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# **Congratulations to our Eighth Grade Graduates!**

May God Bless You As You Continue Your Journey

### Holy Trinity Catholic School Class of 2023

*Gwenyth Backus Lucas Marso Andrew Baker Erin Esther Morris Sarah Jolenne Bigelow Blake Scott Nelson Anica Marie Burch Jamie Thien Lam Nguyen Emily Susan Dall-Winther Johnny O'Halloran Gabriel Robert DuShane* 

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Sara Rene Pearson Tate Edgington Grace Melody Petersen Jack Parker Ernst VyVy Pham Damian Christopher Grillot Sam Thomas Ralston Natalie Jane Higgins Olyvia Grace Renze Thomas James Israel Noah Schlueter Ian Daniel Kerr Colin Matthew Sullivan Ella Kiernan Isaac Thongvanh Georgia Mae Myers Lage Andrew An Tran Margo Grace Francis Lage Nathan Tran Jaden Lam Madison Willcox

# FROM THE CHURCH | JUNE 4 & 11, 2023

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.

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.



EXCLUSIVE FREE WEBINAR WITH FR. FRANKIE



VEIL REMOVED WEBINAR This free webinar is Sunday, June 11 at 7 p.m. with Fr. Frankie Cicero. He will share his personal story and insights on how we know the Eucharist is truly Christ's Body and Blood. Scan the code!



REGISTER FOR VBS Attend Vacation Bible School from July 10 to July 14! Participants and volunteers are welcome!

Contact Director of Faith Formation John Mertes at johnm@holytrinitydm.org or 515.255.3162 ext. 224 if you have questions.

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



### 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 28, 2023						
Budget July 2022 through June 2023\$988,204YTD Surplus (Deficit)(\$61)						
YTD Actual Tithing	\$847,048	Tithing for the Week	\$33,830			
YTD Budget	\$908,457	Number of Donations Received	295			



July 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 9:00-11:30 AM

Accepting children entering DK/K through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 p	•	• • • •						
\$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: <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 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 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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MAN-UP WEST Hear Fr. Daniel Adjei's compelling story to serve God and His people on Friday, June 9. This event is located at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Lunch from Chick-fil-A is served at Noon.

Fr. Daniel was born and grew up in Ghana. He 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.

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 for both events at <u>www.iowacatholicradio.com</u>.



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 <u>https://bit.ly/4145sod</u>.

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!



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.

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. Email <u>YCDMCatholicsingles@gmail.com</u> for more information.

IS GOD IS CALLING YOU TO GROW CLOSER TO YOUR SPOUSE? Consider joining *Teams of Our Lady* to deepen your faith and marriage. Teams of married couples from all stages of life meet monthly to share a simple meal, pray, support each other, and discuss a study topic.

Learn more on Tuesday, June 13, from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Pius X Church in the Martha & Mary Fellowship Hall. (Use the south entrance). Contact Stuart & Paulette Gardner at teamsofourladydesmoines@gmail.com 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 <u>creighton.edu/curc</u>.

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY St. Thomas Aquinas in Indianola hosts *An Evening with Sarah Hart* on Saturday, August 26. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!





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June 4 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

OFFICE of the BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we have two messages that I wish we could shout from the rooftops, or more likely through social media, radio and our diocesan newspaper. I invite you to help spread the word through the Catholic Communication Campaign.

The first message is of hope. In the Gospel, we heard Jesus explain the Good News in a way that should give every person hope: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

The second message is of love. Last year, in celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Pope Francis explained that through the evangelist St. John, we come to understand the Trinity as an expression of love: "The Father is love; the Son is love; the Holy Spirit is love. And inasmuch as he is love, God, while being one alone, is not solitude but communion, among the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

In a world in which there is so much division, help us boldly communicate God's Spirit of hope and love using as many communication platforms as we can.

You can be a part of this effort through your support of the Catholic Communication Campaign special collection this weekend. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities using the internet, television, radio and print media. Fully 50% of the funds we collect stay right here in the Diocese of Des Moines to support local communication projects. We use contributions to this collection to purchase the digital equipment to help us share our message far and wide through video and social media. The other 50% supports national communications efforts like the Eucharistic Revival as well as projects in developing countries. For more information on the Catholic Communication Campaign, go to usccb.org/ccc.

Thank you for your contribution to our communication efforts both at home and nationally through the Catholic Communication Campaign. With your support, we will sow seeds of God's love throughout our Diocese. You can give online by going to dmdiocese.org/giving and click on "Give to a Special Collection."

Faithfully in Christ,

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

# NOTES ON THE MASS | JUNE 4, 2023

# Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

### **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 : Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

A merciful and gracious God.

- The event described in today's reading from Exodus happened just after Israel broke the covenant by making an image of God as the golden calf.
- As the reading opens, God's renewal of the broken covenant is symbolized by new stone tablets containing the Law.
- Then God stood before Moses and pronounced the Divine name. A name that means not only that God is but also that God is actively present.

### Reading II : 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers and sisters, mend your ways.

- The second reading concludes Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.
- It is an exhortation on the virtues of the Christian life: conversion, mutual encouragement, harmony, and peace.
- These virtues live in the Christian community through the gift of God's presence.

### Gospel : John 3:16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

- Today's Gospel passage tells us how deep God's love is.
- The statement about God's love was inserted into the middle of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus concerning the new birth that leads to eternal life.
- According to John's Gospel, belief in Jesus is salvation.



# NOTES ON THE MASS | JUNE 11, 2023

# Solemnity of the Wost Holy Blood of Christ

### **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 : Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

One does not live by bread alone, but by the Word of God.

- Moses reminded the Israelites that God has taken care of them in the desert, and they should trust him.
- Moses reminded them that everything they have comes from God.
- Manna sustained them as food in the desert and the Word of God sustained their spirit.

### Reading II : 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

We are the Body of Christ when we participate in the Eucharist.

- The life of Jesus sustains our life.
- Sharing his life bonds us together as one.
- We are the Body of Christ when we share the Eucharist.

### Gospel : John 6:51-58

The Word of God made flesh, Jesus, declared he was the Bread of Life.

- Jesus is the Word of God made flesh.
- Jesus is the Bread of Life.
- His flesh given for the world was a pledge of our resurrection.



## BRING HOME THE GOSPEL | JUNE 4, 2023

Reading I Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 | Psalm Dn 3:52-56 | Reading II 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 | Gospel John 3:16-18

Question For The Children When people love each other, how do they treat each other?

**Question For The Youth** The Trinity is celebrated today. How would you describe your relationship with God the Father? With Jesus? With the Spirit?

**Question For The Adults** If you were to encourage the members of your own parish to live as a "community of love," which is how we define the Trinity, how would you advise them to live? Use St. Paul's list of exhortations as your starting point.

Activity Of The Week Trinity Sunday is an excellent time to call attention to the use of the Sign of the Cross and the prayer that we say when we make the Sign of the Cross. Teach the very young this sign and prayer. Talk to your family about the need to say the prayer with meaning.



Saint Of The Week John Fisher, Bishop and Martyr

John was born in Beverly, York, England, and he was a gifted scholar. He eventually came to serve as bishop, chancellor of the University of Cambridge, and in other high positions. While he was advising Catherine of Aragon, wife of King Henry VIII, he began his final journey. When Henry tried to divorce Catherine, the bishop strongly defended the validity and indissolubility of the marriage. And as Henry took further steps toward separating the Church in England from Rome, John Fisher spoke out in defense of the Church and the supremacy of the pope. Eventually he was beheaded for his loyalty to the Catholic Church.

### John's message today:

John Fisher refused to go against his principles. It can be easy to compromise one's beliefs for worldly gain, particularly when one's life is at stake. We can look to people like John Fisher as models when we are called upon to yield on what we believe in.



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Question For The Children How does receiving Holy Communion change how you treat those around you?

**Question For The Youth** Jesus tells us that through the Eucharist we will remain in him and he is us. How does the Eucharist keep you in relationship with Jesus?

**Question For The Adults** Share one way that the Eucharist connects us as "one body" – how does it change the way we relate to each other?

Activity Of The Week As a family, find a chalice and some wafers to represent the host. Practice the ritual and script for Holy Communion. Discuss the history of Eucharist and transubstantiation. Also discuss the tabernacle and the sacredness of Eucharist. Answer questions as they arise.



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### Saint Of The Week Junípero Serra, Priest

No person had more influence on the settlement of California than Padre Junípero Serra. He was born Miguel José Serra to parents of humble means, living in Petra on the Mediterranean island of Majorca. His early education took place on the island at the Franciscan convent of San Bernardino. Miguel was ordained in 1737, and took the name Junípero at that time. In the same year, he was named a professor of philosophy at the university in Palma, Spain as well as to other posts. He could have worked at this the rest of his life, but since he was a boy, Junípero Serra had dreamed of becoming a missionary in the New World. He accepted an appointment to help establish the Church in Mexico and the United States and spent the rest of his life doing so with great vigor and many good results.

#### Junípero's message today:

Junípero Serra undertook a bold journey in coming to the New World. Our physical travels may not be as farreaching as Serra's, but we are all on a spiritual journey whose course can often be as dramatic. We, too, can hold steadfast to our goal of reaching God's Kingdom.



PARISH CALENDAR   JUNE 4, 2023								
	<b>Sunday</b> [6/4]	<b>Monday</b> [6/5]	Tuesday [6/6]	Wednesday [6/7]	Thursday [6/8]	Friday [6/9]	Saturday [6/10]	
School								
Faith Formation							Sunday Reading Groups -Men 7:30AM -Women (CH) 8:30AM	
Adult Faith Formation	Mass 8:30AM & 10:30AM	No Communion Service	Communion Service 8:30AM	Communion Service 8:30AM	Communion Service 8AM Adoration2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM	
More	FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 4 AFTER 10:30 A.M. MASS	Summer Office Hours	Summer Office Hours Baptism Class (MC) 6PM	Summer Office Hours	Summer Office Hours	Summer Office Hours	Boy Scout Can Drive 10AM	
	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	nedule, and Intentions
[6/4]	8:30AM	Mass	Maury Rahm Jr.
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
[6/6]	8:30AM	Service	
[6/7]	8:30AM	Service	
6/8]	8AM	Service	
	2-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
[6/9]	8:30AM	Mass	Dennis Olson
[6/10]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	For the Parish
[6/11]	8:30AM	Mass	Maury Rahm
	10:30AM	Mass	John Erickson

# Taking the Journey TOGETHER



Music Coordinator

Frances Paterik

PARISH CALENDAR   JUNE 11, 2023								
	<b>Sunday</b> [6/11]	<b>Monday</b> [6/12]	<b>Tuesday</b> [6/13]	Wednesday [6/14]	Thursday [6/15]	<b>Friday</b> [6/16]	Saturday [6/17]	
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[6/11]	8:30AM	Mass	Maury Rahm	Saturday [6/17]	Saturday [6/17] Altar Servers
	10:30AM	Mass	John Erickson	4:30PM	4:30PM Lectors
[6/13]	8:30AM	Mass	Elizabeth Green		EMHC
[6/14]	8:30AM	Mass	Stephanie Schneider Beccera		Music Coordinator
[6/15]	8AM	Mass	Delos Swanson	Sunday [6/18]	Sunday [6/18] Altar Servers
[0] [0]	2-9PM	Adoration		8:30AM	8:30AM Lectors
	4:05PM	Rosary			EMHC
[6/16]	8:30AM	Mass	Gertrude Olson-Heston		Children's Liturgy
[6/17]	3-3:45PM	Reconciliation			Music Coordinator
	4:30PM	Mass	Brant McCurnin	Sunday [6/18]	Sunday [6/18] Altar Servers
[6/18]	8:30AM	Mass	For the Parish	10:30AM	10:30AM Lectors
[.,]	10:30AM	Mass	James Lynch		ЕМНС
					Children's Liturgy
Takir	ng the J	ourney	TOGETHER		Music Coordinator



