The Celtic Music Association of Iowa is celebrating their 30th anniversary with Aoife Scott on Saturday, March 18, at the Franklin Junior High Event Center.

Doors open at 7 p.m., and the concert start at 8 p.m. General admission tickets are \$30, available at Cooney's, Up Tempo, Cindy's Boutique, at thecma.org, and at the door.

LENTEN TAIZE SERVICE Taize is a time to rest in God. No preaching or teaching, just a simple service of chants, short scripture readings, and quiet choir music, all interspersed with periods of quiet prayer and meditation.

Taize originated with an ecumenical monastic order founded in 1940 in France with a strong commitment to peace and justice through prayer and meditation.

Attend Taize at St. Catherine of Siena Parish on Wednesday, March 22, at 7 p.m.



I invite you today to be a sower with the Diocese of Des Moines in the Diocesan and Disability Ministry and the many other fields of ministry we cultivate through the Annual Diocesan Appeal.
- Bishop William Joensen

Thank you to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Each and every person's gift brings us closer to that goal.

Remember, when we reach our parish monetary goal, any additional gifts stay right here for Holy Trinity to use. For those who have not made their gift, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the Diocese that no single individual or parish can offer.

Simply fill out a contribution card and place it in the offertory basket or drop it in the mail. Contribution cards and envelopes are located in the church pews. Gifts can also be made online dmdiocese.org/giving.

Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.





Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last month I provided an update on progress in determining teacher compensation for the coming year. I am pleased to share that we are on track with our multi-year regional goal to match public school compensation scales. Never before have our schools been in a position to provide pay raises that truly account for a teacher's education and years of experience. Some of our most tenured teachers will see significant increases - a well-deserved acknowledgement of their dedication and loyalty. Marty Flaherty, principal at Holy Family, is just one administrator who has shared how grateful he is to provide just compensation for teachers. In his words: "Our teachers are committed, faith-filled professionals who provide our kids with an exceptional education. The regionalization process put us in a position to compensate our teachers in a way that they deserve."

If you haven't already seen [this video](#), I encourage you to take a few minutes to learn about the new regional approach to tuition affordability, teacher compensation and stewarding our collective resources.

In addition, I want to provide some reminders regarding the tuition assistance process and ESAs:

- The tuition assistance application process is open now through April 18. There is just [one application](#) per household for all available programs including CTO and the new Diocesan Tuition Assistance Endowment. [Click here](#) for income guidelines.
- The process and time frame for the distribution of [ESA funds](#) is still being determined, therefore it is imperative that families proceed with the Fair application. Receiving tuition assistance does not affect ESA eligibility and can only help a family's financial situation.
- Families are invited to join me in a virtual meeting to learn more about tuition assistance and ESAs on Friday, March 3 at noon or Tuesday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. You do not need to register – simply [click here](#) to join.

We are grateful to our regional board for developing an ambitious but attainable plan to meet this goal, only possible with the collaboration of Bishop Joensen, pastors, administrators and diocesan staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dr. Dan Ryan
President, Dowling Catholic High School and Des Moines Region

[Regional Update \(Spanish\) 3.1.23](#)



Third Sunday of Lent

Lent

Forty days before the Triduum, the Lenten season disposes Catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery through prayer and penitential practices.

Reading I : Exodus 17:3-7

Is the Lord in our midst or not?

- In the Exodus reading, the Israelites grumble about their experience in the desert.
- Their thirst represents Israel's real question, "Why did God make us leave Egypt?"
- Yahweh responds graciously to the needs of the people.

Reading II : Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

We are at peace with God through Christ.

- The wonder of God's free gift of salvation in Jesus is subject of the passage from Paul's Letter to the Romans.
- God responds to our need with compassion and mercy.
- God's love is poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Gospel : John 4:5-42

Whoever drinks the water I give, will never thirst again.

- In the story of the Samaritan woman, Jesus uses water as a symbol of God's revelation and God's Spirit.
- The exchange between Jesus and the woman causes conversion to take place.
- The woman identifies Jesus several times, each time with greater understanding. First, he was a Jewish man, then a prophet, and finally she makes a comment about the Messiah.



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Reading I Exodus 17:3-7 | Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 | Reading II Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 | Gospel John 4:5-42

Question For The Children How do you experience Jesus helping and loving you?

Question For The Youth Jesus revealed himself to an outcast of society. How can you be “living water” to the outcasts of your school? Society? The world?

Question For The Adults When you are tempted to try to satisfy your “thirst for meaning” through some other means, what keeps you coming back to the living water of intimacy with Christ? Through what means do you experience Christ’s power in your life: Sacraments? Scripture? Prayer? Others?

Activity Of The Week Create a centerpiece for the dinner table on the theme of water. You may want to use a dish of water, a flower to float in the water, or a candle that floats in the water. Go around the table and have family members answer this question. How is Jesus satisfying a thirst of yours?



Saint Of The Week Mark of Arethusa

Mark was the bishop of Arethusa (in present day Syria), and he had gained many converts to Christianity, but he was punished for this and eventually tortured and killed. And even though he himself was an old man at this time, Mark did not yield to his tormentors. His strength was so strong that they feared if they killed him, he would only draw more people to the faith. So they released him and his good work continued.

It is never easy to stand up for one’s beliefs. Most of us will not have to endure torture to support our values and standards. But we can’t turn away from our faith because someone ridicules us.




Saint Mark's message today: It is never easy to stand up for one’s beliefs. Most of us will not have to endure torture to support our values and standards. But we can’t turn away from our faith because someone ridicules us.

Are you strong enough to endure scorn and mockery for your faith?



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PARISH CALENDAR | MARCH 12, 2023

	Sunday [3/12]	Monday [3/13]	Tuesday [3/14]	Wednesday [3/15]	Thursday [3/16]	Friday [3/17]	Saturday [3/18]
School		No School Spring Break	No School Spring Break	No School Spring Break	No School Spring Break	No School Spring Break	
Faith Formation							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	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM Stations of the Cross 5PM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More	Garage Sale Drop Off after 10:30AM Mass	Garage Sale Drop Off 9AM-5PM	Garage Sale Drop Off 9AM-5PM		 9AM-5PM	 9AM-5PM	 9AM-12PM

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			
[3/12]	8:30AM	Mass	Brant McCurnin
	10:30AM	Mass	Jim Kleinschmidt
[3/14]	8:30AM	Mass	Kay Cooper
[3/15]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
[3/16]	8AM	Mass	Jim Rief
	2PM-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
[3/17]	8:30AM	Mass	Phillip Berrie
[3/18]	3PM-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	Joel Esslinger
[3/19]	8:30AM	Mass	Maurice Rahm
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers		
Saturday [3/18]	Altar Servers	Marcus & John Larsen
4:30PM	Lectors	Dave Bunkers, K. Obradovich
	EMHC	Team 2
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday [3/19]	Altar Servers	L. Godinez, A. Witt, J. Heikes
8:30AM	Lectors	Ben Klaus, Steve Stimmel
	EMHC	Team 3
	Children's Liturgy	Alicia & Luke Lynch
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday [3/19]	Altar Servers	E. Boot, I. Alonzo, J. Mundy
10:30AM	Lectors	Jim Wilwerding, T. Baustian
	EMHC	Team 2
	Children's Liturgy	Chris Coleman
	Music Coordinator	Frances Paterik

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