January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Taking the Journey TOGETHER

Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School

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## Attend our Open House on Sunday, January 29 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.



THE NEWS

Join us in-person or worship online at https://bit.ly/37n4LAu

### FROM FATHER MARK | JANUARY 29, 2023

Greetings.

I have some news to share with the parish. Our Operations Manager, Andy Negrete, will be leaving us effective February 17, 2023. Andy has been with us for over 12 years, but he has decided to pursue another career opportunity. The good news is that Andy plans to remain nearby and remain an active member of our parish family.

I want to thank Andy for his years of service to our parish and wish him well as he begins this new chapter in his life. When you see Andy, please also pass along your thanks for his good work on behalf of Holy Trinity.

We have begun our search for Andy's successor. I will keep the parish posted as this process progresses.

Also, this Sunday, we kick off Catholic Schools Week. We have an open house after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 29th that will kick off a week of activities as we celebrate Catholic education. Please plan to join us on the 29th to see all the good things happening here at our own Holy Trinity School.

As I am sure you have seen on the news, the school choice bill has passed both houses of the legislature and as I write this letter is awaiting the governor's signature. We are hopeful that this assistance will make a Catholic school education a reality for all those who wish this for their children.

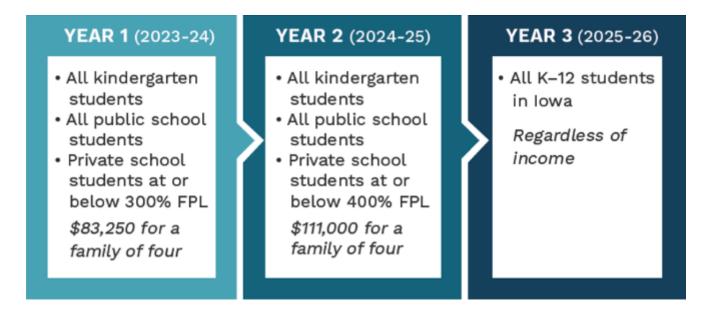
Have a good week

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Fr. Mark Neal

**ESA Legislation Update** Educational Savings Account legislation was passed and signed on Tuesday, January 24, allowing eligible families to receive an ESA in the amount of \$7,598. Students accepted for enrollment are able to utilize their ESA at Holy Trinity. At this time we do not know all the details of how the ESA will be implemented.

ESA Eligibility: ESAs will be available based on the following eligibility:





Want more info? Call Rev. Mark Neal at 515.255.3162 ext. 126

### FROM THE CHURCH | JANUARY 29, 2023



OPERATIONS MANAGER POSITION OPENING We are sad to announce that after over 12 years of service to Holy Trinity, Andy Negrete is resigning. Thank you for everything, Andy!

Therefore, we have an opening for the position of Operations Manager. This person oversees staff, day-to-day operations of the parish office, and building operations of the entire Holy Trinity Parish Campus.

For details, visit <u>https://bit.ly/3iGV7yt</u>. Applicants can send resumes and cover letters to Business Manager Mary Gisler at <u>maryg@holytrinitydm.org</u> or 515.255.3162 ext. 123.

TIME FOR GIRL SCOUT COOKIES Girl Scout Troop #10149 is excited to have their first cookie booth of the year at Holy Trinity! They have all of your favorites, including gluten free chocolate chip cookies! Cookies are \$5 per box. Get yourself cookies after both Masses on Sunday, February 12.

VOLUNTEER AS A SPONSOR COUPLE We have a volunteer opportunity for couples that have been married for 10 years or more. At HT, we assign married couples to journey with engaged couples as they prepare for the lifelong commitment of marriage. There is required training to be a part of this ministry. If you have questions or want more information, contact Fr. Mark or Carolyn in the Parish Office.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED...

Jack Judge - Infant son of Catrina & Kevin Judge and grandson of John and Mary Jo Judge of our Parish

Matthew Hull - Son of Cathy Hull of our Parish

GET INVOLVED We are extremely thankful for the volunteers at Holy Trinity, and we are always looking for more! Consider donating your time to one of these awesome causes.

**Beaverdale Holiday Boutique** For over 45 years, Holy Trinity has invited local artisans and crafters into our community to share art and have a blast together. This event requires many volunteers, but the financial benefit to the parish exceeds \$20,000 every year! Help us continue the tradition as a volunteer coordinator, marketing officer, bake sale manager, or decorations coordinator. Contact Jen Witt for details at Jennifer.Witt@unitypoint.org.

**Gala Auction** Join our volunteer team to help us create a night of elegance. All parishioners and school parents are welcome to learn more on Sunday, January 29, at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Refreshments will be served.



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023					
Budget July 2022 through June 2023	\$988,204	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$11,199)		
YTD Actual Tithing	\$521,142	Tithing for the Week	\$27,035		
YTD Budget	\$550,251	Number of Donations Received	302		



### THE SCHOOL | JANUARY 22, 2023

## Attend our Open House on Sunday, January 29!

Explore our campus from alongside Student and Parent Ambassadors. Teachers are available in their classrooms to answer questions and share their stories. Attend the Early Childhood presentation for PS3, PK4, and TK in the gym from 12 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. All are welcome!

## 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. | 2926 Beaver Avenue



Want more info? Call the School Office at 515.255.3162 ext. 116

### DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY | JANUARY 29, 2023

BABY CLOTHING DONATION DRIVE Mary's Helping Hands is a nonprofit organization that provides basic necessities to families with babies.

MHH will host a donation drop-off drive thru for gently used and new items on February 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 4950 Pleasant St. Suite B, West Des Moines. Make a monetary donation online at <u>www.maryshelpinghandsiowa.org</u>. For more information, contact MHH at 515.225.3827.

CELTIC MUSIC CONCERTS The Celtic Music Association of Iowa celebrates their 30th anniversary with three concerts.

- The Drowsy Lads Saturday, February 18.
- Aoife Scott Saturday, March 18.

Concerts are at the Franklin Junior High Event Center. Doors open at 7 p.m. and concerts start at 8 p.m.

Get your general admission tickets for \$30 at the door, or at Cooney's, Up Tempo, and Cindy's Boutique. You can also get tickets online at <u>thecma.org</u> through Eventbrite.

ANTHONY DIGMANN AT ST. MARY'S Attend the St. Mary's Eucharistic Revival Mission event with speaker, author, and Passionately Catholic YouTuber on February 6 and 7 at 6:30 p.m. Tell your friends! Each night is a different talk.



SAVE THE DATE Get ready for the Garage Sale on Thursday, March 16, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, March 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to Noon.

MAN-UP WEST Bishop William Joensen returns as to discuss topics such as *Love is Everything*, Pope Francis, St. Francis de Sales, and late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on Love of God.

Join us at Noon on Friday, February 10, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Enjoy Chick-fil-A lunch. Register for this event at <u>www.iowacatholicradio.com</u>.



VEIL REMOVED WEBINAR This is the biggest Catholic event to take place in 50 years! Bishop Cozzens is in charge of building Eucharistic Revival in America and is a wonderful speaker. It will be Sunday, January 29 at 7 p.m. Sign up for free at <u>theveilremoved.com/signup-webinar09/</u>.



ST. FRANCIS SUBSTITUE NURSE This temporary position begins February 6 and ends March 30. Hours and dates are flexible. Apply by sending your resume to Diane Jones at djones@saintfrancisschool.org

ST. THERESA FACILITIES MAINTENANCE If you are interested in this full-time position, please email a cover letter and resume to Kenneth at <u>kseymour@stsdsm.com</u>.

SACRED HEART DIRECTOR OF FAMILY FAITH FORMATION This position leads the staff and parish in the mission to equip parents as the first educators of faith, using a family formation model. Apply by February 17. This position starts May 15. Find full details <u>sacredheartwdm.org/employment</u>.

ENCOUNTER THE HOLY SPIRIT *Immerse* is an apostolate in central lowa with the mission of empowering people to experience love through an encounter with the Holy Spirit.

*Immerse* hosts two monthly events which include adoration, praise and worship, reconciliation, and reflection. Join us at 7 p.m. on February 3 for First Friday, hosted at St. Pius X. We meet again at 6:30 p.m. on February 16 for Third Thursday, hosted at St. Francis of Assisi.

Find us on Facebook and Instagram @ImmerseDSM or email us at <u>immersedsm@gmail.com</u>.



## DIOCESE of DES MOINES

Serving twenty-three counties in Southwest Iowa



January 21, 2023

OFFICE of the BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

The period between the Christmas and Lenten Seasons includes a weekend designated for a special collection benefitting the new Parish Solidarity Fund. Our Diocese has a long and rich history of responding in solidarity to the needs of missions throughout the world and to needs arising closer to home caused by natural disasters.

That same spirit of solidarity was evident last year when I related the need of one of our own diocesan parishes who faced challenges introduced by the flooding of the Missouri River and the impact of COVID. Together, those factors had nearly doubled the estimated cost of the proposed St. Mary Parish Faith Formation Center in Hamburg, IA. Your remarkable generosity in reaching out to a "mission" in our own Diocese was inspiring. It was my privilege to present a substantial check to Fr. Tom Thakadipuram and parishioners when I visited the site last March, and then to rejoice and give thanks to God for YOU when I dedicated and blessed the center this past November. What a joyful "thanksgiving day" that was!

In the end, your generosity exceeded what was needed to support St. Mary Parish, and so those remaining monies are the "seed" for our new diocesan Parish Solidarity Fund. As we build the Solidarity Fund, we will be more consistently able to respond to critical needs that arise in any of our parishes.

I recall the words of Pope Francis in an address to world leaders. "Solidarity entails the awareness of being part of a single body, while at the same time involving a capacity on the part of each member to sympathize with others... Solidarity is no mere ideal; it is expressed in concrete actions that draw us closer to our neighbors."

Thank you in advance for your support of our Diocese of Des Moines Parish Solidarity Fund. Together we strengthen the spirit of solidarity our Holy Father recounts; we will be equipped to lift up our brothers and sisters in other parishes who face urgent challenges.

At the same time, I pray that the God who is never outdone in generosity supplies abundant graces in the face of your own spiritual, familial, and personal needs.

Faithfully in Christ,

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Most Rev William M. Joensen, Ph.D. Bishop of Des Moines

## Fourth Sunday in 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 : Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Seek justice. Seek humility.

- In the First Reading, Zephaniah announces that the humble of the earth will find shelter on the Day of the Lord.
- The prophet Zephaniah preached at a time of great turmoil.
- This reading asserts that the humble and lowly are the hope for the future.

#### Reading II : 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chose those whom the world considers absurd.

- In 1 Corinthians, Paul tries to convince the Corinthians that their significance comes from God, and that their power is the power of the cross.
- The Corinthians, who accepted the Gospel eagerly, then began to try to outdo each other in importance, even in their Christian faith.
- Paul challenges the Christian community to rely, not on human power, but on God alone.

#### Gospel : Matthew 5:1-12a

#### The Beatitudes

- Today's Gospel begins the Sermon on the Mount, a collection of Jesus' sayings describing the qualities of his followers.
- The way righteousness is described in today's reading is through a traditional Hebrew form called Beatitude. Beatitudes simply declare that someone is happy or blest.
- The list in Matthew's Gospel is surprising, however. The poor and suffering were not ordinarily described as happy.



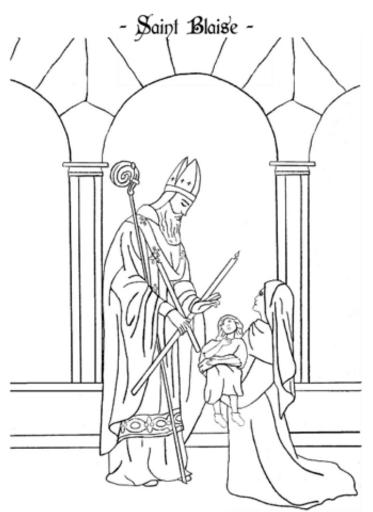
#### Reading I Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 | Psalm 146:6-10 | Reading II 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 | Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

Question For The Children Choose one of the Beatitudes and share how you will make it part of your life.

**Question For The Youth** Jesus gives us a plan for our happiness in the beatitudes. Do the things that make you happiest also lead you towards God? Do they follow God's plan?

Question For The Adults How do you describe what it means to be "blest" in your own life?

Activity Of The Week As a family, read the Beatitudes together. Have each family member reflect on one of the Beatitudes that he or she finds most meaningful. Invite each person to share his or her Beatitude out loud. After one of the Beatitudes is shared, everyone prays, "Blessed are you!"



www.CatholicPlayground.com

#### Saint Of The Week Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

Bishop Blaise was martyred around 316 and we believe that he was a good bishop who encouraged the spiritual and physical health of his people. He cared for animals who were sick and wounded, and is said to have healed a young boy who was choking. Today we look to Sr. Blaise as the protector of the sick, especially those with illnesses of the throat.

All of God's creatures, great and small, are entitled to our care and compassion. There are many people, young and old, who may not be able to look after their own needs. It is up to us to help them in whatever way we can. Are you aware of the needs in your own community? What can you do to alleviate the suffering of others?

#### Blaise's message today:

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	PAF	RISH CAL	ENDAR	JANUA	ARY 29,	2023	
	<b>Sunday</b> [1/29]	<b>Monday</b> [1/30]	<b>Tuesday</b> [1/31]	Wednesday [2/1]	Thursday [2/2]	Friday [2/3]	Saturday [2/4]
School	CSW – Open House 11:45AM-1PM	CSW – Dress as Spies and Super Heroes	CSW – Dress to represent Family	CSW – Dress Up for Jesus Noon Dismissal	CSW – Dress in Spirit Wear	CSW – Dress in Comfy Clothes	
Faith Formation				Faith Formation & Edge Class 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 RCIA (CH) 6:30PM	Mass hosted by Student Council 8:30AM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More					CSW – Movie Night (SR) 6PM KOC Evening Meeting (MC)		
	CH: Church   101-:	106: Classrooms   D	C: Day Chapel   K: Ki	tchen   MC: Media	Ŭ	Office   SR: Social R	oom

Up	coming Mass Sch	edule, Liturgy Sch	edule, and Intentions	Upco	Upcoming Liturgical Minister
[1/29]	8:30AM	Mass	Maurice Rahm	Saturday [2/4]	Saturday [2/4] Altar Servers
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish	4:30PM	4:30PM Lectors
[1/31]	8:30AM	Mass	Tom McGarvey		EMHC
[2/1]	8:30AM	Mass	Matthew Hull		Music Coordinator
[2/2]	8AM	Mass	Lynette Donner	Sunday [2/5]	Sunday [2/5] Altar Servers
	2PM-9PM	Adoration		8:30AM	8:30AM Lectors
	4:05PM	Rosary			ЕМНС
[2/3]	8:30AM	Mass	Ruth & Jim Wright		Children's Liturgy
[2/4]	3PM-3:45PM	Reconciliation			Music Coordinator
	4:30PM	Mass	For the Parish	Sunday [2/5]	Sunday [2/5] Altar Servers
[2/5]	8:30AM	Mass	Margaret Murphy	10:30AM	10:30AM Lectors
	10:30AM	Mass	John B. & Mildred McClavy		EMHC
					Children's Liturgy

## Taking the Journey TOGETHER



View the full Parish Calendar at holytrinitydm.org/home/calendar/

Music Coordinator

Frances Paterik

