



# Holy Trinity

Catholic Church and School

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Sept. 15th, 2024

24th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

***“I will walk before the Lord, in the  
land of the living.”***  
***-Ps. 116***



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



## From the Church | September 15th, 2024

**Position Open.** Our Schola choir director, Fran Paterik, will be stepping down from this role in mid-October. The Schola director is a paid, part-time position leading our choir for 10:30 Masses and Holidays. In addition to Mass times, one weekly practice session is required. Qualified individuals will have education in music, knowledge of liturgical music, experience teaching vocal music and proficiency in playing piano.

Please direct your inquiries or submit your CV and cover letter to Mary Gisler in the Parish Office, [maryg@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:maryg@holytrinitydm.org).

[See full job description here](#)

**Mass Change** The Thursday morning Mass time has now changed to 8:30 am. The weekly morning Mass schedule will be 8:30 am Tuesday thru Friday. No morning Mass on Mondays.

**A cordial reminder** We ask that you refrain from taping anything to the pews in our church. Since the pews were freshly restored, anything that is taped to them will remove the finish. Your understanding is greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

**Baptism Class** If you want to baptize your child at Holy Trinity, please attend Baptism Class! The next class is October 7, 6pm-8pm in the media center. Contact Jan Swinton at [jans@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:jans@holytrinitydm.org) to register.

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

**Liturgy of Hours.** Please join Holy Trinity Tuesday and Friday mornings following 8:30 Mass for Morning Prayer. Join the rest of the world as we honor our Heavenly Father. Books are available.

**Faith Formation.** Register now for Faith Formation! Classes start on September 25 at 6:30pm. Registration can be found on our church website, or in the parish office.

John Mertes, our Faith Formation Director, will be available after all masses this weekend with any questions.



**Holy Trinity Catholic  
Church BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Saturday, October 12th**  
8:00 am - 11:30 am



[Register for the blood drive here!](#)

**Altar Server Training** The next Altar Server Training will be held Sunday, September 22 following 10:30 Mass. If you are in the 3rd Grade and are interested, please join us.

### Financial Blessings Ending Week of 9/6/24

Budget July 2024 through June 2025	\$958,558	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$25,408
YTD Actual Tithing	\$177,174	Tithing for the Week	\$27,289
YTD Budget	\$151,766	Number of Donations Received	255



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SEPTEMBER 20TH & 21ST,  
2024

# BEAVERDALE FALL FEST

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 TH 5:00PM – 10:00PM

**INFLATABLES BY JP PARTY RENTALS**

**ZOO CREW BY Crystal Payzant** – battery powered riding animals

**HOLY TRINITY FOOD TENT** -beef burgers, hot dogs, brats, walking  
tacos, nachos, and beverages

**EGG ROLLS** – Get them while they last

**BEER and WINE tent**

**LIVE MUSIC AT 7:00PM – FACULTY LOUNGE**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 st NOON – 10:00PM

**BAKE SALE** – NOON until gone

**BINGO** – 12:00PM TO 3:00PM

**KIDS FACE PAINTING** – 12:00PM – 3:00PM

**HOLY TRINITY FOOD TENT** – starting at NOON

**BEER and WINE tent** – starting at NOON

**INFLATABLES BY JP PARTY RENTALS** – starting at NOON

**ZOO CREW BY Crystal Payzant** – battery powered riding animals

**LIVE MUSIC AT 7:00PM – SUGAR VALLEY**

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## IMPORTANT

Please bring your BAKED GOODS to the Church on Friday afternoon  
or evening for the Bake Sale!

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## TO VOLUNTEER

GO ONLINE TO [HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/KPXJRPJ](https://signup.com/go/KPXJRPJ)

CONTACT STEVE REED 515-657-2384  
STEVEREED2005@GMAIL.COM OR  
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# Early Childhood Information Night

September 17th

5:30-7pm

Learn more about Preschool 3 & 4, Extended Learning and about Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten

5:30-6pm: Preschool 3 & 4 plus Extended Learning info | Media Center

6:00-6:30pm: Open Houses in PS3 thru Kindergarten Classrooms

6:30-7:00pm: Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten talk | Media Center



Whole Child Approach



Hands on Learning



Center Based

Any questions?



515-255-3162



[holytrinitydm.org/school](http://holytrinitydm.org/school)

This event is for current and new families

# From the School | September 15th, 2024

**Walkathon 2024 is Saturday, October 5.** Mark your calendars for HT's annual fall fundraiser. All donations go directly to the school! [Learn more.](#)

Did you know **donors pledged over \$70k** at Walkathon 2023 - Imagination at Play. Walkathon 2023 was an outstanding success! Get excited for another wonderful Walkathon!

Want to get involved? The Walkathon committee is looking for supporters! Email the committee at [HolyTrinityWalkathon@gmail.com](mailto:HolyTrinityWalkathon@gmail.com) or contact committee members directly.

Show your support early! Order a convenient and yummy dinner for the family, AND support the school. Save the date because a percentage of sales go towards our 2024 goal!

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**Join the 2025 Gala Auction Committee** The Gala Auction Committee is seeking new members to assist in planning this year's Gala, which will be held on April 5, 2025.

New Committee Members are encouraged to attend a Gala 101 on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 3:30 p.m. in the Media Center. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the available committee roles and how it all comes together for a great event. Both large and small roles are available and they are each essential to a successful event.

To get involved, RSVP to the Gala 101 event here (<https://form.jotform.com/241184789273164>) or email Colleen Murphy at [gala.holytrinity@gmail.com](mailto:gala.holytrinity@gmail.com).

## What is the Holy Trinity Gala Auction?

The Holy Trinity Gala Auction is an annual event that raises money for Holy Trinity School and Parish. The Gala is for adults to enjoy fun activities, dinner, drinks, and entertainment and features both live and silent auctions. This will be the 17th year for the Gala Auction.

Check out the latest information from the school.

[See the latest Friday news here!](#)

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**Financial Education.** Why should you financially support Catholic schools? Catholic education is a large part of our mission of cultivating connections in Christ to:

- Pass on Catholic faith values.
- Raise future leaders committed to our Catholic faith community.

[Learn more here!](#)

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**Noon Dismissal.** School will dismiss at Noon on September 20th. Kids Connection will be closed at Noon as well.

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**Beaverdale Holiday Boutique.** The Beaverdale Holiday Boutique would like to thank all the parishioners that helped make our 'Christmas in July' a success. You donated over 50 items for the bakery and raised over half of the travel expenses to bring Santa to Beaverdale once again. This year's November 8 & 9 Holiday Boutique is going to be another great year to invite the community into HT and grow connections between parish and school. Volunteer opportunities will be coming!

If you still wish to donate via Venmo

**@holylrinitydm**

please add 'Santa' or 'Pies' to the subject line. You can also drop donations at the church office.

*Mallory Bennett (School Chair)*

*Katie Dall-Winther (School Chair/Vendor Coordinator)*

*Janelle Kerr (Parish Chair)*



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

# From the Diocese & Community | September 15th, 2024

**Life Chain.** This year's Life Chain will be held on:

Sunday, October 6th  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at Des Moines  
Fellowship Church, 950 – 35th St.

Join fellow pro-lifers from Des Moines  
and surrounding communities to make a visible statement  
for the protection of the life of the preborn.



**Are you passionate about serving the poor and connecting with volunteers?** St. Vincent de Paul Des Moines is looking for a Vincentian Services Liaison to oversee all parish-based conferences, lead communications, assist with recruitment, and collaborate with multiple employees.

This is a part-time position and requires a degree in human services or related field, 2+ years of experience, and excellent public speaking skills.

If you are interested, please contact the Executive Director at 801- 73<sup>rd</sup> Street, Windsor Heights 50324

**Catholic in Recovery.** Catholic in Recovery seeks to serve those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments including alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating and food addictions, gambling addiction, codependency and the impact on family, and general fear, control, and anxiety.

It is the aim of Catholic in Recovery to share the Good News that God can bring about healing and recovery, even in the most hopeless of cases. CIR meets at 7:30pm every Monday night at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in West Des Moines.

For more info contact: [taylorbennett123@gmail.com](mailto:taylorbennett123@gmail.com).

**Christ Our Life Catholic Conference.** Please mark your calendars for September 28 and 29 for the Christ Our Life Conference at Wells Fargo Arena in downtown Des Moines. World Class Catholic Speakers, uplifting music, and Mass are just some of the highlights.

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## 2024 A Child is Born Christmas Gala

YOU'RE INVITED TO A PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS GALA ON  
NOVEMBER 23rd!

Pulse Life Advocates will host a pro-life Christmas Gala, A Child is Born! on November 23rd at the Iowa Events Center in Downtown Des Moines. The evening consists of a cash bar, a delicious dinner, Christmas auction items, and great pro-life speakers.

The Saints & Sinners will provide Christmas entertainment.  
Tables of ten/\$900; \$100/seat.

Order online  
today: [PulseForLife.org](https://PulseForLife.org).



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**Marriage is a journey!** A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience 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 Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship.

The next weekends in our area are September 27-29 in Dubuque and Nov. 8-10 in Holstein. Call (563)920-9419 for more information or sign up at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).



Go to [dmdiocese.org](http://dmdiocese.org) for more information!

## *24th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

**Ordinary Time-** For a large part of the liturgical year, we devote ourselves to listening to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects unfolded as we seek God's truth and understanding.

Reading I : Isaiah 50:5-9a

The Lord God is my help.

- The first reading from the prophet Isaiah is from the Songs of the Suffering Servant.
- The servant acts as a prophet to bring the word of God to those with afflictions.
- Even when the cost is great, the servant is faithful to his mission.

Reading II : James 2:14-18

What good is it to say you believe, if you don't practice it?

- The reading from the Letter of James tells us that faith without works is dead.
- Such a faith does not lead to life.
- The kinds of works that Jesus calls us to can be done if we walk in the way of Jesus, with the grace of God as our help.

Gospel : Mark 8:27-35

Who do you say that I am?

- Jesus knew that the way of suffering, death and resurrection was predestined for him by God.
- Through this as in all things, God, his Father would be his help.
- Followers of Jesus are called to deny themselves by actively responding to the needs of others, even if the cost is one's life.





# Bring Home the Gospel | September 15th, 2024

Reading I Isaiah 50:5-9a | Psalm | Reading II James 2:14-18  
| Gospel Gospel : Mark 8:27-35

**Question For The Children** What do you think it means for you to follow in Jesus footsteps?

**Question For The Youth** Who do you say that Jesus is? Who is Jesus in your life?

**Question For The Adults** What is the cross that you carry today? How do you follow Jesus in the workplace and at home?

**Activity Of The Week** The choice to follow Jesus includes carrying one's cross. What is the cross that you carry today? How does Jesus help you carry your cross?

**Saint Of The Week** *Helen, mother, c.250-c.330* As with many saints of this era of the Church, many conflicting stories of Helen's life exist. Where most accounts agree is that Helen (or Helena) was married to Constantius Chlorus and was the mother of Constantine the Great. Sometime after their marriage, Constantius, for political reasons, divorced Helen in order to marry the step-daughter of the emperor of the Western Roman Empire who was his benefactor. Constantius eventually became emperor and, upon his death in 308, his son, Constantine, assumed the role.

Having remained loyal to his mother, Constantine called her to the royal court and conferred on her the title of Augusta. Under the influence of her son, Helen embraced Christianity and spent the remainder of her life working to spread Christianity. Among her good works were the construction of several churches in Rome and other cities in the Western Roman Empire. Her charities were also especially compassionate toward the poor of the empire.

Over the years, relations between Constantine and the emperor of the Eastern Roman Empire, Licinius, had deteriorated and, in about 324, Constantine's forces defeated those of Licinius and he became emperor of the whole Roman Empire. With the empire under her son's control, Helen, nearing the age of 80, undertook another quest.

Traveling to the Holy Land, Helen followed the footsteps of Jesus and then had two churches constructed in Bethlehem at the Grotto of the Nativity and at the Mount of the Ascension near Jerusalem. Her group also found the cross on which Christ died, together with the crosses that held the thieves. Uncertain as to which was the true cross, Helen consulted St. Macarius. This saint suggested that she take the crosses to a woman who was suffering from an incurable disease. Touching each cross in turn, the woman was immediately healed when she touched the true cross. This event is celebrated on September 14, the feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Helen returned to Constantinople where her son had moved the seat of the empire following her pilgrimage. It was here that she died at the age of 80, in about the year 330.

St. Helen is the patron of archeologists, converts, divorced people, and the diocese of Helena, Montana. In many places in the Western Church, this saint is honored on August 18.

**Helen's message today:** Good people of whatever age can achieve much if they have to will to do so. In the last few years of her life, Helen, finally in a position to help those in need and to spread the Word of God, accomplished great things in Christ's name.

- *While you may not have the means that Helen had, you can use your talents in God's work no matter what your age. Have you thought about what you can do?*



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# Parish Calendar | September 15th, 2024

	Sunday [9/15]	Monday [9/16]	Tuesday [9/17]	Wednesday [9/18]	Thursday [9/19]	Friday [9/20]	Saturday [9/21]
School				All School Mass hosted by 5th Grade 8:30AM		Noon Dismissal  KC Closed at Noon	
Faith Formation			OCIA (CH) 6:30PM	Opening Faith Formation Prayer Service & Parent Orientation (CH) 6:00-7:30PM  Schola (CH) 6:30PM			Sunday Reading Groups Men (Terry's Patio) 7:30AM Women (CH) 8:30AM
Adult Faith Formation	Mass 8:30AM & 10:30AM	No Communion Service	Mass 8:30AM Morning Prayer following Mass	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM Morning Prayer following Mass	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More	Coffee & Donuts following 8:30 & 10:30 Mass			Confirmation 9th Grade Parent & Youth Mtg. (SR) 6:30PM			Beaverdale Fall Festival 

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			
[9/15]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass	Frank Severino, Sr.
[9/17]	8:30AM	Mass	Tim Cooney
[9/18]	8:30AM	Mass	Jim & Cheryl Vitiritto
[9/19]	8AM	Mass	Harold O'Brien
	2-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
[9/20]	8:30AM	Mass	Ed & Mary Bleimehl
[9/21]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	Delos Swanson
[9/22]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass	Tim Sheaff

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers		
Saturday	Altar Servers	Tyler Leo, Mary & Anna Heilman & Elsa McGinn
[9/21]	Lectors	Vonnie Salem & Gary Thull
4:30PM	EMHC	Team 1
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	George & Phillip McAndrews, Andreo Castro & Bennett Steinkamp
[9/22]	Lectors	Mark McAndrews & Jeff Nielsen
8:30AM	EMHC	Team 1/MC: Karen Quiner
	Children's Liturgy	Team C: Brenda Heggen
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday	Altar Servers	Molly Blade, Bridget & Lydia Caswell & Noah Drago
[9/22]	Lectors	Teresa Baustian & Jim Wilwerding
10:30AM	EMHC	Team 4/MC: Mark Amadeo
	Children's Liturgy	Team 3: Margaret Toomey & Colton Barney
	Music Coordinator	Frances Paterik

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