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December 11, 2022



Taking the Journey TOGETHER

"Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." - Jas 5

Third Sunday of Advent



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



Advent 2022

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITURGY

We are looking for EM's, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, and Servers for Christmas Masses. Please call or email the Parish Office if you can volunteer. Thank you for your help to make our Masses run smoothly!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

- Saturday, December 24, at 4 p.m., 6 p.m., and 10 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

- Sunday, December 25, at 9 a.m.

GATHERINGS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

GENERATIONS of FAITH

- Sunday, December 11, at 4:30 p.m.

TAIZÉ at HOLY TRINITY

- Sunday, December 11, at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, December 18, at 6 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION at HOLY TRINITY

- Saturday, December 10, at 3 p.m.
- Thursday, December 15, at 5:15 p.m.
- Saturday, December 17, at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 20, at 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 21, at 1 p.m.

COMMUNAL CONFESSION AROUND THE DIOCESE

- St. Mary of Nazareth | Sunday, December 11, at 3 p.m.
- St. Theresa | Monday, December 12, at 7 p.m.
- St. Pius X | Thursday, December 13, at 7 p.m.
- Our Lady Immaculate Heart | Sat., Dec. 17, at 10 a.m.
- St. Mary-Holy Cross in Elkhart | Sun., Dec. 18, 2 p.m.



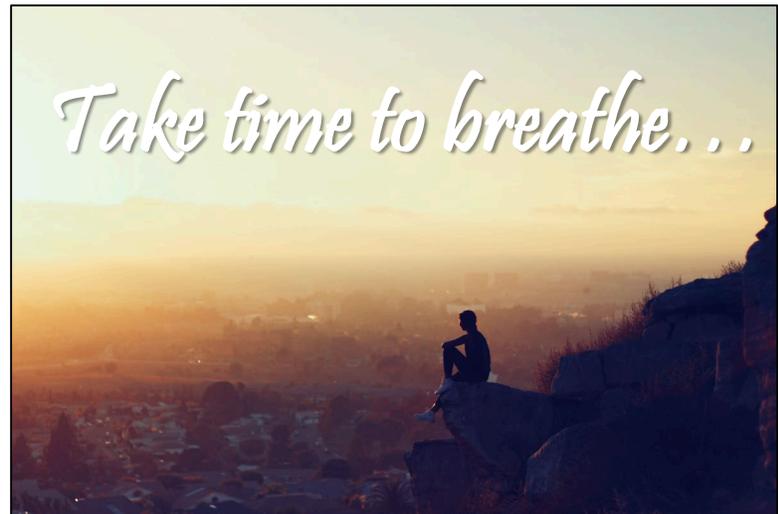
PIANIST NEEDED

10:30 Schola needs a Piano Accompanist starting January 4, 2023.

If you know someone who is interested, please contact Andy Negrete at 515.255.3162 ext. 129 and andyn@holytrinitydm.org.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES Do you know a college student who needs a note of encouragement going into finals? Maybe you know a young adult who is working and needs a reminder of Christ's love in a tangible way. Your child, niece, nephew, or grandchild?

Email the Parish Office at parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org to add their name and address to our young adult package list. A group of parents meets to pray and send notes or packages throughout the school year. Any questions, contact Janelle Kerr at 515.710.6400.



BULLETIN DEADLINE CHANGES We will combine two bulletins into one for the holidays! The December 25 and January 1 bulletin will be combined and released on the weekend of December 25.

The submissions deadline for the combined bulletin is Friday, December 16. Email parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org with your requests. 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!

ADVENT TAIZÉ SERVICES Join us this Advent season for Taizé, an ecumenical prayer service with the purpose of providing a quiet place of peace during the busy Christmas season. Taizé is a meditative prayer service incorporating scripture, song, and periods of silence in an atmosphere of soft lighting.

Sunday, December 11, at 6 p.m.
&
Sunday, December 18, at 6 p.m.

Attend Taizé at Holy Trinity on Sundays in December. Service lasts about 45 minutes. Take time to breathe this Advent.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022

Budget July 2022 through June 2023	\$988,204	YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$23,851)
YTD Actual Tithing	\$359,720	Tithing for the Week	\$11,642
YTD Budget	\$383,571	Number of Donations Received	72



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GENERATIONS OF FAITH



The Twelve Days of Christmas: A Journey from Christmas to the Epiphany

Sunday, December 11, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Dinner is served at this event. For details and registration, visit <http://bit.ly/3EOnNwl> or contact Director of Faith Formation John Mertes at 515.255.3162 ext. 224. or johnm@holytrinitydm.org.

Third Sunday of Advent

Advent

The twofold character of Advent calls us to prepare for the remembering of the Word made Flesh at Christmas, and directs us to wait with alertness for Jesus' second coming.

Reading I : Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The desert will rejoice and bloom!

- The prophet Isaiah encourages the Jewish people living in exile in Babylon, to believe that God has the power and the desire to save them.
- The images in the first reading convey new life and hope. This foreshadows what Christians will see in Christ.
- The prophet's message brings comfort to those in need of liberation.

Reading II : James 5:7-10

Be patient.

- The Letter of James urges patience in awaiting the second coming of Christ.
- Just as the farmer needs to be patient, trust God, and cooperate with the natural elements, so must the Christian.
- We are called to wait with patience and to hasten the Kingdom through works of mercy.

Gospel : Matthew 11:2-11

The blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, and deaf hear.

- Today's Gospel describes what kind of Messiah Jesus is.
- By listing his works of healing and restoration in response to John's question, Jesus shows how he fulfills the prophecies of the Old Testament regarding the Messiah, as suggested in today's first reading.
- Jesus identifies John as his forerunner.



Reading I Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 | Psalm 146:6-10 | Reading II James 5:7-10 | Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Question For The Children Why is Christmas such a time of happiness for people?

Question For The Youth God speaks to you every day: Isaiah tells us our ears and eyes will be opened in Christ to hear God's voice. What do you hear God saying to you?

Question For The Adults What is there in this promise from the Prophet Isaiah that gives you hope? How have you seen this promise fulfilled in Christ?

Activity Of The Week Discuss with your family what it means to live as a follower of Jesus in the world today. Using the newspaper, discuss for each major story how a Christian would respond. What would Jesus do?

- Saint Barbara -



www.CatholicPlayground.com

Saint Of The Week Barbara

St. Barbara may have been the daughter of a pagan official in the time of the Emperor Maximian. At one point, she requested that three windows be built into her house, to represent the light of the Trinity. Her Christian faith was stronger than her father's lack of faith. But this enraged her pagan father who had her killed, and she is considered a martyr today.

How much would you suffer to witness to your faith? What kind of suffering for our faith do modern boys and girls have to do?

Barbara's message today:

While most parents would not treat their children as harshly as did Barbara's father, many of us do not consider the strong and lasting effects of our words on our children. Gentle guidance, understanding, and prayers can often accomplish much more than harsh words.

When you have a disagreement with one of your children, do you try to resolve it with arguments and anger? Or do you try to talk out the problem, with kindness and understanding as your guide?



PARISH CALENDAR | DECEMBER 11, 2022

	Sunday [12/11]	Monday [12/12]	Tuesday [12/13]	Wednesday [12/14]	Thursday [12/15]	Friday [12/16]	Saturday [12/17]
School		K, 1st, and 2nd Grades Music Concert (CH) 6:30PM	Chess Club (MC) 7:15AM	School Mass hosted by 7th Grade 8:30AM		SCRIP Jeans Day	
Faith Formation	Generations of Faith (SR) 4:30PM			Faith Formation & Edge Class 6:30PM			
Adult Faith Formation	Mass 8:30AM & 10:30AM Taizé Prayer Service (CH) 6PM	No Communion Service	Mass 8:30AM RCIA (MC) 6:30PM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM Reconciliation 5:15PM	Mass 8:30AM	<u>Sunday Reading</u> Men's Group (MC) 7:30AM Women's Group (CH) 8:30AM Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
More			First Reconciliation (CH) 6:30PM	First Reconciliation (CH) 6:30PM			

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

[12/11]	8:30AM	Mass	Brant McCurnin
	10:30AM	Mass	For the Parish
[12/13]	8:30AM	Mass	Marcie Coleman
[12/14]	8:30AM	Mass	Gerry Lavia
[12/15]	8AM	Mass	Ed Bleimehl III
	2PM-9PM	Adoration	
	4:05PM	Rosary	
[12/16]	8:30AM	Mass	Ruth & Jim Wright
[12/17]	3PM-3:45PM	Reconciliation	
	4:30PM	Mass	For the Parish
[12/18]	8:30AM	Mass	Jim Harken
	10:30AM	Mass	Connie Hellman

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers

Saturday [11/17]	Altar Servers	Tyler Leo, Marcus & J. Larsen
4:30PM	Lectors	L. Riseley, K. Obradovich
	EMHC	Team 2
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday [11/18]	Altar Servers	J. Lynch, G. Polich, J. Ernst
8:30AM	Lectors	Steve Stimmel, Ben Klaus
	EMHC	Team 3
	Children's Liturgy	John Mertes
	Music Coordinator	Tom Quiner
Sunday [11/18]	Altar Servers	E. Bott, I. Alonzo, J. Mundy
10:30AM	Lectors	Lisa Rea, Billy Howe
	EMHC	Team 2
	Children's Liturgy	Chris Coleman
	Music Coordinator	Frances Paterik

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