

Holy Trinity Catholic School School

March 3rd, 2024

3rd Sunday of

Lent

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Taking the Journey TOGETHER



From Father Mark | March 3rd, 2024

Greetings,

Well, it's that time of year again; Annual Diocesan Appeal time. Our parish assessment this year is \$103,528. This is about a decrease from last year. While it is nice to have a decrease, this is based on our tithing income. So a decrease in our assessment means we have had a drop in tithing income. As for the ADA I am asking all parishioners to review your gift from last year and if possible to increase it as you are able. I will be increasing my gift to the ADA this year. If you were not able to make a gift last year, I ask that you do your best to make one this year as every gift, no matter the amount, does help and is also an opportunity to participate in the work of our diocese and Church. Last year we had 331 parish household participate. This is 30 percent of our official parish registration. Let's do our best as a parish to bring this number up.

Thanks!

Please remember that the ADA supports many programs and ministries that one parish alone cannot sustain. From health insurance for our active and retired priests, to marriage preparation, to support for parish faith formation programs and our parish schools, to catholic charities and so many others.

I want to thank you in advance for what I am confident will be another generous effort by Holy Trinity parish!

Have a good week,

FR. Manh

Fr. Mark Neal



LENT 2024

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 5:00 pm

- Friday, February 16th
- Friday, February 23rd
- Friday, March 1st
- Friday, March 8th
- Friday, March 15th
- Friday, March 29th (Living Stations at 2pm)

ADORATION AND MORNING PRAYER

Tuesdays after 8:30 am Mass during Lent

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday

• Mass: Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 pm

Good Friday

• Service: Friday, March 29th at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil

• Saturday, March 30th at 8:00 pm

LENTEN FISH DINNERS AT HOLY TRINITY

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

- Friday, March 1st
- Friday, March 22nd

HOLY TRINTY RECONCILIATION

Confession at Holy Trinity

- Saturday, March 2nd at 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 6th at 5:00 pm
- Saturday, March 9th at 3:00 pm
- Saturday, March 16th at 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 20th at 5:00 pm
- Saturday, March 23rd at 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 27th 5:00 pm
- Saturday, March 30th at 3:00 pm

LENTEN RETREATS

Generations of Faith

- February 21st from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
- February 25th from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm



LENTEN RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 FROM NOON - 4:30 PM
IN THE MEDIA CENTER
NO COST (A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE
TAKEN)

OUR PRESENTER: DEACON MATT HALBAC. MATT
CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE DIRECTOR OF
DIACONATE FORMATION FOR THE DIOCESE OF DES
MOINES, AND SERVES AS A DEACON AT ST. LUKE'S
IN ANKENY.

HOLY WEEK IS FULL OF GRACE AND WONDER. IT INCLUDES THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING CELEBRATIONS AND READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE. WHY? BECAUSE THIS WEEK FOCUSES ON THE SUFFERING, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS—THE FOCAL POINT OF GOD'S SAVING PLAN—AND THE CENTRAL MYSTERY OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. JOIN DCN. MATT AS HE LEADS US THROUGH THE MYSTERY OF HOLY WEEK AND THE GRACE IT OFFERS.



DR. MATTHEW HALBACH WAS ORDAINED IN 2018 FOR THE DIOCESE OF DES MOINES, IA. HE IS SENIOR NATIONAL CATECHETICAL CONSULTANT FOR WILLIAM H. SADLIER, INC. DEACON HALBACH IS ALSO A NATIONAL AUTHOR AND SPEAKER ON THE TOPICS OF MERCY, ACCOMPANIMENT, EVANGELIZATION, AND CATECHESIS. HE EARNED HIS PHD IN CATECHETICS FROM THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA IN 2014 AND IS A REVIEWER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS. DEACON HALBACH IS A FATHER OF SIX CHILDREN AND A HUSBAND.



Holy Trinity Spring Garage Sale 2024

March 14th, 9am-5pm | March 15th, 9am-5pm | March 16th, 9am-Noon

We Need Volunteers!

Consider assisting with set-up, collection, and tear down. Contact Teresa at parmenter13@gmail.com or call parish office at 515-255-3162 ext. 128

Donation Drop-Off

Sunday, March 10, after 10:30 am Mass 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 and Plants | Sporting Goods CDs and DVDs | Small Appliances | Bedding and Linens | Clean Clothings

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

From the Church | March 3rd, 2024

Lenten Fish Dinners KOC hosts the next two dinners dinners on March 1st, 22nd from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the gym. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for ages 5 to 11. On the menu: Baked Tilapia, Beer Battered Cod, Mac n' Cheese, Cheesy Potatoes, Vegetables, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, and Desserts provided by Holy Trinity Youth Group.



Adoration and Morning Prayer. To enrich your Lenten season Holy Trinity will offer Adoration and Morning Prayer on Tuesdays following 8:30 Mass.

Stay for a few minutes with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament or the whole 30 minutes which includes Lauds. This is a Blessed opportunity to prepare ourselves for Easter.

The Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) works in partnership with the Eat Greater Des Moines network to provide food security to food pantries and other anti-hunger organizations throughout Central Iowa. At this time, more people are being assisted than at any time in the organization's history. Those wishing to provide their support may drop their food or non-food items (diapers, wipes personal products, etc.) into one of the green collection tubs located at the church entries.

DMARC also welcomes money donations as they are able to buy items at discounted prices and realize savings with their purchases. Money donations may be made by using the **QR code system** now in place through the Church Office or by email, **holytrinitydm.org/donate**.

Healing Mass. Experience the Sacrament of the Sick on Friday, March 8th, at Noon. All parishioners are welcome to attend and offer support to those in need of healing. For more information, contact Deacon Dan Maxcy at 515.255.3162 ext. 124.

Catholic Charities Family Shelter. Would you be willing to make and deliver dinner for the residents of the Catholic Charities Family Shelter? The fourth Saturday of each month is reserved for HT parishioners to do so. You are welcome to work together with a group of families or your organization for this purpose.

Please prayerfully consider participating; you can sign up at tinyurl.com/htstjoe or contact Nick Bigelow for more details at bigelow.nick@gmail.com.



Annual Diocesan Appeal. Today is Annual Diocesan Appeal Sunday throughout 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.



Use the QR code to donate today:

https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal-giving

Financial Blessings Ending Week of 02/23/2024				
Budget July 2023 through June 2024	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$13,670)	
YTD Actual Tithing	\$647,484	Tithing for the Week	\$30,478	
YTD Budget	\$633,814	Number of Donations Received	310	



From the School | March 3rd, 2024

Yearbook Club. is working hard to create the 2023-2024 yearbook, and they could use your help! If you have any pictures from the band and choir concert or from the k-2 and 3-5 Christmas concerts that you would be willing to share, they would greatly appreciate it. If you have pictures from community events, such as the walk-a-thon, those would also be appreciated!

Please send any pictures that you would like to share to Mrs. Hopkins at jhopkins@htschool.org.

Tuition Assistance is Available. The application period to apply for tuition assistance for any of our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Des Moines from the Catholic Tuition Organization starts Feb. 1 and ends April 15. Go to www.fairapp.com to apply. Use school code: 450 and password: 450ddm. For more information, contact Mark Reed at 515-237-5010



The Beaverdale Holiday Boutique needs YOU! In order to keep this beloved tradition alive, we need volunteers to lead this amazing event. As they say, many hands make light work, and we are in need of two to three people to lead these subcommittees: Baking, running the bakery cafe, volunteer coordination, facilities (set up/tear down), decorations, marketing, and vendor management. Interested in more details? Contact Cassie Lehr at cassie.m.lehr@gmail.com. Remember, this event helps fund the schools operating budget, but without volunteers this event cannot happen.



SAVE THE DATE. April 13th, 2024, 5:30-10:30 pm

Join us for a totally rad evening raising funds for Holy Trinity Catholic School!

Visit

<u>https://holytrinitydm.org/gala-auction/</u>
For more information on tickets and donations!



Spring Break Camp. Tallgrass Theatre Company is offering theatre classes March 11th through the 15th. If you are looking for something creative for your child to do over Spring Break, join the Seedlings class now! Available for ages 8-14.

Check out more information at https://tallgrasstheatre.org/seedlings

Jump Rope for Heart at Holy Trinity during PE time will begin March 19 and end March 29. With this in mind we would like to honor all of Our Heart Hearts at Holy Trinity. If there is a Heart Hero in your family, or someone who has been affected by a heart condition and/or disease, we would like to honor them by placing their name and/or a picture of them on our Hero Wall in the gym. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your support.

Regional Update. See the latest letter from the Bishop on Des Moines Regional Catholic Schools.

February 19th, 2024 Update HERE





From the Diocese & Community | March 3rd, 2024

Marriage is a journey!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. For more information call contact Denise and Greg – 563-920-9419 or to register go to wwme.org.

Upcoming dates:

April 12-14, 2024 in Epworth September 27-29 in Dubuque November 8-10 in Holstein

Lenten Taize. Please join us for a Lenten Taize Service at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 1150 28th St., on Monday, March 11 at 7:00 PM. A Taize service is a time to rest in God. There is no preaching, no teaching, just a quiet meditative service with chants, songs and Lenten scripture readings in a candlelit atmosphere. Taize originated with the Taize Community, an economical monastic order founded in 1940 in France with a strong commitment to peace and justice through prayer and meditation. All are welcome.

Disciple Experience Weekend (DEW) Join us for a meaningful weekend to study and reflect on the Catholic Social Justice Teachings. An opportunity to enrich one's spiritual life will be held March 15-17, 2024. The location is Prairiewoods Retreat Center at 120 Boyson Road in Hiawatha, Iowa 52233. The retreat begins Friday evening at 5:30 pm through 1 pm on Sunday. Cost is \$180 for the weekend (includes lodging, speakers and meals). Daily commuter rate: \$50 per person per day. Retreat includes 7 speakers, meals, Mass and Reconciliation.

This is a co-ed event. All race, creed and sexual orientation persons are welcome to attend. A team of lay people will conduct the weekend. For more information and for a registration form, please contact: Deanna Pietryga or Ted Pietryga at (319) 541-6306 or email us at: deannaollendick@gmail.com.

Join us on <u>FACEBOOK</u> at: DEW: Discipleship Experience Weekend. Hope to see you there!



Theology on Tap returns! Join Young Catholics of the Diocese of Des Moines at Confluence on March 15 at 6pm. Our guest speaker, John Huynh, will discuss the question "What does it mean to be human?" Dinner will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase.

Check out our Facebook page or email ycdmcatholicsingles@gmail.com for questions/details.

Healing Service. Join us to pray & heal together. I can personally attest to the true beauty and power. I attended my first one on June 21, 2023 and it changed my life. That is a long story, one of which I would be happy to share, but the short version is this: it is such an incredible experience to be around so many folks that are in need of prayer and healing and to be a small part in that has changed my life in such an inspiring way.

Details:

An evening of adoration, reconciliation, and healing prayer is offered by Tim Jameson & Prairie Fire Ministries.

<u>Time:</u>

On the second Saturday of each month beginning at 5:30 PM; Mass Beforehand at 4:00 PM. Saturday, March 9, 2024. Location: Saint Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High Street, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Website(s):

<u>https://prairiefireministries.com/healing-service</u> &
<u>https://www.saintambrosecathedral.org/worship-with-us/</u>





Notes on the Mass | March 3rd, 2024

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.

Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Exodus 20:1-17 Keep my commandments.

- In every covenant, there are laws, duties, and responsibilities that must be followed.
- The Ten Commandments express the central law of the covenant made on Mt. Sinai.
- They outline the characteristic relationships with God and with neighbor.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Christ is the power of God.

- Signs are an important part of Israel's theology, as Paul notes in today's passage.
- In Israel's life, signs always convey the message of the presence and power of God.
- For those who can see, Christ is the ultimate sign of the presence and power of God.

Gospel : John 2:13-25

In three days, I will raise it up.

- For Israel the temple is a sign of the presence of God.
- Jesus cleanses the sign because it is no longer conveying the message.
- Another message is added, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Jesus transfers the sign of God's presence from the temple to his own body, raised from death.



Bring Home the Gospel | March 3rd, 2024

Reading I Exodus 20:1-17 | Psalm 103 | Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 | Gospel John 2:13-25

Question For The Children Share one way in which you "honor your father and mother."

Question For The Youth Jesus was angry – as we all get at times. When is your anger a good thing? When is it not?

Question For The Adults As you hear the Commandments proclaimed today, which one of them really strikes you?

Activity Of The Week Help family members learn about ways we honor God in church. Talk about ways we honor God at home.

Saint Of The Week John of God, Religious, 1495-1550

John, born in Portugal, was a soldier in the wars between Spain and France as well as in the war against the Turks in Hungary. Later he was a shepherd in Seville and also served as an overseer of slaves in Morocco.

During the early years of his life, John had given up the Christian faith. But, when he was about forty years of age, John decided to atone for his immoral life by going to Africa to rescue Christian slaves and to seek martyrdom. Instead, he got as far as Gibraltar where he peddled religious books and holy pictures. In 1538, he went to Grenada and opened a religious goods store.

Soon after, he heard a sermon by St. John of Avila that filled him with remorse. He engaged in a public beating of himself, begging forgiveness for his sins and wildly repenting his former ways. For this, he was thrown into an insane asylum. Helped by John of Avila, who suggested that he apply his energies to helping others rather than to practicing the harsh penances that he had imposed on himself, John of God found new purpose in his life. Upon his release from the asylum in 1539, he devoted himself to helping the sick and the poor.

John opened a house to care for these ill-fated people, at first begging for alms to supply the basic needs of his house. Soon, his wisdom, zeal, dedication, and holiness in serving the unfortunates so impressed the people of Grenada that the wealthy clamored to support his efforts. The work of John and his supporters was the beginning of the Order of the Brothers Hospitallers, also known as the Brothers of St. John of God, an order that has spread throughout the world.

St. John of God is the patron saint of booksellers, heart ailments, hospitals, nurses, printers, and the sick. An optional memorial celebrates the life of this saint on March 9.

Saint's message today: God never gives up on anyone, but loves all of us equally as his children. Like many of our own children, it took John a little longer to determine what it was that God was asking him to do with his life. Nevertheless, once he had chosen the right course, John launched into it with fervor.



Parish Calendar March 3rd, 2024							
	Sunday [3/5]	Monday [3/6]	Tuesday [3/7]	Wednesday [3/8]	Thursday [3/9]	Friday [3/10]	Saturday [3/11]
School				School Mass hosted by 3rd Grade 8:30AM			
Faith Formation				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	Mass 8:30AM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More							
•	CH: Church 101	-106: Classrooms DC	:: Day Chapel K: K	itchen MC: Media (Center PO: Parish C	office SR: Social	Room

Upcoming Mass Schedule, Liturgy Schedule, and Intentions					
[3/3]	8:30AM	Mass	Michael Timmons		
	10:30AM	Mass	Mildred McClavy		
[3/5]	8:30AM	Mass	Ruth & Jim Wright		
[3/6]	8:30AM	Mass	Diane Hicks		
[3/7]	8AM	Mass	Larry & Margaret Gannon		
	2-9PM	Adoration	Adoration		
	4:05PM	Rosary			
[3/8]	8:30AM	Mass	Inez McGougn		
[3/9]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliatio	Reconciliation		
	4:30PM	Mass	For the Parish		
[3/10]	8:30AM	Mass	Robert & Julie Wacht		
	10:30AM	Mass	Elizabeth Green		

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers				
Saturday	Altar Servers	Margaret Fiddelke		
[3/9]	Lectors	Matt Kiernan & Vonnie Salem		
4:30PM	ЕМНС	Team 1		
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner		
Sunday	Altar Servers	Cameron Goode & Jack Ernst & Jackson Hoodjer, Mia & Madalyn Darkalakes		
[3/10]	Lectors	Brenda Heggen & Mark McAndrews		
8:30AM	ЕМНС	Team 1		
	Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy (SPRING BREAK)		
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner		
Sunday	Altar Servers	Vivian Skeffington, Ruth George and Bridget & Lydia Caswell		
[3/10]	Lectors	Lea Rea and Tim Stacy		
10:30AM	ЕМНС	Team 3		
	Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy (SPRING BREAK)		
	Music Coordinator	Frances Paterik		







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