



Holy Trinity

Catholic Church and School

AUGUST 17TH, 2025 | TWENTIETH 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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GET TO KNOW US

THANK YOU!

We appreciate our volunteers!

Thank you to the Kerr Family who hosted Coffee and Donuts this past weekend. It is an important ministry that builds community in our church and the staff are always appreciate of the time taken by our volunteers.

Check out our new sign up for Coffee and Donuts on Flocknote. [Sign up for coffee and donuts!](#)

OCIA

Starting September 9th

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Join us for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) starting Tuesday, September 9.

Contact Deacon Doug Renze at 515-710-4168 or dougr@holytrinitydm.org for more information.

PARISH INFORMATION

Pastoral Care. Nourish For Caregivers Support Group for Children with Disabilities and Mental Health Challenges. This September a Christ-centered support group is starting here at Holy Trinity Church. This support group will encourage and empower caregivers, offering practical, emotional and spiritual support through faith.

We will meet monthly including 3-4 speakers on topics of interest. The Nourish Curriculum at www.nourishforcaregivers.com will be used to help us shape this new ministry to meet the real needs of families like yours. If you have questions please contact:

Anna Mundy awholey@gmail.com
Kate McInroy kmcinroy59@gmail.com

Coffee and Donuts: We appreciate everyone who has volunteered to assist with serving coffee and donuts over the summer. 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.

Book Your Event: If you are looking to book and event, or need space at Holy Trinity, please fill out the form below. If you have any questions, reach out to Jan Swinton via email at jans@holytrinitydm.org with any questions. [Book your event here!](#)

Baptism: Do you want to celebrate your child's baptism at Holy Trinity? Our next Baptism class will be September 15th.

Contact Jan Swinton in the Parish Office at jans@holytrinitydm.org with questions.

FAITH FORMATION

Starting September 17th

It's time to sign up for Faith Formation for our public school students in grades 1st through 8th grade. Our classes meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. There are registration forms by the side entrance of the church, on our website, or in the Parish Office.

Orientation is Wednesday September 17. Classes will begin Wednesday, September 24.

If you have any questions, please contact John in the Parish Office.



MASS INTENTIONS

Contact Jan Swinton in the parish office 515-255-3162 or jans@holytrinitydm.org if you have intentions you would like included in mass.

SCHEDULES

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

August 17th	8:30AM 10:30AM	For the Parish Joseph Lipichok
August 19th	8:30AM	NO Mass
August 20th	8:30AM	NO Mass
August 21st	8:30AM 2:00-9:00PM 4:05PM	NO Mass NO Adoration NO Rosary
August 22nd	8:30AM	Deceased Relatives
August 23rd	3:00-3:45PM 4:30PM	Reconciliation Mary Kelly
August 24th	8:30AM 10:30AM	For the Parish John McClavy Jr.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 23rd: 4:30pm

Altar Servers | Jude & Hugh Kajewski and Maggie Fiddelke

Lectors | Gary Thull & Todd Treese

EMHC | Team 1

Music Coordinator | Tom Quiner

Sunday, August 24th : 8:30am

Altar Servers | Sullivan Kelley, Geneva Knapp and Ronan & Mary Cate Bergman

Lectors | Terry Smith & Jacob Meradith-Eyers

EMHC | Team 1/MC: Karen Quiner

Music Coordinator | Tom Quiner

Sunday, August 24th: 10:30am

Altar Servers | Noah & Piper Dragoo, Hannah Hermann and Colton Barney

Lectors | Matt Connolly & Tom Green

EMHC | Team 4/MC: Mark Amadeo

Music Coordinator | Eric Sharp

CALENDAR | AUGUST 17TH, 2025

	Sunday August 17th	Monday August 18th	Tuesday August 19th	Wednesday August 20th	Thursday August 21st	Friday August 22nd	Saturday August 23rd
School			Preschool, TK & Kindergarten Foam Party (5:30pm-7pm)		Back to School Night (5:30pm-7pm) CH & School		
Faith Formation	Coffee & Donuts hosted by Art Group	No Communion Service	No Mass (Altar Repair)	New Catechist In Service (6pm-8pm) MC NO Mass (Altar Repair)	No Mass, Rosary or Adoration (Altar Repair)	Mass 8:30AM Morning Prayer following Mass	Sunday Reading Groups Men (MC) 7:30AM Women (CH) 8:30AM
Adult Faith Formation							Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Baptism after 4:30pm Mass
More			Bathroom Renovations- Church		Finance Committee (6:30pm-8pm) PO		

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

PARISH NEWS

PRAY WITH US

After 8:30am Morning Mass

During August, daily prayer will immediately follow the 8:30 Morning Mass only on Fridays. In September plans are to return to Tuesdays and Fridays. If your schedule allows, please join us for this very important prayer in the Church, second only to the Mass. Prayer books are available.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Thank you for your understanding

Due to altar floor repair at Holy Trinity, the church will be out of commission August 19-22. There will be NO morning Mass, Morning Prayer, Adoration or events of any kind being held in the church during this week. Thank you for your understanding.

DMARC

Donate to the Food Pantry

The DMARC Food Pantry Network continues to serve a growing number of people each year. The service relies on support from generous contributors to provide this assistance. One-time or continuing donations may be made by using the QR code system now in place through the Church office or by email, holytrinitydm.org/donate.

Donate here! Click on the dropdown and choose the DMARC Food Pantry.



CONNECTION CAFE

August 28th at St. Joes

Holy Trinity Parish has committed to help provide and serve lunch the last Thursday of each month at the Connection Cafe. We'll be providing shredded BBQ chicken or sloppy joe sandwiches, fruit, chips, and cookies for about 200 people on Thursday, August 28. Lunch will be served at St. John's Lutheran Church (600 6th Ave Des Moines). Please sign up to help using this [link](#). Thank you so much for your support of The Connection Cafe!



FLOCKNOTE

Keep in touch with our parish!

Keep in touch with us via email and text. Mass times, ministry updates and more delivered to your phone.

Sign up online at:
holytrinitycatholicdsm.flocknote.com

To sign up, text "HTDSM" to 84576



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

"Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-woman. Three-quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers."
~**SAINT MOTHER TERESA**

BATHROOM RENOVATION

Until August 22nd

The two upstairs bathrooms at the church will be remodeled between Monday, August 4 and Friday, Aug 22. They will be closed off during this time. The downstairs bathroom at the back of the church will be available.

SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING DATES

Mark them on your calendar!

AUGUST 19th Early Childhood, TK and Kindergarten Foam Party (5:30pm-7pm)

AUGUST 21st Back to School Night (5:30pm-7pm)

AUGUST 25th First Day of School TK-8th Grade

SEPTEMBER 2nd First Day of Preschool, Tears or Cheers light breakfast in the library for parents

NOODLES NIGHT + BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT= WIN-WIN!

Thursday, Aug. 21, 4 - 8 p.m.:

Noodles & Company (Merle Hay)

Back to School Night just got tastier! After you drop off supplies and meet the teachers, swing by Noodles & Company on Merle Hay Road to feed the fam and support Holy Trinity.

Order in person (mentioning Holy Trinity Walkathon) or online with the code "Giving25", and 25% of sales goes straight to our Fall Walkathon fundraiser. Easy dinner, great cause! Spread the word to friends and family.

Limited number of SCRIP cards will be available for purchase at back to school night.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

August 21st

5:30pm: Join us in the Church for a mandatory parent meeting. The school will not be open at this time for drop-off

6:00pm-7:00pm: Join us in the school for supply drop off, check out classrooms, and meet the teacher!

We look forward to seeing you there!

HT SPIRIT STORE

Get your Holy Trinity gear!

Start shopping online today at shopholytrinitydm.com!

What's in Store for You?

-Self-Servicing Ordering: Browse and order your favorite Holy Trinity gear with ease.

-Home Delivery: Enjoy the convenience of having your spirit wear shipped directly to your doorstep.

-Ship to School: Email will be sent when order is ready; Purchase(s) will be sent home with student.

Every purchase from the Spirit Store helps raise funds for our school community.

Shop today at shopholytrinitydm.com



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GET INVOLVED WITH SFO

The Student & Family Organization (SFO) is a great way for parents to stay connected and engaged with what's happening at Holy Trinity—both in the classrooms and throughout the school.

Without SFO volunteers, many of the events, activities, and extras that make Holy Trinity so special simply wouldn't happen. Whether you have an hour a month or a few hours a week, there's a place for you in SFO!

Email: holytrinitysfo@gmail.com

DIOCESAN NEWS

HEARTLAND FOR KIDS PRESENTS A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR MARY'S MEALS

August 28th, 6pm-9pm

Enjoy a fun evening with Nashville musicians Phoenix Mendoza and Josh Leo and Kitty Steadman at Jasper Winery while raising money for Mary's Meals. Any monetary donation will help the world's most vulnerable children receive an education and provide them with enough to eat. Bring a friend to have fun and make a difference. Food sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be available for a free will donation.

\$25.20 Feeds a child for an entire school year! To donate online please go to: www.marysmealsusa.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Nominate a Couple

Do you know a couple who have been married 70, 75 or more years? Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the US will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest.

Please nominate a couple by going to wwme.org and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by September 1st.

For questions call 641-753-6953.



TAP INTO FAITH

August 24th at the King's Head

Tap into Faith is back with another season of Catholic speakers! OLIH parishioner, Chris Oltmanns will speak on his journey back to the Catholic faith.

August 24:

**"A Journey Back to the Catholic Faith" with
Chris Oltmanns**

7-7:30pm - Social

7:30-8:30pm - Speaker

The King's Head (1610 SW Main Street, Ankeny)

Tap into Faith is an evening of faith and fellowship in a casual environment for adults of all ages. Come as you are - there is no cost and no registration needed.

Food and drinks are available for purchase. Sponsored by Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church.



DIOCESAN NEWS

SINGLE AND CATHOLIC?

National Conference for Singles

Join 400+ singles coming from all over the US (and beyond) at the 20th Anniversary National Conference for Single Catholics in Denver, Colorado on August 22nd-24th, 2025! (Can't travel? Join the virtual option with online socials and small group discussions). This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass with Archbishop Samuel Aquila, adoration, fellowship and more. (Use the promo code PARISH25 for a discount.) Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register.

Links:

[Facebook page](#)

[Instagram @nationalcatholicsingles](#)

The National Conference for Single Catholics (NCSC), which takes place in a different part of the country each year, will be held at the Omni Interlocken Hotel in Broomfield, CO (Denver Metro Area) from August 22-24, 2025.

CALLED TO SILENCE

3 Day Directed Ignatian Retreat Opportunity

God speaks to you in the silence. Are you ready for some quiet time away, just "to be", to listen, to pray? Steep yourself in our sacred space, to be still and open yourself up to the graces God has for you. You will meet with an Ignatian-trained spiritual director daily to reflect on what's stirring in your heart. Opportunity for mass daily and confession. Retreat cost including room and meals is \$400. Held at the Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, IA.

Choose one of the following opportunities to attend:

Retreats begin at 6:00 p.m. the first evening, following your check-in, and ending the last day by 3:00 p.m.

Register at

www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats



InnerVisions HealthCare

YOU'RE INVITED TO A PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS GALA

Join us on November 22nd!

Pulse Life Advocates will host a pro-life Christmas Gala on November 22nd at the downtown Marriott Hotel on 7th & Grand. The evening consists of a cash bar, a delicious dinner, Christmas auction items, and a great pro-life speaker, Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life.

The Saints & Sinners band will provide Christmas entertainment. Tables of ten/\$1000; \$100/seat. Order online today: PulseForLife.org.

INNERVISIONS FIFTEENTH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church

A dinner dance and auction fundraiser for InnerVisions Health Care hosted by the OLIH local Knights of Columbus. Includes dinner, silent/live auctions, and dancing.

Saturday, September 20 6:00-10:00pm at OLIH in Ankeny. \$50/ticket or \$400 for 1 table of 8. Knights Councils can purchase 2-for-1 tables for \$400 (limited to the first 12 councils).

Please RSVP online by September 6 to www.ivhc.org/2025DinnerDance

HOLY TRINITY BOOK CLUB

**JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY WIDE
DISCUSSION ON
THE FOUR LOVES BY C.S. LEWIS**



HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL LIBRARY, ALL MEETINGS AT 7 PM

SEPTEMBER 11 – INTRO, LIKINGS AND LOVES

OCTOBER 2 – AFFECTION

NOVEMBER 13 – FRIENDSHIP

DECEMBER 11 – EROS

JANUARY 8 – CHARITY

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED– COME WHEN IT WORKS FOR YOU!

**CONTACT MEGHAN AT MEGHANMC515@GMAIL.COM
OR SARAH AT SSULLIVANBIGELOW@GMAIL.COM WITH QUESTIONS**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

Marian Consecration

Explained — Marian consecration, the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother, is actually rooted in the words of Jesus himself when he beseeched the Apostle John to look upon Mary as his mother (John 19:27) and to “take her into his own home.” He was actually instructing us all to do likewise — to “behold your mother” and take Mary into our hearts, for wherever she is beloved, Christ is known and praised.

St. Maximilian Kolbe described Mary as “the stairway to Heaven.” Marian consecration, therefore, could be likened to climbing the stairs. Different formulas exist for spiritual development in preparation for the consecration, based on the writings of saints like St. Louis de Montfort, and there are different prayers for the act of consecration. However, there is no “right” way to consecrate oneself to Jesus through Mary, so long as the ultimate goal is closeness to Christ and the glorification of God.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Mary, Mother of Jesus, First Century

We know that Mary loved Jesus very much, and that she was called “the favored one” by the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation. Even though she did not fully understand, she believed. And when she realized what she was being called to do, she said, “...I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” [Luke 1:38]. Our greatest saint, Mary did one simple thing. She listened to God's will—that she was to be the mother of Jesus—and she accepted God's will.

Mary has been the intercessor for all people who call upon her and for many different causes. Over the centuries, her appearance on Earth has often been reported: at Lourdes, Fatima, La Salette, Guadalupe, and Medjagore. There feast days in honor of Mary. By tradition, her birthday is celebrated on September 8. Besides the Solemnity of Mary celebrated on January 1, some of the other feast days for which, at least in part, we honor Mary the Annunciation (March 25), the Visitation (May 31), the Assumption (August 15), the Queenship of Mary (August 22), Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15), Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7), the Immaculate Conception (December 8) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12). Under the title of the Immaculate Conception, Mary is the patron of the United States.

Mary's message today: Our greatest saint, Mary did one simple thing. She listened to God's will—that she was to be the mother of Jesus—and she accepted God's will. “Here I am, the servant of the Lord: let it be done to me according to your word.” (Lk 1:38)

PRAYER & READINGS



READINGS

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I : Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Jeremiah was saved by God.

Reading II : Hebrews 12:1-4
Keep your eye fixed on Jesus!

Gospel : Luke 12:49-53
I have come to light a fire on earth!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: What is one way you can be closer to Jesus today?

Question for Youth: We are assured that God will be with us as we go through life, so what strategy do you use to keep God in mind as you deal with the ups and downs of life as a young adult?

Question for Adults: Share about a time when life's struggles were so difficult for you that you nearly "threw in the towel." What signs did you see then that God remained with you?



CHURCH FINANCES

Financial Blessings Ending Week of 07/25/2025

Budget July '25 thru June '26	\$1,000,000
YTD Actual Tithing.....	\$65,840
YTD Budget	\$72,496
YTD Surplus (Deficit).....	(\$6,656)
Tithing for the Week	\$28,511
Number of Donations Received.....	293

Financial Blessings Ending Week of 08/1/2025

Budget July '25 thru June '26	\$1,000,000
YTD Actual Tithing.....	\$74,495
YTD Budget	\$86,768
YTD Surplus (Deficit).....	(\$12,273)
Tithing for the Week	\$8,655
Number of Donations Received.....	71

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Thank you for your generous giving!

HOLY TRINITY PRAYER

Join us in our Parish Prayer.

Gracious God, the perfect love and communion of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit together makes the Most Holy Trinity;
one God. God the Father, who created us;
Jesus God the Son who gave His life to save ours;
God the Holy Spirit who guides us each day.

Help us follow the example of the Most Holy Trinity as we seek to faithfully walk the path that you lay before us;
to love and serve others; build a more caring and respectful world and answer your call in our lives as we take this journey together as one people of God.

AMEN