April 6th, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent

## Taking the Journey TOGETHER

Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School

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"O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge."

Worship online at https://bit.ly/37n4LAu

## From the Church | April 6th, 2025

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Joseph Lipichok, son of Steve & Sofia Reed; Jaxon Knight, newborn son of Alexis Knight & Frank Manders II and Marijean Sears, mother of Nicholas. Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and Souls of all the Faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in peace. Amen.



HT Saint Vincent de Paul Needs Help! Our Parish SVdP

Conference is one of 14 in the Des Moines area. We provide food, rent, utility and other financial assistance to those in need, both in the Parish and beyond its borders. We also support the broader mission of Des Moines' SVdP District Council, which operates food pantries and offers a wide variety of other social services at local SVdP thrift stores.

Join our group! We meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Middle School. And remember to support local SVdP thrift stores by donating goods and/or shopping there. Store profits fund critical SVdP social services throughout the Des Moines area.

**Fish Fry.** The Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus will have their last fish fry on April 11 from 5:15-6:30 pm in the Holy Trinity gym. Adults \$12 and Ages 5-11 \$8. Dessert will be provided by the Holy Trinity Youth Group with a free will offering to support youth group activities.

**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 3/28/25				
Budget July 2024 through June 2025	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$66,418	
YTD Actual Tithing	\$771,250	Tithing for the Week	\$5,452	
YTD Budget	\$704,832	Number of Donations Received	58	



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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

## **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

## **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

- April 2nd from 6:00pm-7:00pm
- April 9th from 5:00pm-6:00pm



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

## From the School | April 6th, 2025



**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- <u>Apply here!</u>

Schedule your visit today with Mercedies Steinkamp, email her at mercedies@htschool.org



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 UPDATE.** Odyssey online portal will open April 16 and close June 30, 25. Any questions or concerns about ESA Applications, reach out to Janelle Kitt at janellek@holytrinitydm.org.

#### **Upcoming Dates.**

- SFO MEETING: April 8th
- NO SCHOOL: April 11th

**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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**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 6th, 2025

**Catholic musicians unite in May 2nd concert.** You're invited to experience "An Evening of Glory" on May 2nd at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Waukee, Iowa. A melting pot of Catholic musicians from six parishes will perform a dynamic mix of glorious music. You'll experience classical, jazz, praise, and choral music featuring participants from St. Augustin, The Basilica, Sacred Heart, Holy Trinity, St. Francis, and St. Boniface. Adults: \$20; children/students free. The concert 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, April 14, 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. Questions: Terry McFarland (630-885-0246). terryannmcfarland@gmail.com

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**The ManUp West Power Lunch is Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.** Fr. Bruce Riebe [REE-Be] is a priest of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy (Diocese) of Parma (OH), which consists of 12 midwestern states, including Iowa. Representing one of 23 Eastern Catholic Churches in full communion with the pope of Rome, Fr. Riebe, will be speaking on Eastern Catholic spirituality, highlighting in particular how Pascha (Easter) is celebrated in the Byzantine rite's liturgical family of Churches. Lenten lunch provided. Register today at IowaCatholicRadio.com.

#### Camino de San Lorenzo 'The Way of St. Lawrence'

A 3-Day Spiritual Pilgrimage May 30-June 1st, 2025 Friday: Start the pilgrimage with Holy Mass at St. Patrick's in Perry, walking the High Trestle Trail to Woodward. Saturday: Woodward to Slater, over the High Trestle Bridge, Reconciliation as you walk and Mass in Madrid. Sunday: From Slater on our journey to St. Luke's in Ankeny.

Walk approximately 13 miles daily on the Recreational Trails Join us for a Spiritual Journey and register for the 3-Day Camino or choose one day to join us.

Deacon Tom for details tbradley@dmdiocese.org



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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



## Fifth 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 : Isaiah 43:16-21

God makes a new way for us.

- After exile in Babylon, the Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem.
- The Jewish people were aware that the trip back to Jerusalem would be arduous and lead them to a devastated county in need of rebuilding.
- In today's first reading, the prophet encourages the people to accept deliverance in this new exodus.

Reading II : Philippians 3:8-14

Freedom is knowing Christ Jesus.

- In his letter to the Philippians, Paul speaks of a different kind of liberation.
- Jewish Christians in Philippi insisted that Christians, including Gentiles, could be saved only by keeping all the prescriptions of Jewish law.
- Paul insists that salvation comes not through scrupulous observance of the law but through faith in Christ and his resurrection.

Gospel : John 8:1-11

Who is without sin and can throw the first stone.

- In today's Gospel, the Pharisees, intent on trapping Jesus, present a woman accused of adultery to him.
- Jesus did not contradict the law nor declare the woman guiltless.
- Instead, he forgave the repentant sinner and confronted her accusers with their own sinfulness.



Reading I Isaiah 43:16-21 | Psalm | Reading II Philippians 3:8-14 | Gospel John 8:1-11

Question For The Children How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help us experience God's forgiveness?

**Question For The Youth** Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness?

**Question For The Adults** Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

**Activity Of The Week** Gather family members in a circle. Talk about how your Lenten observances help you grow in friendship with Jesus. Serve pretzels as a reminder of the need for fasting and prayer during Lent.

#### Saint Of The Week- Joseph of Arimathea, Layman, First Century

One of the early saints of the Church, Joseph of Arimathea is mentioned in all four of the Gospels. According to Luke 23:50, Joseph was "a virtuous and righteous man" who was "himself awaiting the kingdom of God" (Mk 15:43). He was a member of the Sanhedrin and was secretly a disciple of Jesus. Like many Christians of that time, he kept his discipleship to himself "for fear of the Jews" (Jn 19:38).

When Jesus was brought before the Sanhedrin to be condemned to death, Joseph opposed their decision. After Jesus died on the cross, however, Joseph "courageously" went to Pilate and asked for his body. Pilate consented, so Joseph wrapped the body in clean linen and laid it in a new tomb which had been hewn out of rock.

Legend tells us that Joseph went with Philip the apostle to Gaul to spread the Good News. Philip later sent twelve missionaries, under the direction of Joseph, to the British Isles. Though he did not accept Christianity, the king gave the missionaries an island, later to become Glastonbury, on which they constructed a church in honor of Our Lady. Joseph is also said to have inherited the chalice used by Jesus at the Last Supper, the Holy Grail, which as been the subject of many fictional quests. In the Middle Ages, when these legends reached the peak of their popularity, British clerics used them to support their claim that Britain was the first country of the western world to accept the teachings of Christ.

St. Joseph of Arimathea is the patron of funeral directors. Though he has no memorial on the liturgical calendar, he is honored on March 17.

**Joseph's message today:** After Jesus' death on the cross, Joseph chose to reveal himself as a follower of Christ, a move which must have caused his expulsion from the Sanhedrin. We too are sometimes asked to make sacrifices in the name of Jesus.

• Do you offer those sacrifices which Jesus asks of you willingly or do you try to find a way to avoid them?



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Parish Calendar   April 6th, 2025							
	<b>Sunday</b> [4/6]	Monday [4/7]	Tuesday [4/8]	Wednesday [4/9]	Thursday [4/10]	<b>Friday</b> [4/11]	Saturday [4/12]
School			SFO Meeting 6:00 PM	School Mass hosted by 8th Grade 8:30AM		No School	
Faith Formation	5th Sunday of Lent			Faith Formation & Edge Class 6:30PM		Funeral 10:00AM	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 Lenten Adoration and Morning Prayer following Mass	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM		Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More		Rosary at the Bigelow's Home 8:00PM	OCIA (CH) 6:30PM	Confession 5:00-6:00PM Schola (CH) 6:30PM		Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry Dinner 5:15-6:30PM	

Upcoming Mass Schedule, Liturgy Schedule, and Intentions				
[4/6]	8:30AM	Mass	Nancy Timmons	
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish	
[4/8]	8:30AM	Mass	Lyle Severson	
[4/9]	8:30AM	Mass	Father Robert (Bob) Aubrey	
[4/10]	8:30AM	Mass	Doris O'Malley	
	2-9PM	Adoration		
	4:05PM	Rosary		
[4/11]	8:30AM	No Mass	Funeral	
[4/12]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	1	
	4:30PM	Mass	For the Parish	
[4/13]	8:30AM	Mass	Nancy Timmons Delperdang	
	10:30AM	Mass	Frank Severino, Sr.	
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Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers				
Saturday	Altar Servers	Burke & Vinnie Smith and Frank & Louie Brett		
[4/12]	Lectors	Mary Sanders & Todd Treese		
4:30PM	EMHC	Team 3		
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner		
Sunday	Altar Servers	Evelyn Hunt, Sullivan Kelley, Kaylee Maloney and Elizabeth Bungert		
[4/13]	Lectors	Mark McAndrews & Scott Flood		
8:30AM	EMHC	Team 3/MC: Katy Polich		
	Children's Liturgy	Team B: Katy Polich		
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner		
Sunday	Altar Servers	Bridget & Lydia Caswell and Mia & Madelyn Daskalakes		
[4/13]	Lectors	Tim Stacy & Vonnie Salem		
10:30AM	EMHC	Team 2/MC: Mary Ellen Winston		
	Children's Liturgy	Team 3: Margaret Toomey & Colton Barney		
	Music Coordinator	Eric Sharp		



