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Catholic Church and School

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April 13th, 2025

*Palm
Sunday*

Taking the Journey TOGETHER



*“My God,
my God, why
have you
abandoned
me?”*

From Father Mark | April 13th, 2025

Greetings.

Last Saturday we had our 2025 Gala at Graceland. A big thanks to all those who came and participated and those who made pledges and gifts to the gala. Without you, it would not have been the great success that it was. Special thank you also to Colleen Murphy and her team of volunteers for all of their work making our gala this year such a success. Thank you, thank you very much!

A reminder, we are in the midst of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. As of last week, we were at 175 pledges for \$82,300. We're off to a good start, but we still have a way to go. Thank you to all those who have already made their gifts and pledges. They've been very generous. If you've not had a chance to take care of this yet, please do so as soon as you are able. We would like to see everyone participate. We would especially like to break the 400 mark for number of pledges this year. As you know, the last several years, we have gotten a refund on our annual appeal, and we like to designate projects for these funds. For our next refund, we would like to do some work in the church. We would like to update the restrooms in the church. They have not been addressed in quite some time and are in need of updating.

As you know, this coming week is Holy Week. We invited you to join us for our Holy Week and Easter liturgies, beginning with Holy Thursday, continuing Good Friday, and culminating in the Easter vigil and Easter Sunday liturgies. Please come and join us as we celebrate the new life that we are offered in the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Finally, we are still in need of some volunteers. Please check the signup sheets at the back of the Church or call the parish office.

Have a good week



Fr. Mark Neal



From the Church | April 13th, 2025

Easter Vigil Desserts. After our Easter Vigil we have a celebration over in the gym and social room. This is a wonderful event that allows us to celebrate our new members here at Holy Trinity into the Church.

We need volunteers to help with set up, tear down, and providing desserts. If you are interested in helping or providing a dessert, [please sign up here!](#)

High school service hours will be offered for this event. If you have never attended this celebration, please stop by! It is a wonderful way to celebrate those entering into the Catholic faith.

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 troyt@holytrinitydm.org.

Baptism. Do you want to celebrate your child's baptism at Holy Trinity? Attend the next Baptism Class on Monday, May 5th at 6:00 pm. Contact Jan Swinton in the Parish Office at 515-255-3162 ext. 128 to register.



Retreats. We were happy to be able to host Adult Retreats during both Advent and Lent this year. We were blessed to have Tom Quinlan from the St. Joseph Evangelization Center lead our Advent Retreat, and John Huynh, who currently serves as the Director of Social Justice & Catholic Charities lead our Lenten Retreat. We had really nice turnouts for both retreats, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. We will be hosting retreats again during the 2025-2026 school year, and we invite all adults of the parish to consider joining us for these afternoons of reflection and prayer.

If you have a suggestion for a presenter you would like Holy Trinity to pursue, please contact John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation at johnm@holytrinitydm.org, or via telephone at (515) 255-3162 extension 224.



Financial Blessings Ending Week of DDAATTEE

Budget July 2024 through June 2025	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$58,840
YTD Actual Tithing	\$785,182	Tithing for the Week	\$13,931
YTD Budget	\$726,342	Number of Donations Received	65



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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 TRINITY 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



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From the School | April 13th, 2025



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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.

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Schedule your visit today with Mercedes Steinkamp, email her at mercedes@htschool.org

Open Positions. We currently have two open positions at Holy Trinity Catholic School.

- Middle School ELA
- Middle School Math

Interested applicants please contact our Principal Monica Morrison at mmorrison@htschool.org



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Upcoming Dates.

- LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS: April 18th
- EASTER MONDAY-NO SCHOOL: April 21st
- MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE: April 25th

Middle School Dance. Join us at the Holy Trinity gym on April 25th, where snacks and drinks will be provided! Come and dance the night away with friends.

[See more information here.](#)

Financial Assistance for both CTO and DTA information.

Application fee will be \$31 this year.

Application website: www.fairapp.com

School code:450

School password: 450ddm

Application Deadline is April 15th

[English Flyer](#) | [Spanish Flyer](#)

ESA. Applications open on April 16th! Iowa's Students First Education Savings Account (ESA) application for the 2025-26 school year will open at 8:00 am on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 and close on Monday, June 30, 2025 at 11:59 pm.

The Department's [ESA](#) web page has been updated for the 2025-26 school year.

Family Skate Night. Thanks to the HUGE turnout during our Catholic Schools week skating party, Holy Trinity parishioners, student, and families have earned a free admission at Skateland on Wednesday, May 14th from 5-9pm.

Admission is free. Skate rental is \$5 and concessions will be available.

Skateland is located at 5621 Meredith Drive.



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

From the Diocese & Community | April 13th, 2025

The Vatican wants to hear from you! Pax Christi is conducting a survey of North American Catholics for their thoughts about nuclear weapons. Please take a few minutes to complete and submit this survey by **April 17, 2025** here: <https://tinyurl.com/msujhc4n>. The results will be sent to the Vatican and shared widely. Thank you for your help!

Join us during Holy Week:
Tenebrae Service
St. Augustin Parish
545 42nd Street, Des Moines
Wednesday, April 16th at 7:30 PM

A Tenebrae service takes place in a dark room lit by candles. A series of scripture readings and songs chronicles Jesus's final week, ending with his burial. After each reading a candle is snuffed out, until only the Christ candle remains lit.

Open Position. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is seeking an Assistant Principal for the 2025-2026 school year. Located in West Des Moines, Iowa, the school serves approximately 750 students in grades PS-8.

The Assistant Principal supports the Principal in developing and implementing the faith-based educational program of the school. They help lead, create, and promote a strong faith community in which students, families, and staff grow in their personal faith and knowledge of Catholic teaching. A successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic with knowledge of Catholic teaching and must hold a valid Iowa Administrator license with Evaluator Approval.

Qualified applicants should submit the application on TeachIowa and send a cover letter, resume, three letters of reference, and copy of Iowa Administrator license to Donna Bishop at dbishop@dmdiocese.org by April 16, 2025.

You are invited to experience “An Evening of Glory.”

Join us for a glorious evening of Music and Praise on May 2nd at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Waukee, Iowa. You'll experience classical, jazz, praise, and choral music featuring top musicians from 6 parishes. A

adults: \$20; children/students free. The musical event will be followed by a wine/cheese/dessert reception. Proceeds support Pulse Life Advocates Student Scholarship Fund. Order tickets online: PulseForLife.org.

Women's Evening of Recollection

Monday, May 12, 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.

You're Invited to the Dowling Catholic Year-End Carnival!

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of excitement and joy at our Year-End Carnival, hosted by Dowling Catholic, on May 17th from 4-6 PM in the Dowling Catholic High School Gym! This event is especially for our youngest friends—Pre-K through 3rd graders in the Diocese of Des Moines, but we welcome everyone!

Whether you're a Dowling family or not, all are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend with younger children, even if they're not part of the diocese—the more, the merrier!

This is a FREE event and we can't wait to see you there for an afternoon of fun and community!



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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 : Isaiah 50:4-7

God helps us.

- The first reading from Isaiah is one of four passages that focus on the "servant" of God.
- In all four examples, the servant is faithful, even in the face of suffering.
- The servant in today's passage stands by his belief that with God on his side, he will not be put to shame.

Reading II : Philippians 2:6-11

God's name is holy.

- Scripture scholars believe that today's second reading was a familiar early Christian hymn.
- The purpose of Paul's hymn for the Philippians is to persuade the community to be united in Christ.
- Paul uses the example of Jesus' self emptying obedience to encourage the community to end its divisions.

Gospel : Luke 22:14-23:56

Jesus shows us how to love.

- Similar to the description of the servant of Isaiah, Jesus willingly accepted the suffering and anguish that can be the price of fidelity.
- Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is depicted as the faithful prophet who speaks God's word even in the midst of his own suffering.
- In today's account of the Passion of Christ, Luke emphasizes the innocence of Jesus.



Bring Home the Gospel | April 13th, 2025

Reading I Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm | Reading II Philippians 2:6-11 | Gospel Luke 22:14-23:56

Question For The Children In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

Question For The Youth How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

Question For The Adults What sacrifices have you made this week to show your love for others? What sacrifices have others made for you?

Activity Of The Week When you gather for dinner, light a candle and talk about the events in the last week of Jesus' life. Divide the reading of the passion into segments and read one part each evening this week.

Saint Of The Week Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor, c. 315-386 Cyril is thought to have been the son of Christian parents and, if not born in Jerusalem, he certainly was raised there. He received an excellent education from his parents which helped to prepare him for his coming trials.

Ordained by St. Maximus, the bishop of Jerusalem, one of Cyril's first duties was to instruct the catechumens as they prepared for the reception of the sacraments at the Easter vigil (what we call the period of Purification and Enlightenment) and during the Easter season after the sacraments have been received (Mystagogy). Much of what we know about the way the catechumens were prepared for baptism in the early Church has been gleaned from the writings of Cyril, and his work has been instrumental in developing the Rite of Christian Initiation as it is used today.

Cyril succeeded St. Maximus as bishop of Jerusalem. The Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ, was rampant through most of the Christian world in the mid-fourth century and nowhere had it hit harder than in Palestine. It should be noted that during this time, the young and growing Church was still in the process of defining itself. Beliefs that we take for granted today were not so sharply determined in the fourth century. The Council of Nicaea was called in 325 specifically to counter the Arian heresy, but, as with many Church councils, it was many years before the full effects were felt.

Cyril's troubles began when Acacius, the Arian bishop of Caesarea, claimed jurisdiction over Jerusalem as metropolitan of Caesarea, and tried to advance the Arian heresy in Cyril's episcopate. When Cyril disputed both the claim and the heresy, open warfare broke out. Acacius called a synod of Arian bishops and accused Cyril of being rebellious against authority. When the Arian bishops condemned Cyril, he was driven out of Jerusalem until, two years later, his appeal absolved him and he was reinstated to his see.

When Cyril finally returned to Jerusalem in about the year 387, he found chaos reigned. Schisms and heresy abounded and party factions were literally at war with each other. When Cyril requested help from the Council of Antioch, St. Gregory of Nyssa was sent to assist him, but this saint found that it was more than he could handle and soon left Jerusalem. Gregory did report back to the council, however, that, while major problems existed in Jerusalem, Cyril's faith was orthodox.

In 381, Cyril and Gregory both attended the Council of Constantinople where an amended Nicene Creed was adopted. At this council, many of his contemporaries praised Cyril as a champion of orthodoxy against Arianism.

An optional memorial honors St. Cyril on March 18. In 1882, Pope Leo XIII declared him a Doctor of the Church.

Cyril's message today: Cyril took a strong stand for what he believed in. At the cost of placing ourselves in the middle of controversy, we too must sometimes stand up for what we believe.

- *Do you tend to "go along with the crowd" or do you defend those things you strongly believe in?*



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Parish Calendar | April 13th, 2025

Parish Calendar April 13th, 2025							
	Sunday [4/13]	Monday [4/14]	Tuesday [4/15]	Wednesday [4/16]	Thursday [4/17]	Friday [4/18]	Saturday [4/19]
School				School Mass hosted by 6th Grade 8:30AM		Living Stations of the Cross Hosted by 3rd Grade 2:15PM	
Faith Formation	Palm Sunday	Nourish for Caregivers (MC) 6-7:30PM	OCIA (CH) 6:30PM	Schola (CH) 6:30PM	Holy Thursday No Morning Mass	Good Friday No Morning Mass or Morning Prayer	Mens Sunday Reading Group 7:30AM
Adult Faith Formation	Mass 8:30AM & 10:30AM	No Communion Service	Mass 8:30AM Lenten Adoration & Morning Prayer following Mass	Mass 8:30AM	Adoration 2-5PM Rosary 4:05PM Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM	Proclamation of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross 7:00PM	Easter Vigil 8:00PM Easter Reception (Gym, SR) 10:30 PM
More	Coffee & Donuts following 8:30 & 10:30 Mass (Hosted by the Birding & Conservation Club)						

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			
[4/13]	8:30AM	Mass	Nancy Timmons Delperdang
	10:30AM	Mass	Frank Severino Sr.
[4/15]	8:30AM	Mass	Denny McGough
[4/16]	8:30AM	Mass	Joseph Lipichok
[4/17]	8:30AM	No Mass	No Morning Mass
	2-5PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
	7:00PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
[4/18]	8:30AM	No Mass	No Morning Mass
	7:00PM	The Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross	
[4/19]	8:00PM	Easter Vigil	
[4/20]	8:30AM	Easter Mass	Dennis Couch
	10:30AM	Easter Mass	For the Parish

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers		
Saturday	Altar Servers	Jude Kajewski, Paul & Anna Heilman and Elizabeth Bungert
[4/19]	Lectors	Easter Schedule
4:30PM	EMHC	Easter Schedule
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Jamison Lynch, Cartier Bryant and Jonah & Gwennie Johnson
[4/20]	Lectors	Jean Severson & Karen Quiner
8:30AM	EMHC	Easter Schedule
	Children's Liturgy	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY-EASTER SUNDAY
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Colton Barney, Kellan Murphy, Mary Cate & Ronan Bergman
[4/20]	Lectors	Mark Amadeo & John Goode
10:30AM	EMHC	Easter Schedule
	Children's Liturgy	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY-EASTER SUNDAY
	Music Coordinator	Eric Sharp

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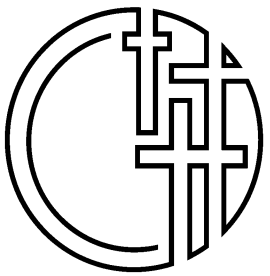

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