



Holy Trinity

Catholic Church and School

JULY 26TH | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 2ND | EIGHTEENTH 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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DM.ORG/](https://holytrinitydm.org/)

Garage Sale!



Holy Trinity Summer Garage Sale 2026

August 6th , 9am-5pm | August 7th, 9am-5pm | August 8th, 9am-Noon

We Need Volunteers!

Consider assisting with set-up, collection, and tear down. Contact Teresa at parmentert13@gmail.com or call parish office at 515-255-3162 ext. 128

Donation Drop-Off

Sunday, August 2nd, after 10:30 am Mass until 5pm

Monday and Tuesday from 9am until 5pm

NO Donations after 5pm on Tuesday

What Sells?!

Sewing and Craft Materials | NEW Items of ALL KINDS | Dishes and China | New Small Carpet Samples | Jewelry | Toys and Books | Pots and Pans | Furniture in Good Condition | School Uniforms | Lamps and Lampshades | Baskets |

Glassware and Mirrors | Garden Tools | Stereos |

Drapery and Curtains | Silk Flowers | Plants | Sporting Goods | CDs and DVDs |

Small Appliances | Bedding and Linens | Clean Clothing

****NO** office furniture, computers, monitors, fax machines, printers, keyboards, TVs, VCRs, cassette tapes, magazines, textbooks, underwear, baby cribs or car seats, bed frames, mattresses, exercise equipment, or light fixtures.

SCHEDULES

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

July 26th	8:30AM 10:30AM	Paul Whisenand Dennis Hurley
July 28th	8:30AM	Mary Jo Banks
July 29th	8:30AM	Thomas Gray
July 30th	8:30AM	William & Tom McGough
July 31st	8:30AM	Tim Sheaff
August 1st	3:00-3:45PM 4:30PM	<i>Reconciliation</i> Mary Ann Grieb
August 2nd	8:30AM 10:30AM	For the Parish John Erickson

UPCOMING LITURGICAL
MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS**Saturday, August 1st: 4:30pm****Altar Servers** | Joan & Nora Niday and Frank & Louie Brett**Lectors** | Lorraine Riseley & Vonnie Salem**EMHC** | Team 2**Music Coordinator** | Tom Quiner**Sunday, August 2nd: 8:30am****Altar Servers** | Kaylee Maloney, Hilari Thibodeau, Phillip McAndrews and Cartier Bryant**Lectors** | Luke Lynch & Wayne Johnson**EMHC** | Team 3/MC: Mark McAndrews**Children's Liturgy** | RECESSING FOR THE SUMMER**Music Coordinator** | Tom Quiner**Sunday, August 2nd: 10:30am****Altar Servers** | Madelyn & Mia Daskalakes and E.J. & Peter Flynn**Lectors** | Billy Howe & Lisa Rea**EMHC** | Team 1/MC: Jim Wilwerding**Children's Liturgy** | RECESSING FOR THE SUMMER**Music Coordinator** | Eric Sharp

CALENDAR | JULY 26TH, 2026

	Sunday July 26th	Monday July 27th	Tuesday July 28th	Wednesday July 29th	Thursday July 30th	Friday July 31st	Saturday August 1st
School							
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							
More			HT SVdP Meeting 4:00PM (MC)				Garage Sale Setup 8:00AM (Gym, SR)

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UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

August 2nd	8:30AM 10:30AM	For the Parish John Erickson
August 4th	8:30AM	William Judkins
August 5th	8:30AM	Ben Zenti
August 6th	8:30AM	J.P. Golinvaux
August 7th	8:30AM	Bob Pratt
August 8th	3:00-3:45PM 4:30PM	Reconciliation For the Parish & Pat O'Meara
August 9th	8:30AM 10:30AM	Barbara Esser Bob Pratt

UPCOMING LITURGICAL
MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 8th: 4:30pm
Altar Servers | Lola & Penelope Carroll and Jude & Hugh Kajewski
Lectors | Mary Sanders & Marsha Szymczuk
EMHC | Team 3
Music Coordinator | Tom Quiner

Sunday, August 9th : 8:30am
Altar Servers | Mary Cate, Raf & Ronan Bergman and Penelope Blaser
Lectors | Jeff Nielsen & Mark McAndrews
EMHC | Team 1/MC: Karen Quiner
Children's Liturgy | RECESSING FOR THE SUMMER
Music Coordinator | Tom Quiner

Sunday, August 9th : 10:30am
Altar Servers | Jack Mundy, Colton Barney, Ruth George and Hannah Hermann
Lectors | Tim Stacy & Jim Wilwerding
EMHC | Team 2/MC: Mary Ellen Winston
Children's Liturgy | RECESSING FOR THE SUMMER
Music Coordinator | Eric Sharp

CALENDAR | AUGUST 2ND, 2026

	Sunday August 2nd	Monday August 3rd	Tuesday August 4th	Wednesday August 5th	Thursday August 6th	Friday August 7th	Saturday August 8th
School			SFO Meeting 6:00PM (101, 103, MC)				
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					Knights of Columbus 7:00PM (MC)		
More	Garage Sale Setup (Accepting donations following 10:30 Mass)	Garage Sale Setup (Accepting donations until 5:00PM)	Garage Sale Setup (LAST DAY for accepting donations until 5:00PM)	NO MORE DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED	HT Garage Sale 9:00AM-5:00PM (Gym, SR)	HT Garage Sale 9:00AM-5:00PM (Gym, SR)	HT Garage Sale 9:00AM-Noon (Gym, SR)

PARISH NEWS

INTENTIONS

Heavenly Father, bless the parishioners of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Strengthen our faith, unite us in Your love, and help us to be joyful witnesses of Christ through our words and actions.

May we grow together in prayer, service, and hope.

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

By now I have figured out which keys open which doors and where most everything is. I am settling in. Nature is moving into the dog days of summer; those long, hot July and August days when we long for the cool breath of fall. But we still have time for recreation and vacation.

Pope Leo XIV takes a vacation at Castle Gandolfo and encourages us to “rest, prayer, reading, and wholesome recreation & quote; He urged the faithful “to make room for reading and meditating on the Word of God so that they can return to their daily lives renewed in both body and spirit.”

I recently read an article with a unique suggestion about how we should pray for vocations. The author suggested that when we pray the rosary we add a sixth decade as a prayer for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life especially in our diocese. I think I will add the sixth decade to my rosary.

7/26: The gospel for the 17th Sunday is the well-known story of the feeding of the five thousand. Jesus demonstrates his command of nature by multiplying the loaves and fishes. This also shows that when Jesus acts he doesn't give just enough to get by but he gives in surplus. That is, he gives us grace to know him and proclaim him.

8/2: In St. Paul's letter to the Romans he gives the followers of Christ great hope especially when we feel lost or alone. He proclaims that nothing “will be able to separate us from the love of Christ.” “He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them.” (Matthew 14:14)

Thank you.
Fr. Ray

PARISH NEWS

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.



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>

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE HT FALL GARAGE SALE!

August 1st through August 8th

THANK YOU for supporting the Holy Trinity Catholic Church Fall Garage Sale! Click the link below to view the available volunteer slots, and sign up for the times that work best for you.

Your help truly makes a difference at Holy Trinity.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/8050C48A5A62FA3FA7-64807953-fall?useFullSite=false>

Questions? Contact Teresa at: parmentert13@gmail.com

or call the Parish Office at 515-255-3162 ext. 128.

THE HOLY TRINITY PARISH ART GROUP

Show Off Your Creative Side!

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 any (or all!) of our open studio sessions in the 7th grade rooms in the school on:

- Sunday, August 16th 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



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SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING DATES

Mark your calendar!

August 12th | Popsicles with the Principal

August 20th | Back to School Night

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

September 2nd | First Day of School for Preschool



SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Beautiful Campus Addition!

The Iowa Department of Education announced more than 530 sites across Iowa are serving free, nutritious meals and snacks to children through the Seamless Summer Option and Summer Food Service Program, known together as SUN Meals. These federally funded programs, which first began as a pilot program in 1968, are open to all children ages 18 and under in a variety of convenient locations across the state, including schools, churches, community centers, parks, libraries and camps.

Meal sites offer either on-site dining or to-go meals and snacks. To-go meals are limited to rural locations only. Find a local here [USDA Summer Meals Site Finder webpage](#)

NOW HIRING!

Is God calling you to work in a Catholic school?

Are you prayerfully discerning the next step in your professional and spiritual journey? St. Anthony Catholic School in Des Moines is looking for passionate, faith-filled individuals to join their community for the 2026-2027 school year.

LICENSED TEACHERS (Iowa Teaching License Required):

Elementary Spanish Immersion (no extra certifications – must only be bilingual/biliterate in Spanish/English)

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Middle School Science

Middle School Language Arts

SUPPORT STAFF

Full-Time Classroom Associates (3 openings!)

If you feel called to shape the hearts and minds of the next generation, contact school administrators Joe Nelson (jnelson@stanthonydsm.org) and Taylor Reed (treed@stanthonydsm.org) to apply, or share this opportunity with any educators who might be looking for their next calling.



DIOCESAN NEWS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE

Married Couples

Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy!

The next weekends are October 9-11, 2026 in Epworth and February 12-14, 2027 in Dubuque. Register at wwme.org or contact Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419.

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

July 15th- September 11th

The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico began an international tour with a Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe as part of the preparation for the 500th anniversary of the apparitions of Mary to St. Juan Diego. The goal is for the Pilgrim Mother to visit every Diocese in the United States before 2031. She will be in our Diocese from July 15 through Sept. 11.

She will be in the following parishes for prayer, veneration, and as an opportunity to encounter Christ and deepen our relationship with him through her.

St. Ambrose Cathedral – From July 15-23
607 High St., Des Moines

Our Lady of the Americas – From July 25- Aug. 4
1271 E 9th St., Des Moines

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny - From Aug 6- 13
510 E. 1st St., Ankeny

St Boniface in Waukee - From Aug. 15-21
1200 S. Warrior Lane, Waukee

St. Bernard in Osceola - From Aug. 23 – Sept. 2
222 E. Pearl St., Osceola

Corpus Christi in Council Bluffs – From Sept. 4 – 11
3304 4th Ave., Council Bluffs

NOW HIRING IN DSM

Our Catholic Schools Are Hiring

We're still looking for a few more individuals to work in schools across the diocese. These roles are perfect for individuals who love working with kids and want to live their faith all day, every day.

Learn more about all our open positions and how to apply at dmdiocese.org/school-careers.

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.

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.

OUR FAITH EXPLAINED



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Christopher, Martyr, Third Century

Christopher is one of the most popular saints in both the East and in the West. Many stories surround him, some contradictory and confusing.

One of the most popular traditions holds that Christopher was a strong giant who made his living by carrying people across a raging stream. For years, he searched in vain to find someone more powerful than himself. He finally concluded that this could only be Christ, since the devil feared Christ.

One of his passengers was a small child who grew so heavy as they crossed the stream that Christopher thought they would both drown. The child then identified himself as Christ and the heaviness was caused by the weight of the world on his shoulders.

Saint Christopher was martyred during the reign of Decius in about 251. His name means Christ-bearer and as a result of this legend, he is the patron of travelers especially, in modern times, of motorists.

Christopher's message today: We are much luckier than Christopher. While we can all carry Jesus within us, he does not burden us with the weight of the world. Rather, he lifts our burdens from us and helps us to carry them if we follow him.

- When your burdens seem too heavy for you to carry, do you turn to Jesus for help? Perhaps Saint Christopher will intercede on your behalf if you say a prayer to him.

THE WHY

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Sometimes, the Gospel takes everything you think you know about Jesus, throws it in a box, shakes it violently, dumps it on the floor, looks you in the eye and says: "Clean it up."

And there you are, picking up the pieces, wondering how, after 2,000 years, someone can still keep you guessing.

Today is one of those Gospels. We know Jesus as a champion of the poor. We envision him as a social justice warrior. And now he's advocating for time theft in the workplace? Make it make sense.

Well, at its heart, today's Gospel is a story about who gets what. A story about comparison, which we are told is the thief of joy — but without comparison, nothing would ever get done. In this world, wages are set, court cases are settled, international borders are drawn, all by comparing one entity to another and evaluating that comparison to make a judgment.

What this Gospel doesn't tell us is the "why." The workers who labored longest in the vineyard feel cheated because those who showed up later earn the same wage. This would be egregious — unless we consider that the only criteria used in the comparison is the length of the work day's duration. Quality and efficiency of work is never even mentioned. For all we know, those all-day workers could have been standing around fanning themselves, and should feel lucky to get what they did.

"Why" is a question we ask a lot in this life. Why did my dad die? Why did I get cancer? Why did my husband lose his job? As we pick up the pieces of today's Gospel, we should ask ourselves this: when we know what we know about Who decides who gets what, do we have to know the "why?"

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JULY 19TH | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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