Holy Trinity May 21, 2023 Seventh Sunday 2926 Beaver Ave DSM IA 50310 | 515.255.3162 | holytrinitydm.org

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. – In 17



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

FROM FATHER MARK | MAY 21, 2023



Greetings.

We all know the sadness of parting with someone who we care deeply about. Yet, we also know of the necessity as well as the plain reality of change in our lives. As we have prepared to celebrate the feast of the Ascension today, Jesus has prepared his closest friends and followers for his departure. He tells them that this must happen. They are understandably upset and wonder how they will survive without him. Nevertheless, Jesus promises he will always be with us. He promises to send an Advocate, the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us. We will not be left alone.

In our own lives, we also know the pain of losing those close to us. While those in our lives often times must change direction or travel down a new path, the same is true of ourselves. Change in our lives can be an opportunity for us too. This opportunity becomes a chance to embrace change and travel down a new path that our God is laying before us. At those times in our lives when change becomes imminent, we can all ask...what is the opportunity here? Where is God pointing me today? Am I willing to take that leap of faith and go?

Have a good week – Fr. Mark Neal



FROM THE CHURCH | MAY 21, 2023

ATTENTION: HOLY TRINITY CLASS OF 2019 HT alumni who are graduating high school seniors, please join us! The Alumni Association will host an event on Thursday, May 25, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

Stop by to say hello to fellow classmates and past teachers, grab a swag bag and some treats, and relive your HT memories! RSVP to <u>alumni@htschool.org</u>. See you there!

SIGN-UP FOR BAPTISM CLASS If you want your child to be baptized at Holy Trinity, you must attend Baptism Class!

We look forward to celebrating with your family! The next class is Tuesday, June 6. Contact the Parish Office at 515.255.3162 ext. 128 or parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org to register for class.

IMPORTANT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY Every month, a new parishioner volunteers to wash, iron, and care for the altar linens. Please consider becoming an alter linen caretaker!

It's easy! The alter linens can be washed at home, making the schedule flexible, and we have enough linens that you only have to wash them twice. Plus, training is provided!

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 515.255.3162 ext. 128 or parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org.

ALTAR SERVER CELEBRATION Altar servers play an important role in the Mass, but their contributions are sometimes overlooked. Help us celebrate the valuable service provided by our altar servers!

The Serra Club and HT Parish will serve coffee and donuts in the Social Room after 10:30 a.m. Mass on May 21. Enjoy a donut, consider becoming an altar server, and thank an altar server for their service to our parish!



PROVIDE LUNCH FOR THE HOMELESS Holy Trinity Parish is committed to provide and serve lunch the last Thursday of each month at the Connection Cafe. We will provide sloppy joes sandwiches, fruit, chips, and cookies to about 150 people on Thursday, May 25.

Lunch will be served at St. John's Lutheran Church. Thank you so much for your support of The Connection Cafe! Sign up at <u>https://signup.com/go/Qbkvymy</u>.

REGISTER FOR VBS Shine Jesus' Light from July 10 to 14 at Vacation Bible School. Apply now!

VBS welcomes participants entering Kindergarten and TK through Fifth Grade in the fall of 2023. We invite all middle school, high school, and returning college students of the parish to be part of our leadership team. We also can use plenty of help from adults of the parish.

Make plans to join the fun! Contact Director of Faith Formation John Mertes at johnm@holytrinitydm.org or 515.255.3162 ext. 224 if you have questions.

Participant and Volunteer Registration Forms are available on the next page!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED...

Gerald Goebel - Father of Tammy (Erik) Altman of our Parish



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF MAY 14, 2023						
Budget July 2022 through June 2023	\$988,204	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$60,709)			
YTD Actual Tithing	\$806,544	Tithing for the Week	\$5,344			
YTD Budget	\$867,253	Number of Donations Received	74			



PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 4 AFTER 10:30 A.M. MASS

FOUNDER'S DAY

Celebrate more than 100 years of Holy Trinity Parish with our Knights of Columbus during the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity!

> Enjoy an outdoor picnic with a special kid's menu, old-fashioned games for the young of heart, plus INFLATABLES ARE BACK!

> > Don't miss this wonderful parish event!

On the Menu... Burgers, Brats, and Hot Dogs Chips, Potato Salad, and Baked Beans Watermelon and Ice Cream Sandwiches Lemonade, Iced Tea, and Water



July 10th -14th, 2023 9:00-11:30 AM

Accepting children entering DK/K through 5th grade. Older students and adults are encouraged to volunteer (please see volunteer form for more information. Current Background Check & Virtus training is required for all volunteers 18 & older



Space is limited. *Registration ends June 26th.* Registration fee is \$45 per child (up to \$120 family maximum). Payment must accompany form. *T-shirt sizes will not be guaranteed after June 12th.

					*T-shirt Size			
Children Name	0		Grade	Constant	(Youth			
Child's Name	Age	Date of Birth	(Fall 2023)	Gender	S/M/L/XL)	Allergies/Concerns		
Parent/Guardian Name:								
Telephone:								
Email (please print clearly as this is our primary form of communication):								
Emergency Contact Name/Relationship/Phone:								
Registration Fee (checks payable to Holy Trinity)								
\$45 per child I would like to talk to someone about financial assistance								
Music CD (\$8) I would like to order a CD No CD								
Registration forms due June 26 th , 2023								
Please return to the Parish Office or mail to Holy Trinity (2926 Beaver Ave. Des Moines, IA 50310).								
VBS Questions can be directed to John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation: <u>johnm@holytrinitydm.org</u> , or via telephone at (515) 255-3162 extension 224.								

Photo Release: In order to celebrate and share our efforts at VBS with the rest of the Holy Trinity Parish, we may use photos of the week on our website, in our bulletin, or in some other fashion. Please indicate below whether you give permission for you child's photo to be used in such a way.

___I consent to having photos of my child(ren) used in this manner.

___I do not consent to having photos of my child(ren) used in this manner.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Holy Trinity Vacation Bible School Volunteer RegistrationJuly 10th – 14th, 20239:00 – 11:30 AM

All adults and children entering 6th grade or older are encouraged to volunteer. There are lots of opportunities to get involved, have fun, celebrate God, and make a difference to a child.

Volunteer Fee: \$10 (To Help Cover T-Shirt Costs)



Leader Daily Time: 8:30 am – NOON

*Registration Deadline is June 26th. T-Shirt sizes not guaranteed after June 12th.

Current Background Check & Virtus training is required for all volunteers 18 and older.

Volunteer Name:
AdultStudent Grade (Fall 2023):
Telephone:
Email (please print clearly as this is our primary form of communication):
T-shirt Size: Adult S M L XL XXL
Will you need childcare? <i>Childcare will be provided for adult volunteers who commit to all 5 days of VBS.</i> Names and Ages of Children:
Have you completed a Background Check & VIRTUS training? This is required for all volunteers over 18. YESNO, please contact John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation: <u>johnm@holytrinitydm.org</u>
Volunteer Positions Available: Please select any that are you are interested in. (Daily time commitment 8:30-NOON)
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Caregivers need care, too! Join *Nourish* to find the strength and serenity you need. All caregivers are invited to attend.

May Nourish for Caregivers Wednesday, May 31, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. At St. Pius X Catholic Church in the Archangels Meeting Room Please use the East Entrance!

Nourish is a monthly ministry to support the practical, emotional, and spiritual needs of family caregivers. Receive the tools and resources to connect with your faith, encounter Christ, and see the grace and blessings in your caregiving journey.

Discussion topics include entering into caregiving roles, managing family dynamics, advocating for loved ones, how stress and faith co-exist, staying engaged, and end of life.

Contact Deacon Dan Maxcy at <u>danm@holytrinitydm.org</u> or Deacon Jim Houston at <u>jhouston@saintpiuschurch.org</u>.

INTERSEC

Education Savings Account Applications Open May 31, 2023!

• The per pupil funding for the 2023-24 school year will be \$7,635. The following students are eligible for the 2023-24 school year: All students entering kindergarten, all public school students transferring to a private school, and current private school students who meet income qualification guidelines.

Household Size	Net Income		
2	\$59,160		
3	\$74,580		
4	\$90,000		
5	\$105,420		
6	\$120,840		
7	\$136,260		
8	\$151,680		

- All applications must be submitted by June 30, 2023 to receive funds for the upcoming school year. Students who transfer mid-year are not eligible.
- Applications will be completed online. The link will be available at <u>educateiowa.gov</u> by May 31, 2023.
 Application process should take no more than 10-15 minutes and results will be available immediately.
- There will be just one application per family. Parents/guardians can add multiple students attending multiple schools from their household.
- Application consists of basic questions including contact information and social security number/ITIN. The State of Iowa will verify household size and net income (line 26 of the 2022 Iowa 1040 tax form).
- Each student will have an account that parents can access through an online portal. Parents will direct payment of funds to schools after July 15.
- If you have questions or would appreciate help with the application, please call 515-222-1078 or email <u>esa@dsmrcs.org</u>. Parents are also invited to attend an ESA event at any of the locations below. <u>RSVP for the date that works for you</u>. (All events will have Spanish interpreters.)

Saturday, June 3 Monday, June 5 Wednesday, June 7 Monday, June 12 Dowling Catholic St. Pius X Christ the King Dowling Catholic 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. 5 to 7 p.m. 5 to 7 p.m. 5 to 7 p.m.



Want more info? Call the School Office at 515.255.3162 ext. 115



LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE IN LOVE! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance, and new beginnings.

Sign up at <u>wwme.org</u> to make your marriage even more special than it already is. Attend September 22 through 24 in Dubuque, IA. For more information call 563.920.9419.



GOLF FUNDRAISER TO FIGHT FOOD INSECURITY St. Vincent de Paul was able to provide over \$1.5 million of charitable services to more than 35,000 clients in 2022. This would not have been possible without the support of people like you!

Attend *Chip in fore Charity* on Thursday, May 25, at Copper Creek Golf Club. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a Shotgun start at 10 a.m. Register at <u>https://bit.ly/3ppSwLW</u>.

BISHOP DRUMM GUILD GARAGE SALE Donations are needed Thursday mornings from May 4 through September 28. Visit Bishop Drumm's campus located at 5837 Winwood Dr., Johnston from 8:30 to 12:30 pm to donate. Call Helen Thull at 515.669.4621 for details!

No computers, baby cribs, car seats, old electronics, or TVs. Proceeds benefit Bishop Drumm Retirement Center.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL A full-time business and facilities manager position is open! This position is responsible for financial matters and routine maintenance of parish facilities. Send a resume by June 1 to David Ortega at <u>dortega@stjosephcatholicdsm.org</u> or call 515.402.4734 for more information. WOMEN OF HOPE WHO FIND GOD IN ALL THINGS Escape the hectic pace of life and deepen your relationship with God! Engage your heart, mind, body, and eternal soul at the Silent Women's Ignatian Retreat by Sharon Doran.

Attend this retreat from August 24 to 27 at Creighton Retreat Center in Griswold, IA. Cost is \$425. Check-in is between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, and the retreat concludes on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Register at <u>creighton.edu/curc</u>.



BIKING FOR BABIES Join Bishop William Joensen and fellow cycling enthusiasts on Saturday, June 24, at St. Luke's in Ankeny. Ride five miles, 22 miles, or 48 miles to support local pro-life organizations: Agape Pregnancy Resource Center, Innervisions Healthcare, and Martha's House of Hope.

Riders and volunteers are needed to support this great cause. Join Biking for Babies today at <u>https://bit.ly/4145sod</u>.

ST. MARY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC CHURCH A coordinator of adult faith formation and evangelization position is open! This position trains and recruits volunteers, collaborates with parish staff, attends meetings, and is a member of adult faith formation committees. Must have experience in adult faith programs with some college courses in Theology, Religious Studies, Pastoral Studies or related educational area.

If you are interested, contact Father John Frost at 515.276.4042 or <u>frjfrost@stmarysdsm.org</u>. Apply by May 26.

DRAKE ALUMNI CHOIR CONCERT Umeri will present *The Sacred Veil*, created by Eric Whitacre, at Sheslow Auditorium on Saturday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. In collaboration with the Richard Deming Cancer Center at MercyOne and Above and Beyond Cancer, Umeri will also present a pre-concert talk at 6 p.m. given by Dr. Deming and Charles Anthony Silvestri, who wrote the texts for *The Sacred Veil*. Both the concert and pre-concert event are free of charge.





Women of Hope Who Find God in <u>ALL</u> Things

A Silent Ignatian Retreat for Women August 24-27, 2023 At Creighton University Retreat Center

This Ignatian retreat is designed especially for women using the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Get away from the hectic pace of life and take time to deepen your relationship with God by engaging your heart, mind, body and eternal soul. Hear God speak to your heart in the community of silence. There will be 11 preached conferences by Sharon Doran who combines her love of Sacred Scripture with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Expect God to work in powerful ways through the promises of His revealed Word combined with the rhythm that St. Ignatius developed to contemplate it. The exercises are Holy Spirit inspired and the word of God is living and active, so each retreat is a non-repeatable experience.

You are invited to contemplate the hope-filled mysteries and learn to experience God in ALL things and walk together on life's journey.

There will be opportunities for Mass, confessions & spiritual direction.

Retreat costs based on single occupancy and includes meals — \$425 Check-in between 4:30-5:30pm on Thursday & retreat concludes on Sunday at 2:30pm. Register using this QR code or at creighton.edu/curc



Creighton University Retreat Center 16493 Contrail Ave | Griswold, IA 51535 | 712.778.2466 | curc@creighton.edu

NOTES ON THE MASS | MAY 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of 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 1:12-14

They were all gathered in the upper room, waiting.

- Today's first reading refers to a time when the early Christians were "in-between" their experience of Jesus' presence with them and their experience of the promised Holy Spirit.
- The Apostles, Mary, and other believers return to Jerusalem after the death of Jesus.
- They are strengthened as a community through support of one another and prayer.

Reading II : 1 Peter 4:13-16

If you suffer for something, let it be for Christ.

- In the second reading, Christians living in the time "between" Pentecost and the second coming of Jesus at the end of time are reminded that their conduct should promote unity and harmony rather than destroy it.
- At the time this letter was written, the Christian community was finding it hard to endure persecution.
- Peter warns them that following Christ might result in hardships, but that any suffering in God's name will lead to future glory.

Gospel : John 17:1-11a

Jesus prays to his Father.

- Today's Gospel is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. Jesus' address is not to the disciples but to God.
- In today's passage, Jesus prays for himself, for the disciples and for all future believers, as he approaches his death.
- For the disciples, still in this world, Jesus prays that they will be united in a unity on earth as close as the unity between him and the Father.



Reading I Acts 1:12-14 | Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8 | Reading II 1 Peter 4:13-16 | Gospel John 17:1-11a

Question For The Children Jesus helps us be strong in our faith. When do you need to be really strong in faith?

Question For The Youth Prayer is essential to being a disciple, because it is the way we build or relationship with God—through talking and listening. What is one way you can take more time this week to listen to God in prayer?

Question For The Adults In these heartfelt instructions from a leader of the church, what are the ways in modern life that we sometimes suffer for our faith? Or are there no such ways?

Activity Of The Week Prayer is our communication with God and our awareness of God all around us. Nature places us in communication with God because in nature we experience the awesome wonder of God's goodness. Take a family nature walk or nature trip near your home. Experience the wonder of spring, the newness of life, and the sounds of God's creation.

Saint Charles Lwanga

Saint Charles Lwanga learned about God and taught others about God. He protected boys who were told that they couldn't believe, and was martyred because he kept teaching about God.



Saint Of The Week Charles Lwanga and Companions

Charles Lwanga lived in Uganda, Africa. He was baptized on the very day that his own teacher was murdered for the faith. Because he refused to take part in the immorality of the day, he was sent to prison. Enroute, three of his companions, including Lwanga, were murdered, burned to death along with two soldiers. Saint Charles Lwanga, together with twenty one other martyrs, was canonized in 1964 by Pope Paul VI. He has been named the patron of African youth. He and his companion martyrs are honored on June 3.

Charles Lwanga's message today:

What strong faith this young man had! Knowing that it would probably lead to his own martyrdom, he persevered in his request for Baptism. Then he stood up to the king, defending himself and others against what he knew to be wrong.

Think of some ways that you can help a young person affirm their faith. Pray for those in your parish who are to be confirmed this year.



PARISH CALENDAR MAY 21, 2023							
	Sunday [5/21]	Monday [5/22]	Tuesday [5/23]	Wednesday [5/24]	Thursday [5/25]	Friday [5/26]	Saturday [5/27]
School	4th & 5th Grades host 10:30AM Mass		Last Day of School for PS3, PK4, TK, & 8th Grade	8th Grade Graduation (CH) 7PM	Field Day	Last Day of School for K-7th Grade Noon Dismissal	
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 8:30AM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass hosted by 7th Grade 8:30AM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More	Coffee & Donuts after 10:30 Mass Art Club (SR) 1PM				Alumni Class of 2019 Reception (MC) 1-2:30PM		
CH: Church 101-106: Classrooms DC: Day Chapel K: Kitchen MC: Media Center PO: Parish Office SR: Social Room							

Up	coming Mass Sc	hedule, Liturgy Sch	edule, and Intentions	Upco	Upcoming Liturgical Minister
[5/21]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Parish	Saturday [5/27]	Saturday [5/27] Altar Servers
	10:30AM	Mass	Petra Cavazof	4:30PM	4:30PM Lectors
[5/23]	8:30AM	Mass	James Lynch		EMHC
[5/24]	8:30AM	Mass	Gerry Lavia		Music Coordinator
[5/25]	8AM	Mass	Gerald Goebel	Sunday [5/28]	Sunday [5/28] Altar Servers
	2-9PM	Adoration		8:30AM	8:30AM Lectors
	4:05PM	Rosary			EMHC
[5/26]	8:30AM	Mass	Kay Hefner		Children's Liturgy
[5/27]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation			Music Coordinator
	4:30PM	Mass	Janice Radosevich	Sunday [5/28]	Sunday [5/28] Altar Servers
[5/28]	8:30AM	Mass	Maurice Rahm	10:30AM	10:30AM Lectors
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish		EMHC
					Children's Liturgy

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Music Coordinator

Frances Paterik

