

. March 2nd, 2025 Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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## From Father Mark | March 2nd, 2025

This weekend, we have the official kickoff for this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our goal this year is slightly more than last years, at \$105,708; a two percent increase from last year. Please carefully consider your pledge to this year's appeal. If you are able to increase your gift from last year, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have not been able to be regular contributor to the Annual appeal, I encourage you to begin this habit. Please be assured that all gifts are appreciated no matter the amount.

The appeal is essential to the administration of our diocese. The funds raised in the annual appeal helps us to do many things that a single parish cannot do on its own. Among the beneficiaries of the Annual Appeal funds are our diocesan youth ministry and Catholic school programs, marriage preparation for those wishing to be a married in the Church, and the thousands of people assisted by Catholic Charities.

The annual appeal also helps to support our seminarians; your future pastors, our retired priests who have dedicated their lives to the service of our diocese as well as the active priests whose medical insurance is provided by the diocese, thereby relieving the parishes of this expense. There are many other programs and ministries supported by your contributions to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Thank you for your continued generosity to our diocese and to Holy Trinity, and please remember that any amount we go over our assessed goal stays here in the parish for our own use.

Have a good week

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Fr. Mark Neal





## **Holy Trinity Spring Garage Sale 2025**

March 20, 9am-5pm | March 21, 9am-5pm | March 22, 9am-Noon

## We Need Volunteers!

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

## **Donation Drop-Off**

Sunday, March 16, after 10:30 am Mass until 5pm Monday and Tuesday from 9am until 5pm NO Donations after 5pm 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 | Plants | Sporting Goods | CDs and DVDs | Small Appliances | Bedding and Linens | Clean Clothing

\*\*NO computers, monitors, fax machines, printers, keyboards, TVs, VCRs, cassette tapes, magazines, textbooks, underwear, baby cribs or car seats, bed frames, mattresses, exercise equipment, or light fixtures.

## From the Church | March 2nd, 2025

**Ash Wednesday** Join Holy Trinity March 5 at 6:30pm for Ash Wednesday service. A big THANK YOU to all of the Liturgical Ministers who signed up to help with the service.



**Nourish for Caregivers.** 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, and advocating for a loved one.

All caregivers are invited to attend on Monday, March 10, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church 2926 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines, IA. For more information, contact Deacon Troy Thompson at <a href="mailto:troyt@holytrinitydm.org">troyt@holytrinitydm.org</a>.

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**Holy Trinity Events.** Planning an event or do you need to request to use space at Holy Trinity? Fill out this <u>Event</u> Request Form.

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Healing Mass. Experience God's healing grace at Holy Trinity on Friday, March 14, at 10:00am. The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered to anyone experiencing mental, physical, or spiritual pain and distress. All parishioners are welcome to attend and offer support to those in need of healing. For more information, contact Deacon Troy Thompson at 515-255-3162 ext. 124. We look forward to celebrating with your family!

**Parish Business Directory.** Want to share information about your business with parishioners at Holy Trinity?

<u>Fill out this Directory form</u> and be added to our new business directory housed on our secure portal. Reach out to Jan Swinton with any questions.

**Rosary.** Please join our HT school and parish community in praying the rosary. We'll meet at the Bigelows house (403 42nd Street) at 8:00pm on the first Monday of each month for intentions, rosary and fellowship. If you're not familiar with the rosary, come learn.

The next dates are:

- March 3
- April 7

Please contact Sarah with questions: ssullivanbigelow@gmail.com

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**Coffee and Donuts.** We are looking for volunteers to help serve coffee and donuts on Sundays after 8:30am and 10:30 am masses.

If you are interested in signing up for coffee and donuts, please <u>sign up HERE</u>, or contact Gigi Wilwerding at <u>gigiw@holytrinitydm.org</u>.

Today is Annual Diocesan Appeal Sunday across the Diocese of Des Moines. The Annual Diocesan Appeal gives us the opportunity to Cultivate Connections in Christ and support the ministries and services in this Diocese from which you and our parish benefit. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal.

#### Please visit

www.DMDiocese.org/giving to make an online gift today!

Financial Blessings Ending Week of 2/21/25				
Budget July 2024 through June 2025	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$70,091	
YTD Actual Tithing	\$676,340	Tithing for the Week	\$40,176	
YTD Budget	\$606,249	Number of Donations Received	297	



# LENT 2025

## **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS**

Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30pm

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

## Fridays at 5:00 pm

- Friday, March 7th
- Friday, March 14th
- Friday, March 21st
- · Friday, March 28th

- Friday, April 4th
- Friday, April 11th
- Friday, April 18th (Living Stations at 2:15pm)

## **HOLY WEEK**

## **Holy Thursday**

• Mass: Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 pm

## **Good Friday**

• Service: Friday, April 18th at 7:00 pm

## **Easter Vigil**

• Saturday, April 19th at 8:00 pm

## LENTEN FISH DINNERS AT HOLY TRINITY

## Hosted by the Knights of Columbus from 5:15pm-6:30pm

- Friday, March 7th
- Friday, March 28th
- Friday, April 11th

## **HOLY TRINTY RECONCILIATION**

## **Confession at Holy Trinity**

- March 12th from 5:00pm-6:00pm
- March 18th from 1:00pm-2:00pm
- March 19th from 5:00pm-6:00pm
- March 27th from 1:00pm-2:00pm
- April 2nd from 6:00pm-7:00pm
- April 9th from 5:00pm-6:00pm

## **LENTEN RETREATS**

### **Generations of Faith**

- Wednesday, March 26th from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm (Social Room)
- Sunday March 30th from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm (Social Room)

### **Adult Lenten Retreat**

Saturday, March 8th from 12:00pm-4:30pm



## ADULT LENTEN RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH FROM
NOON - 4:30 PM
IN THE MEDIA CENTER
(A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN)

#### THE BREAD OF LIFE

As we prepare for the beginning of Lent and the start of the Jubilee Year of Hope, please join us for an afternoon of prayer and reflection on the Lenten scriptures. This is a wonderful opportunity to go deeper this Lent as we focus on the Source and Summit of our Catholic faith.

#### OUR PRESENTER: DR. JOHN HUYNH

Dr. John Huvnh is the Director of Social Justice for the Diocese of Des Moines and Catholic Charities. Previously, he served as the director of spiritual faith formation for the faculty and staff of Catholic schools in the diocese. He holds a BA in Philosophy and an MA in Fundamental Theology from Loras College, as well as a Doctorate in Ministry from Barry University. John is committed to making the richness of Catholic Social Teaching accessible and practical for everyday Catholics. As a theologian, he enjoys exploring practical ways to integrate faith into daily life, especially in the context of family and community. Lately, he's been reflecting on how parents can leverage the opportunities youth sports create to pass on the faith, rather than seeing them as competing forces. Outside of his ministry, John is a devoted husband to Amy and a proud dad to three children, all of whom attend St. Francis School. A lifelong soccer enthusiast, he has spent the past 16 years coaching at Dowling Catholic and cheering on his favorite club, Arsenal.



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QUESTIONS!

## From the School | March 2nd, 2025



TICKETS ARE LIVE. We're all shook up for the Graceland Gala - Celebrating Holy Trinity School, Church, and Elvis!

The Graceland Gala will be a rockin' event paying tribute to the king of rock n' roll - Elvis Presley. A Gala ticket includes Memphis style bbq dinner, drinks, and access to the support Holy Trinity through a silent auction, live auction, paddle raise and fun activities. Guests will enjoy lots of music, displays and fun from the 50's, 60's and 70's.

The Gala will be held on <u>Saturday, April 5, 2025</u>. Over the years, the event has raised thousands of dollars for Holy Trinity Church and School and served as a community builder for our Parish.

So get out your blue suede shoes and get ready to rock and roll as we raise funds for Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School.

Get your tickets here!

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**Donations Needed.** We can't help falling in love with Holy Trinity and now we're all shook up for the Graceland Gala.

If you have a burning love to support the Gala, consider donating an item to the auction. From gift cards to favorite restaurants to wine for the wine pull, all auction donations will help us reach our fundraising goal. Check out our list here. It will continue to be updated until April 1.

Don't be cruel! Donate an item to the Graceland Gala. It's now or never!

Gala Shirts are LIVE. Not sure what to wear to the 2025 Graceland Gala?! We have the perfect option for you, and you can even add some Vegas Glam! Glitter option available! Order your gala swag today!









Become a Mentor Family. Current Holy Trinity families, we need your help! Share your experience at Holy Trinity and welcome new families. It's a wonderful way to give back to our community and helps new families feel at home. Sign up today to be a mentor and make a difference! Contact Sarah Sullivan Bigelow at ssullivanbigelow@gmail.com, for more information.

**Enrollment.** Parishioner Enrollment started December 1st 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. General Enrollment is now open- Apply here!

Schedule your visit today with Mercedies Steinkamp, email her at <a href="mailto:mercedies@htschool.org">mercedies@htschool.org</a>

Vintage Cars Needed. We are interested in 50's-70's American vintage cars to showcase outdoors near the entrance of the event. If you have a vintage car you would like to showcase during the gala we would greatly appreciate it!

If interested, and able, contact me at 207-751-2932 or hallmegan59@gmail.com.

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#### **Upcoming Dates.**

NO SCHOOL: March 14th

• SPRING BREAK: March 17th-21st



## From the Diocese & Community | March 2nd, 2025

**2025 NCYC:** A Journey of Faith The National Catholic Youth Conference 2025 will be in Indianapolis November 20-22. The theme this year is I am.

Holy Trinity will be joining others from the diocese on the pilgrimage. We will load the bus and embark on three faith filled, fun days of encountering Christ and sharing our Catholic faith! All high school youth are invited to attend. We will be having our first meeting on Tuesday March 4 at 6:30 in the media Center. Bring your friends and come see what all the hype is about.

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**Fried Chicken Feast.** Held at St. John the Apostle parish in Norwalk, on Sunday, March 16th, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited! We will feature Staley's Fried Chicken along with all the fixings, drinks and pie for dessert.

**Cost:** Adults/\$13, Children ages 6-12/\$6, and children 5 and under eat free! Balloon artist for the kids. A silent auction and 50/50 raffle will also be held. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the parish office or that day. For more information contact Gary & Mary Haselton at (515)321-3873 or the parish office at (515) 981-4855.

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**Dinks for Diapers.** Mark your calendar! Join us for the 1st Annual "Dinks for Diapers" Women's Pickleball Tournament & Clinic on Saturday April 12! Let's rally together to support Mary's Helping Hands and give babies a smashing start.

The Crazy 8's Tournament will be held at Valley Community Center. Check in starts at 8:45am with play to be completed by 11:15am. \$30 individual entry. Register by 3/30.

**Events** — Mary's Helping Hands

Event facebook post.





## DIOCESE OF DES MOINES

Are you a Licensed Mental Health Professional? Join the Diocese of Des Moines Mental Health Referral Network. The Office of Marriage and Family Life is looking for more local clinicians who would like to support Catholic families and individuals seeking mental health care that aligns with and respects our Catholic beliefs and values. We are especially in need of therapists who can provide services in other languages, especially Spanish or Vietnamese.

If you are interested in joining or for more information about this program, please contact John Gaffney, interim director of Marriage and Family Life/director of Evangelization and Mission, at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5026.

#### Women's Evening of Recollection

Monday, March 10, 2025 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Augustin Church (enter the north door on the east side of the Church) 545 42nd Street, Des Moines

Spend a brief time away from the world to be with Our Lord. The Evening is designed to help you spend time alone with God, to look at your life

from His perspective, and find

practical ways to serve God amid your ordinary work and family life.

A priest will present two meditations based upon the spirituality of St. Josemaria

Escrivá, the founder of Opus Dei. There will be time for personal prayer, reflection, and

confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction.

- Women of all ages are invited, including high school and college students
- 6:30 Confession.
- 7:00 First meditation. Confession. Meditation.
- 8:00 Benediction
- The Women's Evenings of Recollection will take place on the 2nd Monday of each month. No Women's Evening of Recollection in July and December.



## Notes on the Mass | March 2nd, 2025

## Eighth Sunday of Ordinary

**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: Sirach 27:4-7

Praise no one before he speaks.

- One's faults show when we are shaken.
- Tribulation is the test of the just.
- One's speech discloses the bent of one's heart.

#### Reading II 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

God gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Death will never be victorious.
- God gave us victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ.
- Be devoted to the work of the Lord.

#### **Gospel:** Luke 6:39-45

From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.

- Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but not the wooden beam in your own eye?
- A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor a rotten tree bear good fruit.
- Every tree is known by its own fruit. What fruit do I bear?



## Bring Home the Gospel | March 2nd, 2025

#### Reading I | Psalm | Reading II | Gospel

**Question For The Children** Jesus teaches us to do good. What did you do this past week that was really good, kind or loving?

**Question For The Youth** Jesus says that our words reveal what is in our hearts. How do your words and actions reveal what is truly in your heart?

**Question For The Adults** We humans are vulnerable to sin. But we see the sins of others more easily than we recognize our own sins. Why does Jesus warn us not to judge others?

**Activity Of The Week** Pray, thanking God for your family. Invite each person in the family to name what they are most thankful for in each person.

Saint Of The Week Martin de Porres, Religious Martin was the illegitimate son of a Spanish knight and a freed Panamanian slave. Born and raised in Lima, Peru, he was part of the poorest and lowest level of society. As a young man, Martin applied to the Dominicans to be a "lay-helper" because he didn't himself feel worthy to be a religious brother. He often spent his nights in prayer, while his days were filled with caring for the sick and the poor. He founded an orphanage and looked after the slaves brought from Africa. After nine years, his example of prayer and penance, charity and humility, led his religious community to ask Martin to make a full religious profession.

All of us are children of God and all of us deserve justice in our dealings with others. Martin cared not whether those he helped were slaves or free men, rich or poor. If they needed his help, he was available to them. We should do no less. St. Martin de Porres is the patron saint of interracial justice. An optional memorial on November 3 honors him.

**Martin's message today:** All of us are children of God and all of us deserve justice in our dealings with others. Martin cared not whether those he helped were slaves or free men, rich or poor. If they needed his help, he was available to them. We should do no less.



Parish Calendar   March 2nd, 2025							
	<b>Sunday</b> [3/2]	<b>Monday</b> [3/3]	Tuesday [3/4]	Wednesday [3/5]	Thursday [3/6]	<b>Friday</b> [3/7]	Saturday [3/8]
School				School Mass hosted by 5th Grade 8:30AM		\$1 Dress Down Day Hosted by: Kindergarten	
Faith Formation	Baptism during 8:30 Mass	Rosary at the Bigelow's Home 8:00-9:00PM	Funeral 10:00AM followed by Luncheon	Ash Wednesday Service 6:30PM		Stations of the Cross (CH) 5:00PM	Sunday Reading Groups Men (MC) 7:30AM Women (Room 101) 8:30AM
Adult Faith Formation	Mass 8:30AM & 10:30AM	No Communion Service	NO Mass/Morning Prayer  OCIA (101, 102) 6:30PM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM Morning Prayer following 8:30 Mass	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More	Coffee & Donuts following 8:30 & 10:30 Mass Hosted by SVdP		Decorate Church for Lent 6:30PM			Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinner (SR) 5:15PM	Visitation 9:30AM Funeral 10:00AM

Upcoming Mass Schedule, Liturgy Schedule, and Intentions				
[3/2]	8:30AM	Mass	Harold & Dorothy McCarville	
	10:30AM	Mass	Mildred McClavy	
[3/4]	8:30AM	NO Mass		
[3/5]	8:30AM	Mass	Mike Dwyer	
[3/6]	8:30AM	Mass	Holy Trinity Class of 1966	
	2-9PM	Adoration		
	4:05PM	Rosary		
[3/7]	8:30AM	Mass		
[3/8]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	Inez McGough	
[3/9]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Parish	
	10:30AM	Mass	Pat McGoldrick	

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers				
Saturday	Altar Servers	Tyler Leo and Frank & Louie Brett		
[3/8]	Lectors	Marsha Szymczuk & Kathie Obradovich		
4:30PM	EMHC	Team 1		
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner		
Sunday	Altar Servers	Sullivan Kelley, Geneva Knapp, Jamison Lynch and Kaylee Maloney		
[3/9]	Lectors	Sherill Whisenand & Scott Flood		
8:30AM	EMHC	Team 1/MC: Karen Quiner		
	Children's Liturgy	Team C: Breanna Castro		
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner		
Sunday	Altar Servers	Colton Barney, Bridget & Lydia Caswell and Noah Dragoo		
[3/9]	Lectors	Youth Ministry		
10:30AM	EMHC	Youth Ministry		
	Children's Liturgy	Team 5: Jean Smith & Alaina Hoover		
	Music Coordinator	Eric Sharp		





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