



Holy Trinity

Catholic Church and School

SEPTEMBER 13TH | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Taking the Journey TOGETHER



MASS SCHEDULE

MON: No Mass/Communion Service

TUE: 8:30 AM Mass

WED: 8:30 AM Mass

THU: 8:30 AM Mass & 2:00-9:00 PM Adoration

FRI: 8:30 AM Mass

SAT: 3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation & 4:30 PM Mass

SUN: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Mass

**Mass Times often change for Holy Days of Obligation*

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SEPTEMBER 18TH & 19TH, 2026

BEAVERDALE FALL FEST

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 TH | 5:00PM – 10:00PM

Rides, Slides, Slushies & More!

HOLY TRINITY FOOD TENT | Beef burgers, hot dogs, brats, walking tacos, nachos, and beverages

EGG ROLLS | Get them while they last

BEER and WINE tent

LIVE MUSIC by 'Faculty Lounge' | 7:00PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th | 11:00AM – 9:00PM

Rides, Slides, Slushies & More!

BAKE SALE | NOON until gone

BINGO | NOON TO 3:00PM

KIDS FACE PAINTING | NOON – 3:00PM

HOLY TRINITY FOOD TENT | Starting at 11 AM

BEER and WINE tent | Starting at NOON

LIVE MUSIC by 'Vinyl Five' | 6:00PM

IMPORTANT

Please bring your BAKED GOODS to the Church on Friday afternoon or evening for the Bake Sale!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VOLUNTEER

OR GO ONLINE TO

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/74449072092/false#/invitation>

Contact Cliff Burleson

319-389-7889 cliffordburleson@gmail.com



Save the Date!

2026 HOLY TRINITY WALKATHON

✦ **OCTOBER 3RD** ✦

Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship as we come together to support Holy Trinity.

Directly Following the 4:30 Mass on Saturday.

Our Goal is to Raise

\$50,000

100% of proceeds will go towards
school safety and building security
updates.

Don't miss out on:

- One Mile Community Walk
- Free Dinner
- Cake Walk
- Gift Card Raffle
- Dunk Tank

WANT TO HELP US REACH \$50,000?

Visit the [fundraising site](#) to
contribute to our overall goal or
donate directly to your favorite
HT student's page!



**QUESTIONS ABOUT
WALKATHON?**

holytrinitywalkathon@gmail.com

Stop by for **Coffee & Donuts** after Mass on
September 27th to learn more about
Walkathon, connect with a committee
member, or make a donation!

SCHEDULES

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

Sept. 13th	8:30AM 10:30AM	For the Parish Barbara Esser
Sept. 15th	8:30AM	Kathy Ricker
Sept. 16th	8:30AM	Linda Carr
Sept. 17th	8:30AM	Carolyn Kamp
Sept. 18th	8:30AM Mass	Delos Swanson
Sept. 19th	3:00-3:45PM 4:30PM	NO CONFESSIONS For the Parish
Sept. 20th	8:30AM 10:30AM	Tim Sheaff Mary Jo Banks

UPCOMING LITURGICAL
MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Sept. 19th: 4:30pm Altar Servers Austin & Tyler Leo and Joan & Nora Niday Lectors Peggy Jones & Gary Thull EMHC Team 3 Music Coordinator Tom Quiner
Sunday, Sept. 20th : 8:30am Altar Servers Jonah & Gwennie Johnson, Jacob Heikes and Riley Jenks Lectors Jacob Meradith-Eyers & Scott Flood EMHC Team 3/MC: Mark McAndrews Children's Liturgy TBD Music Coordinator Tom Quiner
Sunday, Sept. 20th : 10:30am Altar Servers Madelyn & Mia Daskalakes and E.J. & Peter Flynn Lectors Billy Howe & Lisa Rea EMHC Team 3/MC: Paul Bush Children's Liturgy TBD Music Coordinator Eric Sharp

CALENDAR | SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026

	Sunday Sept. 13th	Monday Sept. 14th	Tuesday Sept. 15th	Wednesday Sept. 16th	Thursday Sept. 17th	Friday Sept. 18th	Saturday Sept. 19th
School				All School Mass Hosted by 5th Grade		No School	
Faith Formation	Children's Liturgy Begins! Children's Choir 10:30AM Mass		Morning Prayer following 8:30AM Mass (CH)	Grades 1-8 Child Faith Formation Orientation 6:30PM (MC)		Morning Prayer following 8:30AM Mass (CH)	Sunday Reading Group Mens (Terry's Patio)
Adult Faith Formation		Nourish for Caregivers 6:00PM (MC)		9th Grade Confirmatin Kickoff 6:30PM (101, 102)			NO Confessions
More	Coffee & Donuts following 8:30 & 10:30 Mass Hosted by: Student Family Organization		OCIA 6:30PM (CH)		Finance Committee Meeting 6:30PM	HT Fall Festival 5-10PM	HT Fall Festival 11AM-9PM

PARISH NEWS

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Sign up this weekend after Mass

The Knights of Columbus will be available in the church vestibule following Mass for sign up for Holy Trinity's new pictorial directory. You may also sign up using the QR code in the church bulletin.

PARISH INFORMATION

Ministries at Holy Trinity

Coffee and Donuts: We appreciate everyone who has volunteered to assist with serving coffee and donuts. If you would like to participate, please [sign up here!](#) You may also get in touch with Jan Swinton at jans@holytrinitydm.org in the parish office.

Baptism: Do you want to celebrate your child's baptism at Holy Trinity? The next Baptism Class is Monday, November 16th. Contact Jan Swinton in the Parish Office at jans@holytrinitydm.org with questions.

Letter From
Father Ray

You will find a flyer on the tables at the entrances to the church entitled Faithful Citizenship. It is a document from the four Iowa bishops and the Iowa Catholic Conference regarding voting. You will notice that the bishops do not endorse or disparage any candidate. Rather, the document spells out the issues they find important. They encourage us to study the issues and cast our vote "in light of a properly formed conscience."

The biennial Christ Our Life Conference takes place September 26 & 27 at the Casey's Center. I remember discussing the original idea for this conference with one of the founders in my office in Indianola. This conference brings in well-known speakers from around the world. There will be opportunities to hear the speakers, attend mass with time for adoration and confession. This is a well worth it two days of faith formation. I will spend Saturday there hearing confessions.

The Beaverdale Fall Festival is next weekend. Because of the large crowds and the restricted use of the parking lot there will not be confessions this Saturday. Mass will be celebrated at the usual time.

Matthew's gospel this Sunday is a continuation of last Sunday's gospel. It continues the theme of forgiveness. To emphasize the importance of forgiveness for a believer the first reading reaches back to the Hebrew Scriptures and the Book of Sirach. It reminds us of the commandments and the covenant and that being a forgiving person was part of our covenant with God.

"Forgive you neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven." (Sirach 28:2)

- Fr. Ray

WEEK 1: "PRAYER AS RELATIONSHIP"

"Curious About Meditation? Try Something Older."

Prayer isn't a task to check off — it's a relationship we grow into. If your prayer life feels more like a to-do list than a friendship with God, start here. In the first session of this 4- week series on Centering Prayer, we'll explore our relationship with God and all the ways we participate in that relationship. We establish the fact that prayer IS relationship. In centering prayer, it means to simply be with God, no words required. Give yourself the same gift — time to grow closer to the One who's already close to you. Please join us.

School Library | Wednesdays, 6:30 PM | Week 1 of 4

PARISH NEWS

NEW HOLY TRINITY CHURCH DIRECTORY

Get your Holy Trinity Gear!

It's time for a new Holy Trinity Church Directory! Our directory won't be complete without you. Families and parishioners are encouraged to schedule a photography appointment and be part of our new directory.

Photography dates:

- September 22–25: 2:00–8:30 p.m.
- September 26: 10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- September 29–October 2: 2:00–8:30 p.m.
- October 3: 10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

For anyone having mobility issues, pictures will be taken at the HT school gymnasium on Sept. 26. The other dates, pictures will be taken at the parish duplex (former rental property) at 4201 Urbandale Avenue (south of the HT preschool.)

Schedule your appointment online at ucdir.com using Church Code: IA406 and Password: IA406member.

Everyone photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and church directory. Additional portraits will also be available for purchase. We hope you'll be part of this special opportunity to capture our Holy Trinity parish family!

Scan below or go to
<https://schedule.ucdir.com>
to sign up!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Holy Trinity News

Our St. Vincent de Paul conference would like to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Vincent at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Friday, September 25. Following Mass, please join us for coffee and donuts in the social room.

CONNECTION CAFE

Last Thursday of the Month

On the last Thursday of the month, Holy Trinity Parish has agreed to assist with lunch preparation and service at the Connection Cafe.

On Thursday, September 24, we will serve around 200 people sloppy joe sandwiches or shredded BBQ chicken along with fruit, chips, and cookies. St. John's Lutheran Church, located at 600 6th Ave. in Des Moines, will provide lunch.

Please use this link
<https://signup.com/go/Qbkvymy> to sign up to help. We really appreciate your support of the The Connection Cafe!

HOLY TRINITY ART GROUP

Stay Connected!

The Holy Trinity Parish Art Group - Stay connected to the church and nurture your creative side with fellowship, inspiration, and even motivation to work on that creative hobby you've been "meaning to" start! Join us for our open studio session in the 7th grade rooms in the school on:

Sunday, September 13th from 1-3:30
Sunday, November 15th from 1-3:30
Sunday, December 13th from 1-3:30

Bring your own personal art or craft projects to work on, or just stop over to check things out and get inspired! This group is open to any Holy Trinity parishioners age 14 and over and all skill levels and artistic interests are welcome! Contact Hannah Zimmerman with any questions hmjzimmerman@gmail.com

SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING DATES

Mark your calendar!

September 16th | All School Mass hosted by 5th Grade

September 18th | No School-Professional Development



HT WALKATHON

Join us October 3rd!

Our biggest fall fundraiser is back! Join us on Saturday, October 3rd, right after the 4:30 PM Mass. Our students will collect pledges and walk together with the community to support our school. We have a bold \$50,000 goal this year to fund major safety and security upgrades for both our school and church.

Here is how you can help make it a huge success:

- **Become a Business Sponsor:** Advertise your business on our pledge site and the back of our official event T-shirts! Contact the committee soon so we can get your logo before printing.
- **Double Your Impact:** Many employers match donations. Check if your company (like Wells Fargo, US Bank, or Holmes Murphy) has a matching gift program.
- **Principal Financial Employees:** Principal offers cash rewards for employee volunteer hours! Let us know if you work there so we can team up and earn extra funds.

Seeking sponsors: We rely on the generosity of family members and the community in these fundraising efforts. Last year, almost 30% of our contributions came from sponsorship, largely by HT family members and businesses where they work or that they own.

We have opportunities for businesses to advertise and support the school on both our pledge site, and on the back of the t-shirts students and teachers will wear for Walkathon. To make sure we get your logo in time for the t-shirts to print, let your friends on the Walkathon committee know as soon as you can so we can connect to learn more.



FAITH FORMATION

Register for the upcoming school year!

Now is the time to get your kids signed up for Faith Formation classes for the upcoming school year. We offer faith formation instruction for families with children in grades 1-10.

We meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:45 pm. Please reach out to either John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation at johnm@holytrinitydm.org, or Ally Sand, Director of High School Youth Ministry at allisons@holytrinitydm.org.

Registration Information can be found on our parish website, or you can stop by the parish office to register in person. If you have sacramental questions, please know we're here to help with whatever you might need! We are looking forward to another fun year, and we want you to be a part of it. We look forward to spending the year with your family!

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Social Teachings

The Iowa bishops have recorded a series of videos on "Faithful Citizenship," which can be found on the Iowa Catholic Conference's social media feeds. As we approach the midterm elections, we encourage you to prayerfully consider voting and engaging in important issues through the lens of God's Word and the principles of Catholic social teaching. To help guide you, please take a moment to read the Iowa Catholic Conference's "Faithful Citizenship" flyer, which offers guidance on Catholic social teaching and questions to consider when evaluating candidates.

MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY

Join us!

PA Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Upcoming weekends are October 9-11, 2026 in Epworth and February 12-14, 2027 in Dubuque. To register go to wwme.org or for more information call 563-920-9419.

ACTOR JIM CAVIEZEL COMES TO DES MOINES!

Pulse Life Gala on November 21st

Pulse Life Advocates announced that actor Jim Caviezel will be the keynote speaker at their November 21st Christmas Gala at the Iowa Event Center. Best known for his iconic portrayal as Jesus in "The Passion of the Christ," Mr. Caviezel is an outspoken pro-life advocate. The evening includes dinner, auction, live music, and cash bar. Reserve your seat at PulseForLife.org.

THE 7 INTENTIONS OF MOURNING

Sept. 17-Oct. 29 | 2-4pm

Those who are grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to participate in The 7 Intentions of Mourning, a Catholic bereavement support series designed to offer healing, hope, and support through the grieving process. The series includes video presentations, reflection, and time for sharing in a supportive environment.

Saint Theresa Catholic Church – East Meeting Room of Parish Hall | 1230 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines on Thursdays.

For more information, contact Deacon Troy Thompson at troyt@holyltrinitydm.org or (515) 447-5707.

CHRIST OUR LIFE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Gabriel Castillo



Gabe relates his sinful morality was formed by MTV while he was in high school. A dramatic conversion while in Adoration brought Gabe to tears and began a powerful journey that finally led him to Jesus and the Blessed Mother. He founded True Faith TV, a platform whose documentaries have collectively been viewed over 70 million times! His devotion to the Rosary and to the Faith have inspired millions.

Join Gabriel and eight other world-class speakers for a faith filled, life-changing event in Des Moines.

September 26 & 27, 2026 Casey's Center

Scan the QR code to buy tickets

Go to ChristOurLifelowa.com for complete information



In person or Livestream

Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

OUR FAITH EXPLAINED



SAINT OF THE WEEK

John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor

Born the son of an imperial military officer, John studied rhetoric and theology under the best Roman scholars before converting to Christianity in 369. John preferred the simple life of a monk, and in 374, he became a hermit under the guidance of Saint Basil. He had a great reputation for his preaching and he was noted for the eloquence of his sermons. In his sermons, John called for justice and charity, enjoining the rich to share their wealth with the poor. He practiced what he preached and made sure his own household followed Christian values. He opposed the evils practiced by the rulers of his day and suffered exile because of it.

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Saint John Chrysostom is the patron saint of preachers and orators. We celebrate his memorial on September 13.

John's message today: Taking an unpopular view is certain to gain enemies. Yet John, like many other saints, spoke out against the excesses of his time. Most people in our times would shy away from pointing out the immoral positions of certain groups.

CREATIVITY

Virtues, Explained!

Creativity teaches humanity to receive the world and our lives as a gift from God and to respond with our own gifts in return. We are "called to prolong the work of creation" (CCC 2427), using our gifts to reflect the Creator whose image we bear. Even though God is the only one who can truly create something from nothing, He invites us to share in His work by shaping what we have been given into something good, true, and beautiful.

Each act of holy creativity — like a song, a meal, a garden, a painting, a story, or even a kind solution to a difficult problem — can become a small participation in God's ongoing creativity. When we use our creativity, we are not positioning ourselves as rivals to the Creator. Instead, we reflect His love through our imagination, skills, and generosity.

When creativity is rooted in humility, it points beyond itself, helping others glimpse the God who first made all things good. Practicing creativity reminds us that every gift we have to offer can join God's loving work that continues to unfold in the world today.

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PRAYER & READINGS



READINGS

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I : Sirach 27:30-28:7

Forgive your neighbor's faults, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Reading II : Romans 13:8-10

Whoever loves his or her neighbor, fulfills the law.

Gospel : Matthew 18:21-35

I did not say to forgive seven times but seventy times seven.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: Jesus says we should forgive from our heart. When did you ask forgiveness of someone you hurt? How did you feel?

Question for Youth: Jesus challenges us to forgive. Who needs your forgiveness? From whom do you need to ask forgiveness?

Question for Adults: Jesus tells us to forgive seventy times seven, which means always and forever. Name a time this past week when you forgave someone. Name, too, a time when you accepted another person's forgiveness.

CHURCH FINANCES

Financial Blessings Ending week of 8/28/2026

Budget July '26 thru June '27	\$1,000,000
YTD Actual Tithing	\$133,731
YTD Budget	\$141,128
YTD Surplus/(deficit)	(\$ 7,397)
Tithing for the Week	\$7,419
Number of Donations Received	50

For pledging & payment:
<https://holytrinitydm.org/donate/>

or scan the QR Code --->



SPECIAL COLLECTION

Weekend of September 13th

This weekend is the diocesan-wide Special Collection for Clergy Formation. The seeds of God's Spirit are sprouting throughout our Diocese. This past year 400 new members came into the church on Easter weekend. We have 13 men discerning the priesthood. 18 men are in their 3rd year of Diaconate formation and for the first time ever, a new cohort (class) of 17 men is beginning. We have much to be thankful for! With this growth, we have an increased need for spiritual and material resources. The average cost for one year of seminary is \$59,500. The average cost for one year of Diaconate formation is \$7,600. Please pray for our men in formation and prayerfully consider a gift, a gift for the future of our church. Gifts may also be made online at dmdiocese.org/giving or returned directly to the diocese.

INTENTIONS

Loving Creator, we come before you with hearts filled with both grief and hope. We entrust all of our departed loves ones, and all who have left this world, into your loving and merciful hands. Thank you for the gift of their lives, the love they shared, and the legacies they left behind. Grant them eternal rest, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.