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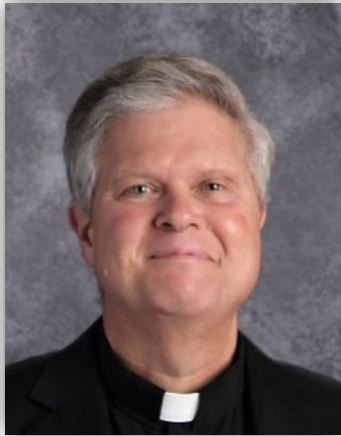


*"They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house they saw the
child with Mary his mother." Mt. 2*



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FROM FATHER MARK | JANUARY 8, 2023



Greetings.

You may have noticed over the past few weeks that we have been using the altar bells at various Masses. There had been some requests, so I wanted to try them out and make sure the servers would be able to handle this action in the liturgy. They have done very well. It is important that this be done appropriately if it is to enhance our liturgy.

Symbols are very important in our Catholic tradition and liturgy. To assist us in our prayer and worship, we employ the use of incense, candles, sacred music, as well as various postures and gestures when we engage in our celebrations.

Traditionally, bells are used to call the faithful to prayer. At Mass, they ring during the Eucharistic prayer both at the epiclesis (calling down of the Holy Spirit) and at the words of Institution. When the priest elevates the Precious Body and Precious Blood after saying the words from the Last Supper ("This my Body... This is my Blood...") and presents them to the gathered assembly, the bells ring as a reminder of the great miracle taking place at the altar.

We really cannot pinpoint the exact moment that Transubstantiation (when the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ) takes place. However, we customarily ring the bells after praying the words of Jesus from the Last Supper, as the bread and wine are elevated and presented to the people. I hope you find our bells helpful in your own prayer and worship.

Furthermore, a big thanks to all those who made our Christmas Masses so prayerful and joyful; our Deacons, Mass Coordinators, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Server, Ushers, Greeters, and all of our talented musicians and singers. Special thanks to Tom Quiner and Fran Paterik for coordinating our musical efforts. Another big thanks to Brad Rea and his team of volunteers for making our church so beautiful with all of the decorations!

Finally, thanks to everyone who sent cards, gifts, and well wishes at Christmas. They are much appreciated!

Have a good week

Fr. Mark Neal



FROM THE CHURCH | JANUARY 8, 2023

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Serving funeral dinner is an important ministry within our Parish. We have had wonderful, faithful volunteers for many years and we are forever grateful. Now it is time to pass the mantle.

We need additional assistance during funeral dinners catered at HT. Volunteers greet attendees, set up and clean tables, and restock food and drink tables.

Show compassion when families need their parish the most. If you can help, contact the Parish Office at 515.255.3162 ext. 128 or parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org. Thank you for answering the call!



THANK YOU, HOLY TRINITY! We are extremely grateful to our entire community for your generosity during Advent. We collected over \$2,200 in Gift Cards and Buis tokens to for the outreach ministries of St. Vincent de Paul, Connection Cafe, and the Children and Family Urban Movement.



Food boxes for 19 families were filled with non-perishable food items, produce from Capital City Fruit, hams, and turkeys.

We also collected a large number of diapers, receiving blankets, and onesies for Mary's Helping Hands.

All of these organizations are thankful Holy Trinity for continuing to support their life changing work, and for making Christmas brighter for many families in need.

Have a blessed New Year!

YOUTH EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING The formal title for a layperson who distributes Eucharist is "Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion," also known as EMHC. It is a beautiful honor to serve and assist the priest and deacons in the distribution of the Body of Christ during Mass. Ministers of Communion show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist through manner and demeanor when handling the Eucharist.

EMHC Training is Sunday, January 15, and Sunday, January 22, both after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

We invite any high school youth who are confirmed and would like to serve their parish in this ministry. If you feel called or have questions about being a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Parish Office at 515.255.3162 or parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org. Thank you!

SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT BAPTISM CLASS If you want your child to be baptized at HT, you must attend a Baptism Class first. Please sign up for our next class on Tuesday, January 10, at 6 p.m. by calling the Parish Office at 515.255.3162 ext. 128 or emailing parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org. We look forward to celebrating with your family!

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF

Budget July 2022 through June 2023	\$988,204	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$29,094)
YTD Actual Tithing	\$449,517	Tithing for the Week	\$11,114
YTD Budget	\$478,611	Number of Donations Received	52



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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.

"[He] is a gifted and faithful Catholic evangelist. His speaking, writing, and teaching illuminate the truths of the Church for youth and adults alike, and his commitment to the Church's mission and the Magisterium is inspiring. I am pleased to endorse Anthony and his evangelization apostolate."

— Most Rev. Michael O. Jackels, Archbishop of Dubuque

MAN-UP WEST Jon Wisnieski and Father Reed Flood are teaming up again, this time at Dowling Catholic! Our January guests, former student athletes at DCHS, have returned to the school with a higher goal: To help teens grow their faith during the tempestuous years of high school and beyond.

Jon Wisnieski, former Maroon and Hawkeye, is the Ut Fidem (Keep the Faith!) Male Coordinator at DCHS. Father Reed Flood, former Dowling athlete, was ordained in 2021 and is the Chaplain at DCHS. They will join us to share their faith journeys and how they are working with teens to help them become disciples of Jesus. Come and see how we can join them in helping young people "Keep the Faith"!

Join us for lunch at Noon on Friday, January 13 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. If inclement weather causes St. Francis of Assisi Parish to be closed on this day, the Man Up Event will also be cancelled.

Register for this event at: www.iowacatholicradio.com.

YOUNG CATHOLIC NETWORK SPEAKER SERIES Come to the Catholic Pastoral Center on Tuesday, January 24, at 6 p.m. for networking and fellowship. Complimentary drinks and appetizers provided. Speaker: Dr. Dan Ryan, President of DCHS. Register today at www.dmdiocese.org/ycn.



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to share this video explaining how regionalization benefits your teachers, your school, and your family. Watch to learn more about a new initiative that will benefit all Catholic school families in the Des Moines Region.

Watch the video at <https://www.dsmrcsplan.org/>.

As a reminder, the tuition assistance process opens February 1. Families are encouraged to apply early given expanded qualification guidelines and new funds available through CTO and the Tuition Assistance Endowment established with the Ignite Campaign. Sign up to receive additional updates here: <http://bit.ly/3WfBo7s>.

We look forward to seeing these new initiatives strengthen our schools and provide the benefit of a Catholic education to more families.

Sincerely,
Dr. Dan Ryan, President, Des Moines Region and DCHS



Solemnity of the Epiphany

Christmas

During the Christmas season from December 24th until the Sunday after Epiphany, we reflect upon the mystery of love that is made visible in the birth and early childhood of Christ.

Reading I : Isaiah 60:1-6

Your light has come!

- The reading from Isaiah refers to a time of great hope in ancient Israel.
- Jerusalem, which had been destroyed by the Babylonians, was about to be rebuilt.
- In today's passage, Isaiah associates light with the glory of God's presence.

Reading II : Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

We all share the same promise!

- In the second reading, we glimpse a beginning of God's Kingdom in time.
- Paul stresses that God's promise to Israel is fulfilled in Jesus.
- All people, both Gentiles and Jews share in salvation in Christ.

Gospel : Matthew 2:1-12

They opened their coffers and presented him with gifts.

- The Gospel reading today links Jesus to God's promise to Israel.
- The royal title given by the Magi to Jesus points to his role as Messiah.
- In ancient times, the birth of a great person was often associated with astrological events.



BRING HOME THE GOSPEL | JANUARY 8, 2023

Reading I Isaiah 60:1-6 | Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 | Reading II Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Question For The Children In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

Question For The Youth Life can sometimes be rough: losing your home, moving, feeling fear or danger. How do you experience God being and staying with you in such times?

Question For The Adults How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?

Activity Of The Week The three kings gave gifts to Jesus, and we just received Christmas gifts. Go through your books and toys. Make a special Epiphany box for the poor and donate the box to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or another place in your community that helps those in need.

- Saint Agnes -



Saint Of The Week Agnes

Agnes may have been a young girl when she died. Legend has it that she was very beautiful and from a wealthy Roman family. Many young men wanted to marry her, but she decided to commit herself only to God. One of the men who wanted her eventually reported her to the authorities for being a Christian, which was then against the law. She was eventually martyred for her faith and is honored today for that.

When we dedicate ourselves to God as the most important thing in our lives, we have to give up some other things. What would you give up in order to dedicate yourself entirely to God?

Agnes' message today:

Agnes dedicated herself to God. None of the threats or the prospect of death could turn her from this course. Like many martyrs, indeed, like Jesus himself, Agnes prayed for her persecutors.

How do you treat those who persecute you: the person at work who spreads gossip about you, the neighbor who constantly complains, or the merchant who tries to cheat you?



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PARISH CALENDAR | JANUARY 8, 2023

	Sunday [1/8]	Monday [1/9]	Tuesday [1/10]	Wednesday [1/11]	Thursday [1/12]	Friday [1/13]	Saturday [1/14]
School			Chess Club (MC) 7:15AM	School Mass hosted by 5th Grade 8:30AM			Reminder: No School 1/16
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 Christmas Clean Up	No Communion Service	Mass 8:30AM RCIA (CH) 6:30PM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More			Baptism Class (MC) 6PM				
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			
[1/8]	8:30AM	Mass	Brant McCurnin
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
[1/10]	8:30AM	Mass	Vern Leach
[1/11]	8:30AM	Mass	Arnold J. Fury
[1/12]	8AM	Mass	Joe & Barb McDermott
	2PM-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
[1/13]	8:30AM	Mass	Ed & Bette Schiller
[1/14]	3PM-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	Fr. Francis Ostdiek
[1/15]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass	Jim Kleinschmidt

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers		
Saturday [1/14]	Altar Servers	Tyler Leo, Marcus & J. Larsen
4:30PM	Lectors	Gary Thull, Kathie Obradovich
	EMHC	Team 2
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday [1/15]	Altar Servers	Marlee Eggers, Jacob Heikes
8:30AM	Lectors	Luke Lynch, Wayne Johnson
	EMHC	Team 3
	Children's Liturgy	Chris & Kaylyn Sachs
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday [1/15]	Altar Servers	S. Bigelow, G. Kahler, A. Koester
10:30AM	Lectors	Matt Connolly, Tim Stacy
	EMHC	Team 2
	Children's Liturgy	Paul Bush
	Music Coordinator	Frances Paterik

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