



Holy Trinity

Catholic Church and School

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May 11th, 2025

Fourth Sunday of
Easter

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

*“How shall I make a
return to the Lord for
all the good he has
done for me?”
-Psalm 116*

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Baptism. Do you want to celebrate your child's baptism at Holy Trinity? Attend the next Baptism Class on Monday, July 14 at 6:00 pm. Contact Jan Swinton in the Parish Office at 515-255-3162 ext. 128 to register.

Reminders.

- There will be NO Mass or Morning Prayer Tuesday, May 13 due to the funeral of Judith Wilson.
- No Adoration next Thursday, May 15.

Coffee and Donuts. We are looking for volunteers to help serve coffee and donuts this summer on Sundays after 8:30am and 10:30 am Masses. If you are interested in signing up for coffee and donuts, please [Sign up here!](#) or contact Gigi Wilwerding at gigiw@holytrinitydm.org or Jan Swinton at jans@holytrinitydm.org.

Nourish for Caregivers. A monthly gathering of the ongoing ministry Nourish for Caregivers supports the spiritual, emotional, and practical needs of family caregivers. In order to assist you see the grace and benefits in your caregiving path, Nourish provides you with the tools and resources to help you encounter Christ and connect with your faith. On Monday, May 12, there will be a potluck to celebrate the conclusion of the season, and all caregivers are welcome to attend. St. Pius X Catholic Church, 3663 66th St., Urbandale, Iowa, is where we will gather from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

2025 NCYC: A Journey of Faith. The National Catholic Youth Conference is a three-day pilgrimage for Catholic high school students and their adult chaperones. The theme this year is I am. From November 20-22, 2025, in Indianapolis, participants will experience prayer, community, and the transformative power of God's presence. Join us for an unforgettable encounter with Christ that will shape your spiritual journey. For more information and to sign up to join the Holy Trinity group, please contact Gigi Wilwerding at the parish office or by email at gigiw@holytrinitydm.org. All are Welcome!

Save the Date. Holy Trinity's Summer Garage Sale will be July 31 and August 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and August 2 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. More information to come!

FORGE

"Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." - Matthew 13:8

Small, intimate communities are fertile soil for conversion.
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Learn more at Coffee & Donuts on June 1st.



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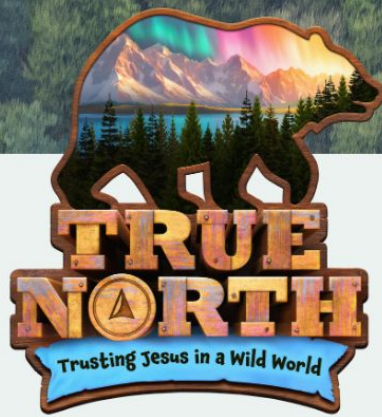


Financial Blessings Ending Week of 5/2/25

Budget July 2024 through June 2025	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$51,053
YTD Actual Tithing	\$859,895	Tithing for the Week	\$8,674
YTD Budget	\$808,842	Number of Donations Received	60



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We will spend our week having fun, and learning about God's awesome love for each one of us!

This year's theme is True North: Trusting Jesus in the Wild World!

Vacation Bible School is open to any student entering Kindergarten through 5th grade in the fall of 2025.

Cost is \$60 per child with a \$150 family maximum.

Your fee covers all programming for the week, snacks, crafts, a t-shirt, and some VBS swag at the end of the week.

We also need help from our middle school students, high school students, college kids, moms & dads, grandmas & grandpas, and any adult of the parish that wants to help out with an awesome outdoor adventure!

Applications can be found in the entryways of the church, as well as on our parish website. Vacation Bible School is a popular event at HT, so don't miss out!

Vacation Bible School

July 21st - 25th, 2025

If you have questions, please contact John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation at (515) 255-3162, extension 224, or via email at johnm@holytrinitydm.org.

FOUNDER'S DAY

15TH JUNE 2025



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Enjoy an outdoor picnic with a special kid's menu, old fashioned games for the young at heart, and inflatables. Don't miss out on this parish event!

Don't miss this wonderful parish event!

On the menu...

Burgers, brats, and hotdogs.

Chips, potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, and icecream sandwiches.

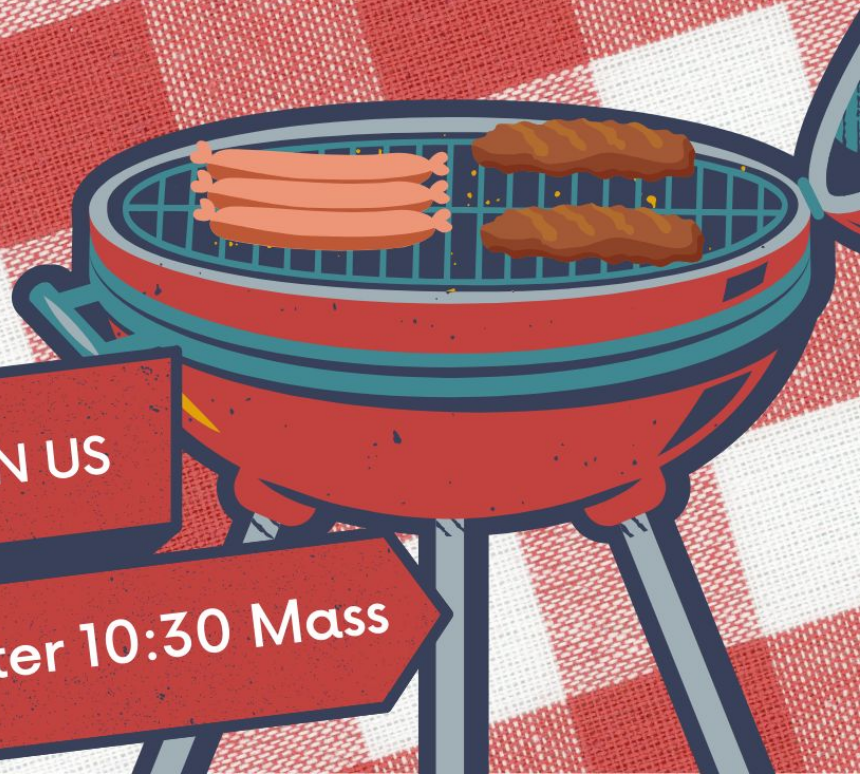
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Open Positions. We currently have two open positions at Holy Trinity Catholic School.

- Preschool 3 Associate

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



Upcoming Dates.

- NEW FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT: May 14th
- MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION: May 14th
- LAST DAY FOR 8th GRADE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD: May 23rd
- LAST DAY AND NOON DISMISSAL: May 30th



Food Drive. Student Council is hosting a food drive for St. Vincent de Paul April 28- May 9. Please bring in nonperishable items such as pasta, cereal, canned goods, toiletries, etc. The winning grade will earn their choice of reward. Thank you for your support and generosity.



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All Iowa residents are eligible for an ESA in the 2025-2026 school year.

Application window opens April 16 and closes June 30, 2025. For the 2025-26 school year, the amount will be \$7,826 or more. Applications are required to be completed annually to verify student eligibility through confirmation of Iowa residency. Funds must be used for tuition, fees, and other eligible qualified education expenses at an accredited, nonpublic school in Iowa. Unused funds remain in the family's account and may be used for future expenses.

Apply: <https://iowa-households.withodyssey.com/login/>
Technical support: 515-368-9564,
help.ia@withodyssey.com

Congrats to our Margo Award recipients of the 2024-25 school year!



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

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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.

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.
- 6:40 Practical Talk.
- 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.

Questions: Terry McFarland (630-885-0246).
terryannmcfarland@gmail.com

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!

Parish Business Manager St. Anthony parish in Des Moines, IA seeks a Business Manager who supports the mission of the parish by managing the day-to-day business operations including accounting, human resources, facilities, safe environment, and general administration. Working closely with the pastor and parish leadership, the Business Manager ensures responsible stewardship of parish resources and the smooth functioning of parish operations. Hours negotiable. Complete job description available on request. Send resume and letter of interest to:

Fr. Michael Amadeo
15 Indianola Road
Des Moines, IA 50315

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

A 3-Day Spiritual Pilgrimage from May 30 to June 1st, 2025. Walk around 13 miles daily on the recreational trails. Join us for a Spiritual Journey! Register for the 3-Day Camino or choose one day to join us.

For more information and to register, please contact: Deacon Tom for details tbradley@dmdiocese.org

Creighton University Retreat. Come away to the quiet and be present to what God wants to offer you. Creighton University Retreat Center, located one & one-half hours west of Des Moines in Griswold, IA is offering 3 Day Silent Directed Retreats on the dates listed below. Retreats begin 6 p.m. supper the first day and end at 3 p.m. the last day. The cost is \$375 for room, meals and daily individual spiritual direction sessions. Read more and/or register at creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats

Sun-Wed Jun 29 - Jul 2, 2025

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Go to dmdiocese.org for more information!

Fourth 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 13:14, 43-52

Many became believers.

- The reading from Acts describes the first missionary outreach of the early church.
- Paul and Barnabas were sent forth by the Holy Spirit to spread the good news.
- When they were rejected by the Jews, Paul and Barnabas decided to bring the message to the Gentiles.

Reading II : Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

The Lamb at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

- Today's passage from Revelation was part of a grand vision in which all God's faithful were gathered.
- The faithful "survived the time of great distress", which probably refers to persecution of the early church.
- God's faithful became united with Christ in his death and were sustained in life by him.

Gospel : John 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

- In the Gospel, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd.
- The passage goes on to describe the relationship between Jesus and his Father.
- John stresses the unity between Jesus and the Father.



Bring Home the Gospel | May 11th, 2025

Reading I Acts 13:14, 43-52

| Psalm | Reading II Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 | Gospel John 10:27-30

Question For The Children Jesus promises to guard us like a shepherd does the sheep. How do you experience his loving care in your life?

Question For The Youth Jesus said “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” How does Jesus speak to you? What new path is he asking of you?

Question For The Adults What is your experience of being a follower of Christ, of being cared for and guarded with him as shepherd?

Activity Of The Week Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.” Where do you think Jesus is leading your family?

Saint Of The Week St. Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop and Doctor, 1033-1109 Anselm was born in Italy and acquired a love of learning from his mother. He knew at an early age that he wanted to become a monk, and did so in 1060. He preferred the contemplative life, but after serving fifteen years as Prior, Anselm was chosen as Abbot of Bec in 1078. He composed many theological and philosophical writings during this time. He gained a reputation as a holy and scholarly man. William the Conqueror, on his deathbed, sought consolation from Anselm. Anselm eventually served as Archbishop of Canterbury the last sixteen years of his life.

Anselm’s knowledge, passed on in his writings, has been favorably compared to that of Sts. Augustine and Thomas Aquinas and he was considered the foremost theologian of his time. He was canonized in 1494 by Pope Alexander VI. He is honored by an optional memorial on the anniversary of his death, April 21.

Anselm’s message today: Thrust into positions which he did not seek and tried to decline, Anselm nevertheless served well and earned the respect of all but a few of his flock.

- *How do you approach those unwelcome assignments into which you have been thrust? Do you put your best effort into them? Ask St. Anselm to help you.*



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Parish Calendar | May 11th, 2025

	Sunday [5/11]	Monday [5/12]	Tuesday [5/13]	Wednesday [5/14]	Thursday [5/15]	Friday [5/16]	Saturday [5/17]
School	Happy Mother's Day!		SFO Meeting 6:00PM	School Mass hosted by 1st Grade 8:30AM	Band Concert (CH) 6:30PM		
Faith Formation		Nourish for Caregivers Potluck (at St. Pius) 6:00PM					Sunday Reading Groups Men (MC) 7:30AM Women (CH) 8:30AM
Adult Faith Formation	Mass 8:30AM & 10:30AM	No Communion Service	NO Morning Mass or Morning Prayer OCIA (CH) 6:30PM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM No Adoration	Mass 8:30AM NO Morning Prayer	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More			Visitation 9:30AM Funeral 10:30AM	Schola (CH) 6:30PM			Baptism

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

[5/11]	8:30AM	Mass	Denny McGough
	10:30AM	Mass	Duane Chamberlain
[5/13]	8:30AM	Mass	No Mass (Funeral)
[5/14]	8:30AM	Mass	Elizabeth Green
[5/15]	8AM	Mass	Deceased Relatives
	2-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
[5/16]	8:30AM	Mass	Doris O'Malley
[5/17]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	Stephanie Schneider Becerra
[5/18]	8:30AM	Mass	Nancy Timmons
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers

Saturday	Altar Servers	Jude & Hugh Kajewski and Maggie Fiddelke
[5/17]	Lectors	Vonnie Salem & Gary Thull
4:30PM	EMHC	Team 2
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Evelyn Hunt, Gwennie & Jonah Johnson and Elizabeth Bungert
[5/18]	Lectors	John Goode & Doug Gross
8:30AM	EMHC	Team 2/MC: Katy Polich
	Children's Liturgy	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Isaac, Jacob and Lukas Perry and Joshua Zwier
[5/18]	Lectors	Jim Wilwerding & Tim Stacy
10:30AM	EMHC	Team 3/MC: Jim Wilwerding
	Children's Liturgy	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY
	Music Coordinator	Eric Sharp

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