



Holy Trinity

Catholic Church and School

MARCH 22ND | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

LENTEN ADORATION

Join us Friday mornings!

Join us for a period of Lenten Adoration following Morning Prayer on Fridays during Lent. This is a time for quiet, reflection, and spiritual renewal designed to "unplug" from daily life and focus on God's presence.

LAST FISH FRY!

March 27th, 2026

On March 27 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m., Holy Trinity's Knights of Columbus will hold their final Lenten Fish Fry Dinner in the gym. Join us at Holy Trinity for this wonderful Lenten tradition.



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Columbus**[®]

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.

Rosary: Join us as we pray the rosary together. The next date is Monday, April 6th at 8pm at Sarah Sullivan Bigelow's house: 403 42nd street. The Rosary is a form of contemplative prayer that draws people into deeper relationship with Jesus Christ by meditating on key events in His life.

Baptism: Do you want to celebrate your child's baptism at Holy Trinity? Contact Jan Swinton in the Parish Office at jans@holytrinitydm.org with information on signing up for the next class and any questions.



WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL

March 28th, 2026

The Holy Trinity Gala Committee invites you to a Wine & Cheese social after Saturday mass on March 28th.

Join us for a little fun, fellowship, and food as our gala season begins to bloom! Stop by to purchase your gala tickets, ask questions, or make a donation. Both items and monetary donations are welcome!

We'll have the SCRIP cart available for gift card donations. We hope to see you there!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent

In a world that often avoids suffering, the Stations of the Cross remind us that love forms the foundation of suffering and that our burdens can be united with His for our redemption.

Join us at Holy Trinity for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 5:00 p.m. in the church.

LENTEN CONFESSION TIMES

March 25th: 5:30-6:30pm

March 26th: 5:30-6:30pm

SCHEDULES

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

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|-------------------|-----------------------|---|
| March 22nd | 8:30AM 10:30AM | For All who are Grieving For the Parish |
| March 24th | 8:30AM | Mary Ellen McGough |
| March 25th | 8:30AM | J.P. Golinvaux |
| March 26th | 8:30AM | For the Unborn |
| March 27th | 8:30AM | <i>Reconciliation</i> For the Homeless |
| March 28th | 3:00-3:45PM 4:30PM | Mary Ann Grieb |
| March 29th | 8:30AM 10:30AM | For the Parish John McClavy Jr. and Jaxon Knight |

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, March 28th: 4:30pm

Altar Servers | Maggie Fiddelke, Olivia Thorne and Frank & Louie Brett

Lectors | Vonnie Salem & Kathie Obradovich

EMHC | Team 2

Music Coordinator | Tom Quiner

Sunday, March 29th: 8:30am

Altar Servers | Sullivan Kelley, Bennett Steinkamp, Hilari Thibodeau and Cartier Bryant

Lectors | Doug Gross & Luke Lynch

EMHC | Team 2/MC: Katy Polich

Children's Liturgy | Team C: Breanna Castro & Jessica Bergman

Music Coordinator | Tom Quiner

Sunday, March 29th: 10:30am

Altar Servers | Hannah Hermann, Miriam Stegman and Isaac & Lukas Perry

Lectors | Mary Ellen Winston & Mike Glynn

EMHC | Team 5/MC: Mark Amadeo

Children's Liturgy | Team 2: Kate McInroy & Jane Kinney

Music Coordinator | Eric Sharp

CALENDAR | MARCH 22ND, 2026

| | Sunday March 22nd | Monday March 23rd | Tuesday March 24th | Wednesday March 25th | Thursday March 26th | Friday March 27th | Saturday March 28th |
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| School | | | | All School Mass Hosted by the 8 th Grade 8:30 AM (CH) | | | |
| Faith Formation | 5th Sunday of Lent | | Morning Prayer following 8:30AM Mass (CH) | Lenten Confessions 5:30PM- 6:30PM (CH) Schola 6:30PM (CH) | Lenten Confessions 5:30PM- 6:30PM (CH) | Stations of the Cross 5:00PM (CH) | Sunday Reading Groups Mens (MC) 7:30AM Womens (CH) 8:30AM |
| Adult Faith Formation | | | HT Book Club (Franklin Library) 6:30PM- 8:00PM | 9th Grade Confirmation 6:30PM (101, 102) FF & Edge Class 6:30PM (103, 104) | | | |
| More | HT Art Group 1PM-3:30PM (103, 104) | | OCIA 6:30PM (CH) | Children's Choir Practice 5:45PM (CH) | | Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry Dinner 5:15PM- 6:30PM (Gym) | Gala Wine & Cheese Hosting 5:30PM (SR) |

LENT 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Wednesday, February 18 at 8:30am (All School Mass) & 6:30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 5:00 pm

- Friday, February 20th
- Friday, February 27th
- Friday, March 6th
- Friday, March 13th
- Friday, March 20th
- Friday, March 27th (Stations of the Cross for Life)
- Friday, April 3rd (Living Stations at 2:15pm)

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday

- Mass: Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm (Washing of the Feet)

Good Friday

- Service: Friday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil

- Saturday, April 4th at 8:00 pm

LENTEN FISH DINNERS AT HOLY TRINITY

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus from 5:15pm-6:30pm

- Friday, February 20th
- Friday, March 6th
- Friday, March 27th

HOLY TRINITY RECONCILIATION

Confession at Holy Trinity

- March 4th from 5-6 pm
- March 11th from 6-7pm
- March 17th from 1-2 pm
- March 25th from 5:30-6:30pm
- March 26th from 5:30-6:30pm

LENTEN RETREATS

Generations of Faith

- Wednesday, March 4th from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm (Social Room)
- Sunday, March 8th from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm (Social Room)

Adult Lenten Retreat

- Saturday, February 28th from 12:00pm-4:30pm (Media Center)



PARISH NEWS

HELP PROVIDE LUNCH AT THE 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, March 26, 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/Qbkvmy> to sign up to help. We really appreciate your support of the The Connection Cafe!

HOLY TRINITY BOOK CLUB

Join us at the Franklin Library!

Are you interested in seeing fiction through our catholic faith? Consider joining our book club. We'll be meeting at the Franklin Library -- in a small conference room from 6:30-8 pm.

If you have questions, email Sarah Sullivan Bigelow at ssullivanbigelow@gmail.com. The next three meetings and titles are as follows:

Upcoming Dates:

March 24 "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
May 5 "This is Happiness" by Niall Williams
July 14 "Imagine Heaven" by John Burke

GARDEN SOIREE- HT GALA

Join us April 18th, 2026

Our sights are set to warmer days at The Garden Soiree, Holy Trinity's annual Gala Auction.

Get your tickets for the Garden Soiree!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Garden Party Auction Volunteers Needed

Our Garden Party Auction is right around the corner, and we need a few helping hands to make it bloom! Whether you're happy to dig in early with set-up, lend a hand during the event, or help wrap things up the next day, there's a spot for you in the garden.

All volunteers receive a \$10 discount code toward one auction ticket—our little way of saying thanks a bunch!

Sign up here and help make this evening blossom.

THE HOLY TRINITY PARISH ART GROUP

Back For Winter/Spring Season

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 March 22 from 1-3:30**
- **Sunday, May 3 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 hmzimmerman@gmail.com

SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING DATES

Mark your calendar!

MARCH 25th All School Mass- Hosted by the 8th

NEW COLLEGE SAVINGS OPPORTUNITY

Learn more on how to save

For parents balancing K-12 Catholic education costs with college savings, a new federal tool can help. The "Trump Account," established under the 2025 OBBB Act, is a tax-advantaged college-savings vehicle for children under 18. It is highly relevant this tax season, as parents can claim a \$1,000 pilot credit by filing Form 4547 with their 2025 tax return.

Key benefits include annual contributions of up to \$5,000 from family members, employer matches, and low-cost investments. Combined with existing 529 plans, which were also upgraded with the OBBB, these tools provide a financial jumpstart, allowing you to build your college nest egg and choose a faith-filled, Catholic education from preschool through 12th grade.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Join us April 11th, 2026!

Save the date for the Daddy Daughter Dance on April 11 from 6 to 8 PM. Be sure to check future bulletins for more information. **Check out our Evite and RSVP Here!**

Volunteers are needed! We need your help to make the Daddy Daughter Dance a success. Please consider volunteering your time or donating baked goods.

Students can earn service hours: one hour per volunteer hour or one hour for each baked good slot. **Volunteer or donate today!**

ST. MICHAEL'S RETREAT

Saturday, March 28th

All Catholic boys in grades 3–8 are invited to St. Michael's Retreat at St. Theresa Church in Des Moines (8:15 a.m.–5:30 p.m., ending after the Vigil Mass). The day includes talks, games, activities, and faith formation centered on "Discipleship – The Eucharist & Working Out Spiritually." Cost is \$50 (scholarships available).

Space is limited to 35 boys—register by March 26. Contact Jeff Pierick at 515-778-6087 for details

NOW HIRING

Positions Open At Holy Trinity!

We are now hiring for the following positions:

- Transitional Kindergarten Teacher
- Music Teacher

If you are interested in applying, email Monica Morrison at mmorrison@htschool.org.

CTO & ESA

Deadlines this Spring!

Please note that the Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) financial assistance application, which normally opens on February 1, will not be available until March 31st.

CTO is transitioning from the FAIR application to the FACTS application, which will make the financial assistance process much simpler for families.

We want to reassure you that CTO financial assistance will still be available.

Please plan accordingly:

- March 31st – Apply for CTO Financial Assistance
- April 15th – Apply for the ESA (Education Savings Account)

Holy Trinity Gala
GARDEN
Soiree

Holy Trinity Catholic Church & School | 4.18.26

Get your ticket!

Join us at the Garden Soiree for a fun-filled night of music, food, drinks, and activities as we work to support Holy Trinity! For those who are not able to attend in-person, tickets for access to the silent auction are available.

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE!

Every Donation Matters!

Our buildings are home to our elementary school classrooms which are frequently used for parish and community activities. The windows in these buildings are over 50 years old and need updating to make the buildings more energy-efficient, safe, and aesthetically pleasing.

In 2025, our committee successfully raised funds to purchase new windows for one of our oldest structures, Building B. This Building will receive new windows in the summer of 2026. We need your help to complete our window replacement project and install new windows for Building C in the summer of 2027.

MAKE A DONATION | DONATE AN AUCTION ITEM

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VOLUNTEER HERE!

DIOCESAN NEWS

INTERESTED IN WORKING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS?



SEE OPEN POSITIONS

SCAN HERE



ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE INVITATION

November 2nd-12th

Italy Pilgrimage Invitation to Iowa Knights of Columbus, Spouses and Widows of Former Knights: Note that there is still room to come along November 2-12, 2026, to some of the most sacred and beautiful sites in all of Europe! We'll visit great places like Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi, Rome and so much more! Our time in Rome will include a Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV! We'll have Mass daily in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. This pilgrimage is for Knights of Columbus from around the State of Iowa, spouses and widows of former members, and is being organized by Fr. Dan Guenther, the State of Iowa Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus. Cost for the trip is \$4,599 with departure from either Des Moines or Omaha, while seats are available.

For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 276 Country Club Drive, Lake Park, Iowa 51347 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

BEAVERDALE FALL FEST

Parade on September 19th

The Beaverdale Fall Festival 2026 parade registration is open - you can see details and register on our website:

<https://www.fallfestival.org/parade>

The route, price, and other parade details are staying the same from last year - registration is \$100 per entry. The parade will again kick-off at 10 AM Saturday, September 19th, 2026. The theme has been selected and more details will come in the future.

We hope to see everyone again this fall!

If you have any other questions please reach out to kimberley@fallfestival.org.

TAP INTO FAITH

With Antonio and Mayra Banuelos The Vocation of Marriage

Sunday, March 22
King's Head- 1610 SW Main St. Ankeny
7-7:30 Social | 7:30-8:30 Speaker

Many people are called to the vocation of marriage: to live in holiness and service to one's spouse and family. In this month's Tap into Faith, Antonio and Mayra Banuelos will share their story of marriage.

Antonio currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus and Mayra is the Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Des Moines. If you've been married for 1 or 50 years, or even if you are not married, please join us! Singles welcome too!

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

OUR FAITH EXPLAINED



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Veronica, Laywoman, First Century

Matthew's and Luke's Gospels tell of the large number of women following Jesus on the Way of the Cross who were grieving over his condemnation. While there is no specific mention of the incident in the Scriptures, Tradition tells us that when Jesus fell, one of the women in the crowd who saw his suffering rushed forward with a veil to wipe his bloody face. This was a simple act perhaps, but it was an indication of the sorrow felt by these women who had been Jesus' disciples. Jesus' gift to the woman was the image of his face on the cloth. We know this woman as Veronica. Her love and understanding for Jesus would not allow her to step aside while he was suffering. Showing compassion for a suffering human being is never out of date. Many in our world today need your help.

Saint Veronica has been called the patron saint of photographers and laundry workers. She is especially honored on July 12.

Veronica's message today: Showing compassion for a suffering human being is never out of date. Many in our world today need your help.

- Are you aware of those in need around you? In other parts of the world? Have you done anything about those who are suffering?

THE WHY

Practicing Catholic

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?"

PRAYER & READINGS



READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading I : Ezekiel 37:12-14

I will put my spirit in you.

Reading II : Romans 8:8-11

You are in the Spirit.

Gospel : John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: *How do your actions show that you put your faith and trust in Jesus?*

Question for Youth: *Lazarus received a second chance at life through Jesus. How have you experienced second chances in your own life?*

Question for Adults: *The death from which we are called is healing from those things which bind us and hold us back: memories, fears, rejection, or other such things. What binds you? What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?*

CHURCH FINANCES

Financial Blessings Ending week of 3/13/2026

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Budget July '25 thru June '26 | \$1,000,000 |
| YTD Actual Tithing..... | \$734,060 |
| YTD Budget..... | \$707,683 |
| YTD Surplus (Deficit)..... | \$26,377 |
| Tithing for the Week..... | \$11,343 |
| Number of Donations Received.... | 65 |

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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