

# Holy Trinity Catholic School School

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

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# Taking the Journey TOGETHER





#### FROM FATHER MARK | MAY 28, 2023

#### Greetings.

Last weekend at the Masses, I spoke briefly about both our current Annual Diocesan Appeal effort as well as our overall tithing in the parish.

I will begin with the Annual Appeal. Currently, we are significantly behind where we have been at this point the past 4 years. Overall, the entire Diocese is significantly behind this year as compared to last year. I know the economy is still difficult for many. However, over the past few months we have also received communications from a number of parishioners expressing displeasure with some Diocesan policies, in particular the Diocese's support of the educational savings accounts signed into law by the governor. Some have also referenced the Diocesan policy on gender identity. In addition, a good number of these communications stated that they would no longer support the Diocese through the Annual Appeal. I suspect there may be more than we have heard from who feel this way. This is not unique to Holy Trinity. I do understand these are issues that have brought about many passionate feelings in our communities and in our Church. I also understand that we must all act in accordance with our conscience. We all must do what we think is best and right. However, part of acting in conscience also entails having an accurately informed conscience. When we receive an assessment for the appeal each year, this is the amount that we are responsible for. When parishioners withhold their support, it is not the Diocese that is being penalized. Unfortunately, it is the parish. If we fall short in our pledges and gifts from the parish, the difference has to be made up out of our operating funds. I would not want to see the parish return to running an Appeal deficit each year since we have done so well as a parish these past few years.

Speaking to the subject of tithing, our tithing has been decreasing now for some time. However, like your own household budgets, our expenses do go up each year. As with the Annual Appeal, we have received more recent notifications from a number of parishioners who have stated that they will decrease or possibly halt their tithing support due to our diocesan schools now being eligible to receive funds from the recently passed education savings account law in our state. These parishioners have stated that they do not believe the parish needs their tithing any more. Again, I just want to be sure that we are all clear on this topic as well. The salaries we pay our school staff are woefully out of line and lower than public schools (and have been for decades). At present, we are raising tuition. This means more tuition assistance will be needed to assist those families who need help. A portion of the Ignite capital campaign will be used for this purpose. However, more funding will be needed to achieve our goals. Any funds received from education savings accounts will also be used for this effort. In other words, any funds that may be received from this source are already spoken for and will not simply go into our bank accounts. In our parishes, tithing support is still needed as much as ever. I will keep the parish apprised as these areas continue to evolve.

I know we have some recent issues that continue to elicit very strong feelings. Likewise, we all need to be free to express our feelings and concerns and I appreciate all those who have shared their concerns. I do understand that we must all act according to our own conscience. We also need to be clear on how our actions will affect our parish. I hope this has helped.

Finally, I just want to express my sincere gratitude for your historical generosity to Holy Trinity Parish. We try to use every donation as efficiently as possible. All of your support is greatly appreciated!

Have a good week - Fr. Mark Neal

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## FROM THE CHURCH | MAY 28, 2023

REGISTER FOR VBS Space is limited, and the deadline to register is Monday, June 26. Join Vacation Bible School 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 <a href="mailto:johnm@holytrinitydm.org">johnm@holytrinitydm.org</a> or 515.255.3162 ext. 224 if you have questions.

#### Register by June 26! Registration Forms on the next page!

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 <a href="mailto:parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org">parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org</a> to register for class.

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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS The parish office is closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day. Summer office hours begin Tuesday, May 30. The office will be open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Father Mark will be on vacation in June. Therefore, HT will not have Mass on June 6, 7, or 8. However, HT will host Holy Communion Services instead.

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NEW MEMBERS We welcome all our new members to Holy Trinity Parish! Come by our table at the Founder's Day picnic and say hello as well as ask any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful Parish!



COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS by Fr. Tom Braak, Archdiocese of Dubuque

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED...

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

Bill Sheka - Father of Mary Skeka (Don Piper) of our Parish



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF MAY 21, 2023					
Budget July 2022 through June 2023	\$988,204	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$74,636)		
YTD Actual Tithing	\$813,219	Tithing for the Week	\$6,675		
YTD Budget	\$887,855	Number of Donations Received	65		



#### **Holy Trinity Vacation Bible School Participant Registration**

July 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Child's Name	Age	Date of Birth	Grade (Fall 2023)	Gender	*T-shirt Size (Youth S/M/L/XL)	Allergies/Concerns	
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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 <sup>th</sup> , 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: johnm@holytrinitydm.org, 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: Date:							

#### **Holy Trinity Vacation Bible School Volunteer Registration**

July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

9:00 - 11:30 AM

All adults and children entering 6<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>. T-Shirt sizes not guaranteed after June 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

Volunteer Nar	me:						
Adult		Student	Grade	(Fall 20	023): _		
Telephone:							
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T-shirt Size:	Adult	S	М	L	XL	X	XL
Will you need Names and Ag			lcare w	ill be pr	ovided <sub>.</sub>	for a	dult volunteers who commit to all 5 days of VBS.
Have you com YES	pleted a	_					ing? This is required for all volunteers over 18.  Director of Faith Formation: <a href="mailto:johnm@holytrinitydm.org">johnm@holytrinitydm.org</a>
crew lea	aders: a	dult (res	ponsibl	e for lea	ading a	grou	you are interested in. (Daily time commitment 8:30-NOON) up of kids through stations) to assist the adult crew leader)
games (	(will be	held out	doors w	eather/	permit	ting)	·
kitchen	crafts (demonstrate project techniques and assist participants) kitchen crew (preparing snacks for each day)						
no pref	childcare (watch volunteers' children under age 4 in preschool room) no preference. I will help wherever is needed.						
Please return to the Parish Office or mail to Holy Trinity (2926 Beaver Ave. Des Moines, IA 50310). If you have questions please contact John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation: <a href="mailto:johnm@holtyrinitydm.org">johnm@holtyrinitydm.org</a> , or via telephone at (515) 255-3162 extension 224							
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Parent/Guardia	an Signa	ture:					Date:

# FOUNDER'S DAY PICKIS DAY

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

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





## DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY | MAY 28, 2023

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 <a href="wwme.org">wwme.org</a> 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.

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BISHOP DRUMM GUILD GARAGE SALE Donations are needed Thursday mornings, now through September 28. Visit Bishop Drumm's campus located at 5837 Winwood Dr., Johnston from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to donate.

No computers, baby cribs, car seats, old electronics, or TVs. Proceeds benefit Bishop Drumm Retirement Center. Call Helen Thull at 515.669.4621 for details!

WOMEN OF HOPE WHO FIND GOD IN ALL THINGS 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 <a href="mailto:creighton.edu/curc">creighton.edu/curc</a>.

BIKING FOR BABIES Join Bishop William Joensen and fellow

cycling enthusiasts on Saturday, June 24, 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 <a href="https://bit.ly/4145sod">https://bit.ly/4145sod</a>.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS Mass at Glendale Cemetery begins at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 29, with Fr. Nivin Scaria of St. Ambrose and Fr. Raphael Assamah of St. Theresa. Mass will be celebrated at St. Theresa Church if it rains.

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FEAST DAY CELEBRATION Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday, June 16, after their 5:30 p.m. Mass. Enjoy food trucks, beer, wine, kids' activities, and live music. Bring a lawn chair and join the fun! YOUNG CATHOLIC SINGLES PICNIC Join YCDM for summer fun on Friday, June 23, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Bring yard games and enjoy free pizza, drinks, and snacks. Come to Raccoon River Park (Biddle Shelter).

All Catholic singles in their 20s and 30s are welcome. For more information, email YCDMCatholicsingles@gmail.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - ST. AUGUSTIN St. Augustin Parish is seeking a full-time maintenance technician to assist in the maintenance of the physical plant needs of multiple parish buildings and property. See the full job description and apply at www.staugustin.org/jobopenin.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - ST. JOSEPH St. Joseph Parish is seeking two part-time business managers to work 20 hours and 30 hours per week. Send your resume to David Ortega at <a href="mailto:dortega@stjosephcatholicdsm.org">dortega@stjosephcatholicdsm.org</a> by June 23 to apply. Call

515.402.4734 for details.

MAN-UP WEST Hear Fr. Daniel Adjei's compelling story to serve God and His people on Friday, June 9. Fr. Daniel was born and grew up in Ghana. He was ordained a priest on October 6, 2012, and served as a priest in Ghana for three years before coming to the United States to study for his master's degree and Doctorate. He currently serves as an associate pastor supporting St. Francis of Assisi, St. Theresa, and St. Joseph parishes.

This event is located at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Lunch from Chick-fil-A is served at Noon. Register for Man-up West at <a href="https://www.iowacatholicradio.com">www.iowacatholicradio.com</a>.

ROME BENEATH THE SURFACE Enjoy an evening of intrigue and wonder with Deacon Omar Gutierrez of the Evangelium Institute on Friday, June 16, at 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi.

Hear the story of discoveries under the Eternal City that can help us better understand our faith and why we are called to share it. Register at www.iowacatholicradio.com.







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 <a href="mailto:danm@holytrinitydm.org">danm@holytrinitydm.org</a> or Deacon Jim Houston at <a href="mailto:jhouston@saintpiuschurch.org">jhouston@saintpiuschurch.org</a>.



#### NOTES ON THE MASS | MAY 28, 2023

# Pentecost Sunday

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 2:1-11

All were filled with the Holy Spirit.

- The Pentecost mystery reverses the Tower of Babel.
- In today's first reading, the many visitors to Jerusalem are foreigners, thus they are hampered by the diversity of their languages and regional dialects.
- Rather than being confused by the different languages, each person hears God's deeds proclaimed by the disciples, in his or her own language.

#### **Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**

There are different gifts, but the same Spirit.

- Today's second reading underlines the necessity of unity in the Holy Spirit.
- The gifts of the Spirit are for the building up of the Church.
- However different the gifts, when members of the Church use their gifts to complement the gifts of others, they form the one Body of Christ.

#### Gospel: John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you.

- In today's Gospel, the disciples pass from a state of fear to joy.
- Jesus breathes his Spirit on them and he commissions the disciples to continue his mission on earth.
- Enlivened by the Spirit, the disciples make the presence of God known throughout the world.



#### BRING HOME THE GOSPEL | MAY 28, 2023

**Reading I** Acts 2:1-11 | **Psalm** 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 | **Reading II** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 | **Gospel** John 20:19-23

Question For The Children When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?

**Question For The Youth** On Pentecost, the apostles were able to speak in a language that everyone could understand. As a young person, you have your own way of communicating Jesus' importance in your life. How will you make Jesus more known to others in your own way this week?

**Question For The Adults** Share about times when you felt the power of the Spirit, giving you the right words, giving you insight into a dilemma, or in other ways.

**Activity Of The Week** On Pentecost, God poured out upon the world the gift of the Holy Spirit. Gather your family outdoors and point out the force of the wind. Discuss with your family how the Holy Spirit is like a mighty wind. Talk about how the gift of God's Spirit strengthens your family. End your gathering with a family hug.



#### Saint Of The Week Anthony of Padua

Saint Anthony lived in Portugal, and studied at the cathedral schools there. He was ordained and became a Franciscan friar. He became a great preacher and attracted large crowds wherever he spoke. He lived much of his life in Padua, Italy, where he taught theology and worked for social justice, especially for prisoners and the poor. He died very young, at age 36.

#### Anthony's message today:

Anthony has been a favorite saint for hundreds of years because of the belief that he intercedes with God on behalf of many who have lost articles. Any Catholic who has, say, misplaced the car keys and said a short prayer to Saint Anthony can tell you how they "miraculously" found their keys virtually "under their noses." We can count on the saints to help us, knowing that they, too, experienced many of the difficulties we encounter in our own lives.

Is there a special need that you have at this time which may be helped by the intercession of a saint?



PARISH CALENDAR   MAY 28, 2023							
	<b>Sunday</b> [5/28]	<b>Monday</b> [5/29]	<b>Tuesday</b> [5/30]	Wednesday [5/31]	Thursday [6/1]	Friday [6/2]	Saturday [6/3]
School			Summer Office Hours Begin 8AM-2PM	Summer Office Hours	Summer Office Hours	Summer Office Hours	
Faith Formation							Sunday Reading Groups -Men 7:30AM -Women (CH) 8:30AM
Adult Faith Formation	Mass 8:30AM & 10:30AM	MD Mass at Glendale Cemetery 10AM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More		Parish Office Closed for Memorial Day	Summer Office Hours Begin 8AM-2PM	Nourish for Caregivers at St. Pius 6PM	Summer Office Hours	Summer Office Hours	REMINDER: Founder's Day Picnic after 10:30AM Mass Tomorrow
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					
[5/28]	8:30AM	Mass	Maurice Rahm		
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish		
[5/30]	8:30AM	Mass	Bill Sheka		
[5/31]	8:30AM	Mass	Mary Jane Frueh		
[6/1]	8AM	Mass	Willis J. Dore		
	2-9PM	Adoration			
	4:05PM	Rosary			
[6/2]	8:30AM	Mass	Holy Trinity Class of 1966		
[6/3]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	1		
	4:30PM	Mass	Mary Ann Nielsen		
[6/4]	8:30AM	Mass	Maury Rahm Jr.		
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish		

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers					
Saturday [6/3]	Altar Servers	Payton & Maren Wolfe			
4:30PM	Lectors	M. Judge, Marsha Szymczuk			
	ЕМНС	Team 3			
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner			
Sunday [6/4]	Altar Servers	Cameron Goode, Jack Ernst			
8:30AM	Lectors	Wayne Johnson, Doug Gross			
	ЕМНС	Team 1			
	Children's Liturgy	none			
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner			
Sunday [6/4]	Altar Servers	V. Skeffington, Ruth George			
10:30AM	Lectors	Bill Miller, Tim Stacy			
	ЕМНС	Team 3			
	Children's Liturgy	none			
	Music Coordinator	Frances Paterik			







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