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April 20th, 2025

Easter Sunday

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

*“Rejoice, O hearts that
seek the Lord.”*



From Father Mark | April 20th, 2025

Greetings,

Happy Easter! In the Gospel today we hear of Mary Magdalene arriving at the tomb of Jesus and finding it empty. We hear her say, ““They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” She is confused, what has happened to Jesus, where has he been taken? When Peter and the other apostle arrive, we hear one believes, we don’t know about the other. More confusion?

Aren’t we sometimes confused in our own lives and unsure of how to proceed as we try to move forward? Don’t we sometimes doubt ourselves and the decisions we have made in life. On Good Friday, we heard Jesus cry out “My God, my God why have you forsaken me?” But moments later, we hear him say with his dying breath, “Into your hands, I commend my spirit.” The scriptures tell that Jesus was like us in all things except sin. Maybe in his humanity, Jesus had that moment of confusion, but he quickly places his life in the hands of His Father; God.

What of ourselves? We all have those moments of human weakness; those times of doubt and confusion. When the apostles are told Jesus has risen; that he has defeated death, they have a difficult time believing, even though they have been told all along that this is what would happen. In seeing the risen Jesus, they finally come to believe. As we celebrate Easter, are we able to see God at work in our own lives; do we recognize Him even amidst those times of confusion and doubt?

As we celebrate Easter, as we spend time with family, friends, and loved ones, let’s all take some time to give thanks for the gift of our faith and for our God who assures us that if we persevere in the faith, we will not be defeated, not even by death itself; that if we are looking for God and are willing to see him; we will see His presence and his work all around us.

I also want to send a big thank you to all of our volunteers; altar servers, lectors, MCs, choir, musicians and especially Tom Quiner and Eric Sharp who coordinate our liturgical music, our cantors, ushers, greeters, our Holy Thursday foot washing volunteers, and all who make our liturgies possible here and who helped make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies especially meaningful. Thanks also to our own deacons Jim Obradovich and Doug Renze for their help. They make my job much easier.

Special thanks to Lori Marso and her team for once again coordinating our Easter Vigil reception; it was great! Big thanks also to Brad Rea and his team for always making our church look so beautiful for our liturgies and liturgical seasons. I regularly hear how much people appreciate these efforts and want to pass along my thanks as well.

Finally, welcome to all those who received the Easter Sacraments of Initiation.....congratulations!

Have a Happy Easter!

FR. Mark



From the Church | April 20th, 2025

NCYC. 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 3 faith filled, fun days of encountering Christ and sharing our Catholic faith! All high school youth are invited to attend. This includes this year's 8th graders!

We will be having our first meeting on Wednesday April 30th at 7:30 pm . Bring your friends and come see what all the hype is about.

Building and Grounds Committee. The Holy Trinity Building & Grounds Committee will be meeting Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Room.

We will be discussing, among other things, the planned Rosary Garden, location of new trees on campus, the upcoming Geothermal work, possible bird feeder structure, and getting input on summer project ideas.

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. Join us May 5th!

Please contact Sarah with questions:

ssullivanbigelow@gmail.com



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

[Fill out this Directory form](#) and be added to our new business directory housed on our secure portal. Reach out to Jan Swinton with any questions.

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rev. Mark Neal

April 22

The Saint Serra Club of Des Moines is so grateful for you and your service to the Church.



Financial Blessings Ending Week of 4/11/25			
Budget July 2024 through June 2025	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$65,750
YTD Actual Tithing	\$813,602	Tithing for the Week	\$28,421
YTD Budget	\$747,852	Number of Donations Received	258



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Stations of the Cross. Thank you to the third grade for hosting Living Stations of the Cross. This is a wonderful tradition that we appreciate our school and parish being a part of.



Upcoming Dates.

- 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](#)

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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DES MOINES REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ESA. Applications are now OPEN! Iowa's Students First Education Savings Account (ESA) application for the 2025-26 school year will 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.

The Des Moines Region Catholic School Tuition Management Team is fully equipped to handle this process from beginning to end for all of the Region schools.

Please direct parents to the team's new phone number and group email address for assistance. **515-333-4860**

tuitionmgmt@dsmrcs.org

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.



From the Diocese & Community | April 20th, 2025

Dowling Catholic Year-End Carnival. Join us on May 17th from 4-6 PM at the Dowling Catholic High School Gym for a fun-filled afternoon! This free event is for Pre-K to 3rd grade kids in the Diocese of Des Moines. Enjoy carnival games, face painting, balloons, music, prizes, and more! All are welcome—feel free to bring friends with younger children, even if they're not part of the diocese. We can't wait to see you there!

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.

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.

Forge. What does Catholicism have to do with a good cocktail? Catholics have always had a bit of a reputation for fine wine and spirits. But why? In this talk, Michael will speak on three things. First, why and how the Catholic Church has always embraced the beauty of a good cocktail. Second, the reason behind the Church's teaching on sobriety. And finally, for those with children, a few notes on how to communicate both items to your kids. Michael Foley is a Catholic theologian, a Professor of Patristics at Baylor University, and the author of over 500 articles and seventeen books, including the *Politically Incorrect Guide to Christianity*, *Drinking with the Saints*, and *Dining with the Saints*. Michael and his wife Alexandra have six children, two chickens, one dog, and 30,000 bees.

Price: \$15 (paid at door)

Date: Wednesday, April 23rd (event begins at 7PM, talk starts at 8PM)

[Register here!](#)

Tap Into Faith. April 27 at 7:-8:30 p.m. at Tap Into Faith Joe Stevens, CEO and co-founder of [Joppa](#), will share how Joppa helps homeless people survive, find housing, and rebuild their lives. Joppa's mission is to create communities of unconditional love, support, and hope for the homeless as we work together to end homelessness by engaging the community to give their time, treasures, and talents.

We work together to help people access resources and fill gaps in homeless services, housing, and education. Tap into Faith is a monthly event bringing people together for an evening of faith and fellowship in a casual environment.

Anyone is welcome and there is no cost and no registration required. Come as you are!

Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals is hosting a family event as a race to feed kids. On Saturday, May 10 there will be a 5K Walk/Run at the Women's Achievement Bridge in Downtown Des Moines. Merch & Kids Activities start at 8am and the 5K starts at 9am.

Mary's Meals feeds over 2 million children in poor countries while they are getting an education. There is a dire need at the present time. Southern Africa is experiencing the worst drought in a century. If you cannot attend the event and want to help, you can donate at marymealsusa.org.

St. Luke's Blue-Red Mass. On Thursday, May 15, at the regularly scheduled 5:30pm Mass, St. Luke the Evangelist in Ankeny will celebrate a special Mass to not only remember first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice, but to thank the women and men who serve and protect us each day and to pray for their safety.

Please, let's show our support and fill the church!



First Sunday of Easter

Easter- The sound of Alleluias fills the 50 days of Easter Sunday to Pentecost as we give thanks for the gift of our salvation. The Easter Triduum recalls the passion and resurrection of Christ in the sacred journey from Holy Thursday to Easter Vigil. "Dying he destroyed our death. Rising he restored our life."

Reading I : Acts 10:34a, 37-43

They were witnesses to all that Jesus said and did.

- Peter announces to the Gentile household of Cornelius, that all who believe are forgiven of their sins.
- Today's passage highlights the expansion of the Church.
- The disciples spread the good news to the far ends of the earth.

Reading II : Colossians 3:1-4

Seek to be like Christ.

- Paul calls for a new way of life in today's second reading.
- In Baptism we have "passed over" from death to life.
- Those who participate in Christ's death and Resurrection through the sacrament of Baptism are on a journey of faith.

Gospel : John 20:1-9

Jesus is raised from the dead.

- In John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene is first to arrive at the tomb early on the morning after Jesus rose.
- The second and third visitors come to the tomb because of Mary's incredible story.
- Before Jesus appeared to anyone, Mary visited his tomb and was the first to announce the events of the resurrection.



Bring Home the Gospel | April 20th, 2025

Reading I | Psalm | Reading II | Gospel

Question For The Children What is good and new in your life?

Question For The Youth Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year?

Question For The Adults In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life?

Activity Of The Week Make Easter bread together as a family. Before placing the bread in the oven, thank God for sending Jesus and for all of the blessings bestowed on your family.

Saint Of The Week **Julie Billiard, Virgin and Religious, 1751-1816** Mary Rose Julie Billiard was born in northern France. She was exceptionally gifted, but with little education at the age of seven, she memorized the catechism and taught the children in her village its lessons. She celebrated her First Communion at the age of nine, ordinarily reserved for adults. Because of a robbery, then later a shooting of her father, she became partially paralyzed and confined to bed. She spent several hours a day praying, and catechizing young children gathered at her bed. She had to escape persecution for her faith and eventually began the Sisters of Notre Dame. She is the patron of those suffering from illness or impoverishment.

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Julie's message today: God will give us all of the strength and knowledge that we need to accomplish the mission that he has given us.

- *How are you using the gifts that God has given to you to undertake and complete your calling?*



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Parish Calendar | April 20th, 2025

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	Sunday [4/20]	Monday [4/21]	Tuesday [4/22]	Wednesday [4/23]	Thursday [4/24]	Friday [4/25]	Saturday [4/26]
School		No School		School Mass hosted by 5th Grade 8:30AM		MS Dance 7:00-9:00 PM	
Faith Formation				Faith Formation & Edge Class (103 & 104) 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 Morning Prayer following Mass OCIA (CH) 6:30PM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM Morning Prayer following Mass	Mass 4:30PM
More	Easter Sunday 	Easter Monday Church Office Closed		9th Grade Confirmation (101 & 102) 6:30PM Schola (CH) 6:30PM			First Eucharist 12PM-2:30PM First Eucharist Reception (GYM, SR, K) 3:00pm

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			
[4/20]	8:30AM	Mass	Dennis Couch
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
[4/22]	8:30AM	Mass	Vickie McElroy
[4/23]	8:30AM	Mass	Elizabeth Green
[4/24]	8:30AM	Mass	Dale McCormick
	2-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
[4/25]	8:30AM	Mass	Doris O'Malley
[4/26]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	Joel Esslinger
[4/27]	8:30AM	Mass	Tim Simmons
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers		
Saturday	Altar Servers	Joan & Nora Niday, Tyler Leo and Maggie Fiddelke
[4/26]	Lectors	Marsha Szymczuk & Kathie Obradovich
4:30PM	EMHC	Team 2
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Gwennie & Jonah Johnson, Jamison Lynch and Jackson Hoodjer
[4/27]	Lectors	Jacob Meredith-Eyers & Scott Flood
8:30AM	EMHC	Team 2/MC: Katy Polich
	Children's Liturgy	Team C: Breanna Castro & Jessica Bergman
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Isaac, Jacob & Lukas Perry and Joshua Zwier
[4/27]	Lectors	Tammy Altman & Mark Amadeo
10:30AM	EMHC	Team 4/MC: Mark Amadeo
	Children's Liturgy	Team 4: Chris Coleman & Joan Niday
	Music Coordinator	Eric Sharp

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