



Holy Trinity

Catholic Church and School

AUGUST 23RD | TWENTY-FIRST 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

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SCHEDULES

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

August 23rd	8:30AM 10:30AM	For the Parish John McClavy, Jr.
August 25th	8:30AM	Mary Jo Banks
August 26th	8:30AM	Lyle Severson
August 27th	8:30AM	Kathy Rieker
August 28th	8:30AM Mass	Paul Binder
August 29th	3:00-3:45PM 4:30PM	Reconciliation William Judkins
August 30th	8:30AM 10:30AM	Tom Quiner For the Parish

UPCOMING LITURGICAL
MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 29th: 4:30pm
Altar Servers | Frank & Louie Brett and Lola & Penelope Carroll
Lectors | Dave Bunkers & Kathie Obradovich
EMHC | Team 3
Music Coordinator | Tom Quiner

Sunday, August 30th : 8:30am
Altar Servers | Charlie, Jamison & Quinton Lynch and Phillip McAndrews
Lectors | Peggy Jones & Ian Kerr
EMHC | Team 3/MC: Mark McAndrews
Children's Liturgy | RECESSING FOR THE SUMMER
Music Coordinator | Tom Quiner

Sunday, August 30th : 10:30am
Altar Servers | Isaac & Lukas Perry and Hannah & Joshua Zwier
Lectors | Mark Amadeo & Teresa Baustian
EMHC | Team 5/MC: Mark Amadeo
Children's Liturgy | RECESSING FOR THE SUMMER
Music Coordinator | Eric Sharp

CALENDAR | AUGUST 23RD, 2026

	Sunday August 23rd	Monday August 24th	Tuesday August 25th	Wednesday August 26th	Thursday August 27th	Friday August 28th	Saturday August 29th
School		1st Day of School for TK-8		All School Mass Hosted by 8th Grade			
Faith Formation			Morning Prayer following 8:30AM Mass (CH)				Sunday Reading Groups Mens (Terry's Patio) 7:30AM Womens (CH) 8:30AM
Adult Faith Formation				Elementary FF Catechist Inservice 6-8PM (MC)			
More			SVdP Meeting 4:00PM (MC)				

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE STREETS



AUGUST — THE HIDDEN WORK OF LOVE

“Love proves
itself by deeds.”

— ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX,
Story of a Soul



Most acts of charity
are done in hiddenness.
They happen in homes,
parishes, classrooms,
hospitals, food pantries,
and shelters. The Kingdom
of God is often built through
ordinary faithful acts offer
with extraordinary love.



THIS MONTH'S INVITATION:

Perform one *hidden act of charity* this month without seeking recognition.

Let your love be known by
what it does, not by who notices.

LEARN MORE



Scan the QR code to
learn how you can
support Catholic
Charities Food Pantry.



RECEIVE CHRIST. BE CHRIST. SERVE CHRIST IN OTHERS.



PARISH NEWS

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.

Amen.

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, August 31st. Contact Jan Swinton in the Parish Office at jans@holytrinitydm.org with questions.

Pastoral Care. Nourish for Caregivers is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health and career while caring for an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, either in your home, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, shared experiences and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view.

In the chaotic hustle of the day-to-day juggling of work and home life, caregivers often forget that they don't have to do it all. Asking for help is not easy. We tend to want to go it all alone, taking burdens on our shoulders, or maybe expecting others to read our mind, knowing we desperately need help. There is help, and hope, available.

Nourish for Caregivers will recess for the summer months and will begin again in the Fall.

Letter From Father Ray

We completed a successful Garage Sale. This was my first experience with the Garage Sale. It was quite the event. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked for days to make the event successful and thank you to everyone who browsed and supported the event.

It's not Labor Day yet but the summer vacation season has drawn to a close. School will be starting soon. The first day is Monday August 24. Welcome back to all the teachers and staff and school families.

With school starting we will all need to use a bit more caution as we drive through our parking lot keeping mind our young students and their safety.

Speaking about Catholic education, Pope Leo XIV said, [Catholic schools] when they are guided by the word of Christ, they do not retreat but press forward; they do not raise walls but build bridges. They respond creatively, opening new possibilities for the transmission of knowledge and meaning. ... To educate is an act of hope." (Disegnare Nuove Mappe Di Speranza / Drawing New Maps of Hope)

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgements and how unsearchable his ways." (Romans 11:33)

Thank you.
Fr. Ray

PARISH NEWS

JOIN US IN PRAYER AFTER DAILY MASS

Tuesdays and Fridays

Starting in September, morning prayer will be on Tuesdays and Fridays immediately following daily Mass. This is an ancient prayer that is prayed by priests, deacons, and lay people around the world. Please join us if you are able. Prayer books are available.



Our Mission is to Support & Empower Caregivers Through the Gift of Faith

NOURISH FOR CAREGIVERS

Pastoral Care

Nourish for Parents Support Group for Children with Disabilities and Mental Health Challenges-Year Two Beginning this Fall
This support group encourages and empowers parents in their caregiver roles offering practical, emotional and spiritual support through faith. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month.

The first three meeting dates are from 10:00-11:30. on the following dates:

- September 12th
- October 10th
- November 14th

The location is Sacred Heart Parish, 1627 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines. Child care is provided.

Click here-

<https://www.dmdiocese.org/events?category=Deaf+%26+Disability+Ministry> to register your child/children before each meeting.

We'd love you to join us! Please contact :

-Kate McNroy kmcinroy59@gmail.com

-Anna Wholey awholey@gmail.com

-Hannah Zimmerman

hmjzimmerman@gmail.com

SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

Get your Holy Trinity Gear!

Another great way to get cold weather gear? Start shopping online today [here!!](#) Filter and see what items are uniform approved.

-BONUS! 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

<https://sascampus.com/collections/holy-trinity>

HOLY TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Join us at the Franklin Library!

Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30 at Franklin Library we'll be discussing *Marching Without Applause* by Deacon Tom Bradley. Deacon Tom is doing a presentation on his book at Beaverdale Books on June 10 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, if you'd like to learn more.



SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING DATES

Mark your calendar!

August 24th | First Day of School TK- 8th Grade

September 6th | All School Mass Hosted by 8th Grade

September 2nd | First Day of School for Preschool

September 7th | No School-Labor Day



SUMMER UPDATES

Come check it out!

We are excited to share some of the updates made around campus this summer! Building B received a fresh coat of paint, and all of the windows in the building have been replaced. These updates have given the building a refreshed look, and we are excited to continue the work in Building C next summer.

The middle school hallway also received some much-needed touch-ups. We can't wait to welcome our families back and have you see all of the improvements made over the summer!

HT NOW HIRING!

We are looking for teachers to join our team for the school year!

Holy Trinity is Hiring! for the following positions

- Full-Time Music Teacher

Know someone who would be a great fit? We'd love to hear from them! Please contact Monica Morrison at mmorrison@htschool.org with any questions or 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!



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DIOCESAN NEWS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE

Married Couples

Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you the “gardening tools” you need to help your marriage grow and blossom.

For information call Denise and Greg - 563-920-9419 or register at wwme.org. Upcoming dates are October 9-11, 2026 in Epworth and February 12-14, 2027 in Dubuque.

PRO-LIFE GALA

Christmas Gala on Nov. 21st

Pro-Life Christmas Gala on November 21st Pulse Life Advocates has set **Saturday, November 21st** as the date for this year's pro-life Christmas Gala. Actor Jim Caviezel of ""Passion of the Christ"" fame will be the keynote speaker.

Learn more at PulseForLife.org.



DMARC

Help Support Our Local Pantries

The Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) has provided a food pantry service for the past 45 years. It now provides food security to families from 14 partner food pantries and a number of mobile food pantry sites located throughout the city. A full list of locations can be found on DMARC's website at <http://www.dmarcunited.org>. Those wishing to provide their support may drop either food or non-food items (diapers, personal products, etc.) into one of the green collection tubs located at the church entries.

DMARC also welcomes monetary donations as they are able to buy items at discounted prices and realize savings with their purchases. Monetary donations may be made by using the QR code system now in place through the Church office or by using the paypal www.holytrinitydm.org/donate.

TAP INTO FAITH

4th Sunday's of the Month

Join Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church for Tap Into Faith, a monthly gathering that brings people together for an evening of faith, fellowship, and conversation. Meet at The King's Head, 1610 SW Main St., Ankeny, on the 4th Sunday of each month. Social time begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by a speaker from 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Fall Speakers

- August 24: Chris Oltmans — “A Journey Back to the Catholic Faith”
- September 28: Fr. Ken Halbur — “The Saints”
- October 26: Respecting Life from a Father's Perspective
- November 23: Abby Henderson — “Social Media and Faith”
- December: No Meeting

Everyone is welcome, and no registration is required. Come as you are, enjoy some fellowship, and grow in your faith. Food and drinks are available for purchase.

MISSION TRIP

January 2027 in South Africa

Father Ray McHenry, the retired pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Des Moines, will be leading his 12th Mission Trip to South Africa January 14 – 26, 2027.

If you have felt the calling to do missionary service this is an opportunity to serve. There will be an informational meeting on Monday June 15 at 6:30 pm at St. Francis of Assisi in the Serra Room.

OUR FAITH EXPLAINED

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Jane Frances de Chantal, Wife, Mother and Religious

Jane Frances was born in Dijon, France. At the age of twenty, she married Baron Christopher de Chantal. The couple had seven children, three of whom died in infancy. When her husband died in a hunting accident in 1601, Jane Frances sank into a depression. She and her children moved into her father-in-law's house when he threatened to disinherit her children. Despite his oppressiveness, she managed to regain her cheerfulness and raise her children in a happy atmosphere. Inspired by Francis de Sales, Jane made provisions for her children's care and, along with three other women, formed the first community of Visitation nuns.

During the last years of her life, Jane suffered a spiritual dryness. She overcame these cares and worries by losing herself in God. "To live no more in oneself, but lost in God, is the most sublime perfection which the soul can reach," was Jane Frances' advice to those with misgivings and concerns.

All of us experience spiritual dryness at some point in our lives, a time when God seems to have abandoned us. Jane's advice "to live no more in oneself, but lost in God," offers wise words of counsel. We can persevere, as she did, in our faith life despite not feeling connected to God.

Jane Frances' message today: All of us experience spiritual dryness at some point in our lives, a time when God seems to have abandoned us. Jane's advice "to live no more in oneself, but lost in God," offers wise words of counsel. We can persevere, as she did, in our faith life despite not feeling connected to God.

- Do you remain faithful to God even when life is routine and you feel a lack of spirituality in your daily existence? Remember that God doesn't turn away from you at any time.

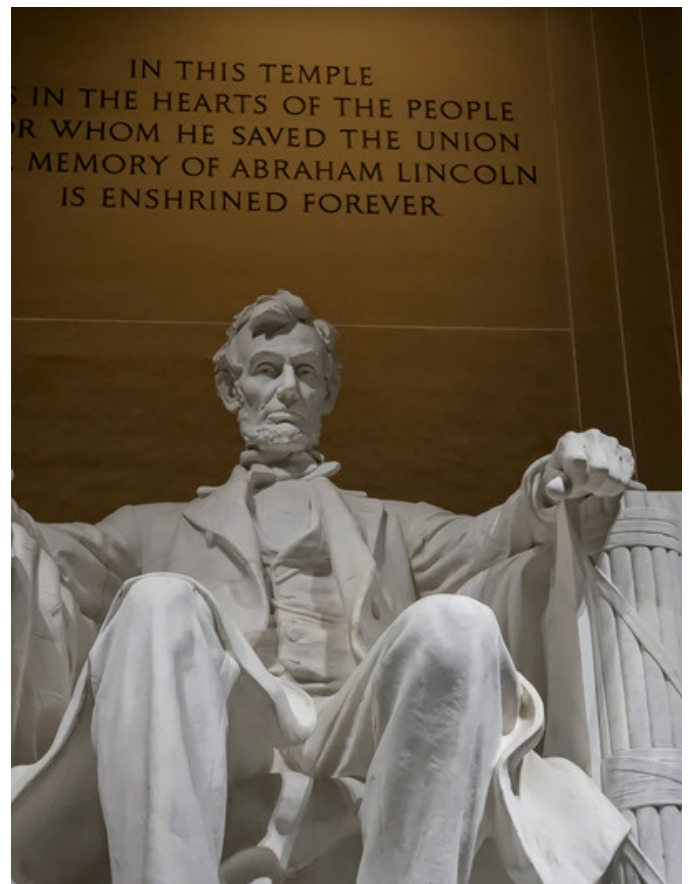
VINDICATION

Virtues, Explained!

Most commonly, we understand the term "vindication" in a very legal, argumentative context. We say someone is "vindicated" when they are proven innocent, or when their good name is defended from an accusation.

This isn't so far from what vindication means in the sense of virtue, either. Vindication is related to the virtue of justice, which demands we honor our duty to God and to one another. Justice seeks to ensure the fairness of human interaction. It seeks to safeguard truth against those who would co-opt it for their own purposes.

If we truly put our trust in God and seek to do His will, we may not always have popularity, but we will have truth: "Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him and he will act, and make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like noonday." (Psalm 37:5-6)



PRAYER & READINGS



READINGS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**Reading I : Isaiah 22:19-23**

David will rule the people.

Reading II : Romans 11:33-36

How deep is the wisdom of God!

Gospel : Matthew 16:13-20

On this rock, I will build my church.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: What are three things you know about Jesus?**Question for Youth:** Today's Gospel is about identity – the revealing of Jesus' true self. How difficult is it to you to reveal your true self? What holds you back from being who God created you to be?**Question for Adults:** If Jesus turned and asked you the same question, who would you say he is? How would you describe Jesus to someone who did not know him?

CHURCH FINANCES

Financial Blessings Ending week of 7/31/2026

Budget July '26 thru June '27	\$1,000,000
YTD Actual Tithing	\$66,833
YTD Budget	\$68,500
YTD Surplus/(deficit)	(\$ 1,667)
Tithing for the Week	\$4,276
Number of Donations Received	50

Financial Blessings Ending week of 8/7/2026

Budget July '26 thru June '27	\$1,000,000
YTD Actual Tithing	\$95,899
YTD Budget	\$86,657
YTD Surplus	\$9,242
Tithing for the Week	\$29,066
Number of Donations Received	260

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HOLY TRINITY 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