March 14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

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> Whoever lives the truth comes to the light so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God John 3:14-21

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FROM FATHER MARK MAR 14 2021



GREETINGS. As you know, this is the time of year when the Annual Diocesan Appeal kicks off. We began the Appeal last weekend. Last year we made our assessment for the second consecutive year and received a substantial refund. Thank you for your support! We want to continue this again this year. In order to do so, your donations are needed again. Our assessed amount this year is \$111,754, about \$3600 more than last year.

I want to encourage all parishioners to consider the Annual Appeal now and consider what you might be able to pledge, if you have not done so already. If you were able to make a pledge last year, I ask that you consider increasing your pledge. If you were unable to make a pledge last year, please consider making one this year. Any amount will help us reach our goal and it is an opportunity to participate not only in the ministry and mission of our parish home, but also that of the diocese. Last year, we had 333 pledges. This was down from 360 pledges in 2019. Typically, we have less than 1/3 of our parish participate in the appeal. Please keep in mind the Annual Appeal does benefit all of us in many ways.

Many ministries and programs are supported by the Annual Appeal. I would like to provide some more specific information as to what is supported each year. Below are some of the ways the priests of our diocese are helped by the ADA. On behalf of the priests of our diocese, I want to extend my personal thanks for your continued generosity. I know that each contribution you make to our parish and diocese is a sacrifice and it is greatly appreciated.

- The Diocese pays 100% of the health care premiums for all active and retired priests. This expense is approximately \$600,000 per year. These expenses are not incurred by our parishes.
- The ADA contributes \$45,000 per year to the priests' pension fund. These are the priests who have dedicated their lives to the service of our diocese. Over the years, they have been there with us through the good times and the difficult; they have presided at family weddings and baptized you, your children and grandchildren, celebrated with you at First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation. They have comforted their people in times of loss and celebrated in times of joy. Our retired priests are expected to provide for their own personal expenses including housing expenses. Parishes do match priest contributions to a 403B account, as is the case for all eligible parish employees, but are not asked to contribute directly to the pension fund. A note about priest retirement income: our priests do qualify for Social Security. However, all priests in the diocese are required to pay both the employer's and employee's portion of the social security tax. Parishes are not asked to contribute to the priest's social security as is the case with other employees, thus making the pension a very important part of the priest's retirement planning.
- The Annual Appeal also helps to support our seminarians' tuition, room and board and ongoing formation. This was over \$500,000 last year. We currently have 18 seminarians in our diocese. These are your future pastors, and they need our support.

The above is only one area supported by our Annual Appeal. I will continue sharing more information about the many and varied programs and ministries supported by the ADA in the coming weeks.

I am asking that as a parish we do our best to continue building on the increased support we have seen the last two years with regard to the Annual Appeal. I want to thank you for your generous support of our parish and what I am confident will be a generous response to this years' Appeal. Again, thank you so much for your continued generosity to our parish!

Have a good week. Fr Mark Neal

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UCRSRICE BOWL Live Lent at Home and Change the World

TRYING NEW FOODS IN TIMOR-LESTE Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit **crsricebowl.org** to learn more.

Special Eucharistic Adoration for Renewal at Holy Trinity w/Confessions Available. Bishop Joensen has invited all parishes to host a special Adoration Hour for Eucharistic Renewal. Holy Trinity will host an hour on Wednesday, March 24 from 5:00-6:00PM. This is an excellent opportunity to renew ourselves as well as our Parish this Lent. Father Mark will be available for Confessions from 5:10-5:45 PM in the Church. Join us for this chance to revitalize as we journey this Lent.

WE NEED HELP!! Mass attendance is picking up. We are in **need of more Ushers for all masses**. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please **contact Andy Negrete** 255-3162 ext. 129 or andyn@holytrinitydm.org

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED... Elizabeth Riordan Longtime Parishioner and mother of Mary Riordan, Charles(Cynthia) Riordan, Dennis(Carolyn) Riordan & Colleen(Kent) Weeden of our Parish



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NEXT BAPTISM CLASS ON MONDAY-MARCH 22ND If you are planning on baptizing your child at Holy Trinity, a Baptism Class is required. We will offer class on this Mon, Mar 22. Please sign up for class by calling the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext.128. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful Sacrament with you!



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED We can have 2 Altar Servers at Weekend Masses. Eligible servers are students <u>already</u> trained with Parental Permission. <u>Parents—email</u> <u>carolynr@holytrinitydm.org</u> with student's name and Mass time availability. We could really use more Altar servers to rotate and support each other. Thank you!

Budget - July 2020 - June 2021
YTD Actual Tithing through Mar 7
YTD Budget through Mar 7

\$1,008,000 \$699,154 \$700,005 YTD Overage (Deficit) Tithing for the week ending Mar 7 Number of Donations Received \$(851) \$36,944 268

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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF MAR 7 2021

Want more information? Call the Parish Office 515 255 3162 X128 M-F 8AM-4PM



2021 LENTEN ACTIVITIES & SERVICES JOIN US AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 5:30PM FRIDAYS

March 19 & 26

SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOURS

Wednesday March 24 5:00-6:00PM

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday March 24 Individual Confessions from 5:10-5:45PM

ADORATION

Thursdays from 2:00-9:00PM in Church

FISH DINNERS HOSTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FROM 5:30-6:15PM

CARRY OUT ONLY FRIDAY MAR 26

PRE ORDER HERE https://www.eventbrite.com/e/144730636229

See details on next page

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 1 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper Good Friday, April 2 7:00PM Proclamation of the Lord's Passion / Veneration of the Cross Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday, April 3 8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass Easter Sunday, April 4

8:30AM & 10:30AM Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

LINK TO HOLY HOUR: PREPARING FOR PRAYER FROM THE DIOCESE

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THE DUBUQUE FRANCISCAN SISTER WATER PROJECT (SWP) Committee Invites Participants to "Walk for Sister Water" from March 12 - March 22 (World Water Day) to raise awareness of global water issues and raise funds for SWP. How the walk works:

1. Dedicate time (March 12-22) to walk the distance of 5K (3.1 miles) all at once or in segments. While you walk, consider that this is the distance some people have to walk daily to obtain clean water.

2. From March 12-22, follow the Sisters of St. Francis on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/dubuguefranciscans/) and Twitter (@DBQFranciscans) to see why others are walking and how villagers in Honduras and Tanzania have been helped by the Sister Water Project. Take photos of yourself walking and post on social media with #WalkForSisterWater or email

to communications@osfdbg.org

3. After your walk, consider making a donation to the Sister Water Project at 3390 Windsor Ave, Dubuque, IA 52001 or online at https://www.osfdbg.org/swpdonate.

For more information, contact Sister Maureen Leach at (563) 583-9786 or leach@osfdbq.org or visit https://www.osfdbg.org/swpwalk.

JOB OPENING St Pius X Parish is hiring for the position of Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. This is a full-time position, M-F 8AM to 4:30PM. Contact Dean Roth at 276-2059 if you are interested.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Our Shamrocks & Shenanigans St. Patrick's party was a success in the past because of people like YOU! This year we are unable to gather, but the program need is greater than ever. We are requesting **ONLINE DONATIONS** to fill the gap. Will you help us fill our pot of gold to continue helping those in need? Please prayerfully consider a donation to our online fundraising event! Our sincere hope for 2022 is to celebrate in person, enjoy Irish food and drink, and celebrate Shamrocks & Shenanigans as it was intended. We look forward to being with you again!





A big "Thank You" to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Each and every person's gift is important. Remember, when we reach our parish goal, any additional gifts stay right here for our own use. For those who have not made their pledge or one-time gift, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the Diocese that no single individual or parish can offer. Simply fill out a pledge card and place it in the offertory basket or drop it in the mail. Extra pledge cards and envelopes are in the Parish Office. Gifts can also be made online dmdiocese.org/giving. Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal

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FROM THE SCHOOL MAR 14 2021





WE ARE ENROLLING AT HOLY TRINITY

Contact us at 515 255 3162 ext 115 or please visit us at https://holytrinitydm.org/school

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Des Moines are collaborative communities of spiritual formation and academic excellence, where students grow in faith and wisdom and emerge as responsible citizens dedicated to the practice of life-long discipleship.

Expect more. Explore Catholic education at Holy Trinity Catholic School.

If you are ready to start your educational journey with Holy Trinity, please <u>FILL IN THIS INQUIRY LINK</u> TODAY. <u>https://htschool.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry</u> 6,352 Catholic schools: 5,158 elementary; 1,194 secondary.



16 New Schools Opened; **110** Consolidated Or Closed.

1,872 schools have a waiting list for admission.



Based on the average public school per pupil cost of \$11,454, Catholic schools provide more than 21 billion dollars a year savings for the nation.

National Secondary School Graduation Rates* Catholic 99.2% Other Religious 97.5%

Non-Sectarian **93.9%** Public Schools **84.1%** (*actual high school diplomas awarded)





CTO (Catholic Tuition Organization) is another way for families with students in grades TK-8 to get between 10%-50% toward tuition based on need (you can find out more at

ctodsmdiocese.org). Applications are being accepted now at fairapp.com. Please watch this VIDEO created by CTO to guide HT families through the application process. Our school code is 450 and password is cto450. Plus, families in lowa can now use a 529 Savings Plan for K-12 Catholic education. It only takes a few minutes to establish a 529 account and beneficiaries can use up to \$10,000 per year which often also comes with a tax deduction on that money.

Want more information? Call the School Office 515 255 3162 X116 M-F 8AM-4PM Fax 515 255 1381



SPIRITUALITY OF THE READING

Listen to the Light

God is light. We have all heard this preached, but the readings on this Fourth Sunday in Lent drive the point home. The question: can we look at the light?

As the <u>First Reading</u> says, the people of Judah "added infidelity to infidelity" by worshipping false gods, polluting the sacred temple, ignoring God—and doing it with vigor. Read the First Reading for the terrible details.

Listen to God this Lent.

Out of compassion God sent prophets to warn them, but each of them received only scorn. "There was no remedy," the reading says. The people were condemned by their own actions. God's love remained constant, but theirs did not. An invading force took them as captives into Babylon, where they remained in exile for seventy years until the good and just King Cyrus conquered Babylon and let them go.

They had suffered in Babylon. For a <u>Responsorial Psalm</u> we have one of the most poignant of all psalms, the exquisite number 137. In it the people weep as captives in a foreign land. They refuse to sing songs of their homeland because they are exiled from everything they held dear, everything that their own infidelity had robbed from them. As far as they know, the light of life had gone out.

It was not God but they who had closed their eyes to the light. John's <u>Gospel</u> tells us that a person is condemned because that person "has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." God has no desire to condemn, but people condemn themselves by walling God out.

At the end of the <u>Gospel</u> there is a very interesting, wise saying that sums up the message of this week's Lenten readings: Light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.

Maybe these sentences reveal the heart of sin itself. Light displays too much of our life. We become ashamed. We hide our selves.

Yet we are built to seek the light.

Perhaps the present writer can be pardoned for presenting a poem in this space, especially one that he himself wrote. Perhaps it will speak to you of the readings. It is a fable, set in the style of a children's verse. I recommend that you read it out loud, and read it slowly.

Once there was a city built in the sunlight. Warmth and laughter abounded. Memories of day would remain every night until the sun could return. Fear one morning said light is too bright. Too much truth can be seen. How can we seem what we say we are if light the intruder is here? So walls went up and a ban on all windows and nothing of day could remain. The city said, you have left us, O sun. In the darkness we have gone blind. But the sun outside still shed its light, and its warmth and its laughter and love. It lightened the walls and gave warmth to their chill, while within, the soul bored a hole. Into it poured a single beam, a sunlight of laughter and care. Softly, silently, almost like spring, love opened and blossomed and grew.*

Listen to the light. Listen to God this Lent. Let love open and blossom and grow.

John Foley, SJ





READING I: 2 Chronicles 36:14-23

PSALM: 137:1-6

READING II: Ephesians 2:4-10

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

Question for Children: Who is one person in your life who supports your faith and helps it to grow?

Question for Youth: The Gospel speaks of following God as coming toward the light. How can you move towards the light in your own life? What is the darkness that needs Jesus' healing in your life?

Question for Adults: When is it difficult for you to believe? What particular line in this reading helps your faith?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Elizabeth and Zechariah, Parents

Our knowledge of Elizabeth and her husband, Zechariah, comes to us from the first chapter of St. Luke's Gospel. Elizabeth and Zechariah, righteous people according to Luke, had prayed to God that they might be blessed with a child. Since Elizabeth was well past childbearing age, they might have given up hope that their prayers would ever be answered. But God blessed her with a child and when Elizabeth was in her sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to Mary to announce the impending birth of Jesus. Elizabeth was the first person to recognize Mary as the mother of God, "And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" [Lk 1:43] Mary remained with Elizabeth until Elizabeth's child was born.

Elizabeth and Zechariah's message today: God knows all of our needs and answers all of our prayers, though not always at the time or in the manner of our choosing. Elizabeth and Zechariah continued to pray for a child even after they felt it impossible to become parents and God chose to bless them with the baby who was to become St. John the Baptist.

Have you continued to pray for those blessings that you would like God to bestow upon you or have you given up?



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PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF MAR 14 2021

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	SUNDAY 3/14	MONDAY 3/15	TUESDAY 3/16	WEDNESDAY 3/17	THURSDAY 3/18	FRIDAY 3/19	SATURDAY 3/20	
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK STARTS! KC Open Registration Required					WELCOME Back to Class Mar 22	
FAITH FORMATION								
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM	No Communion Service	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:15PM	Mass 8:30AM Stations of the Cross 5:30PM	Mass 4:30PM Sunday Reading Grp MEN'S 7:30AM SR WOMEN'S 8:30AM CH	
AND MORE	Enrolling NOW for 21-22 School Year Sign up today!							

CH: Church 101-106: Classrooms DC: Day Chapel K: Kitchen MC: Media Center PO: Parish Office SR: Social Room

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDUL Sunday Mar 14	E AND INTENTIONS	NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS			
8:30 AM Mass	For the Parish	Saturday Mar 20 4:30 P	M		
10:30 AM Mass	Evelyn Bisanti	Altar Server	Tyler Leo & Volunteer		
Monday Mar 15	NO Communion Service	Lectors	Lorraine Riseley		
•		EMHC	Team 2		
Tuesday Mar 16 8:30 AM Mass	For the Souls in Purgatory	Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner		
Wednesday Mar 17		Sunday Mar 21 8:30 AN	Λ		
8:30 AM Mass	Mike Duff	Altar Server	Gabe Polich & Volunteer		
Thursday Mar 18		Lectors EMHC	Karen Quiner & Jean Severson Team 1		
8 AM Mass	Joel Esslinger	Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy		
2-9PM	Adoration	Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner		
4:15PM	Rosary				
Friday Mar 19		Sunday Mar 21 10:30 A	M		
8:30 AM Mass	Karen Bruin	Altar Server	Kevin Copic & Volunteer		
5:30PM	Stations of the Cross	Lectors	Peggy Jones & Billy Howe		
Saturday Mar 20		EMHC	Team 4		
3-4 PM	NO Reconciliation	Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy		
4:30 PM Mass	Elizabeth Riordan	Musical Coordinator	Dr. Kevin Allemagne		
Sunday Mar 21		WEEKEND MASSES Sat 4:30 PM / Sun 8:30 & 10:30 AM			
8:30 AM Mass	For the Parish				
10:30 AM Mass John B. McClavy		WEEKDAY MASSES Tue, Wed & Fri 8:30 AM / Thurs 8AM			

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