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MAY 10TH | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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please join us for a

BABY SHOWER

for Moms and Babies in need

Sunday, May 17

AFTER THE 8:30 & 10:30 MASSES



NEEDED ITEMS: Diapers (*all sizes*), Wipes, Sleepers (*9m-24m/2t*), Sippy Cups, Toddler Utensils (*forks, spoons, bowls*), Toddler Bibs, Books - (*english or bilingual*), Maternity Clothes (*sized med. and up*)



NEW OR GENTLY USED ON ALL ITEMS. CASH DONATIONS ACCEPTED AND WILL BE DONATED TO MARY'S HELPING HANDS

**All items will be distributed by
Mary's Helping Hands: mhhiova.org**

FOUNDER'S DAY
31ST MAY 2026
JOIN US!

Enjoy an outdoor picnic with a special kid's menu, old fashioned games for the young at heart, and inflatables. Don't miss out on this parish event!



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Don't miss this wonderful parish event!

On the menu...

Burgers, brats, and hotdogs.

Chips, potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, and icecream sandwiches.

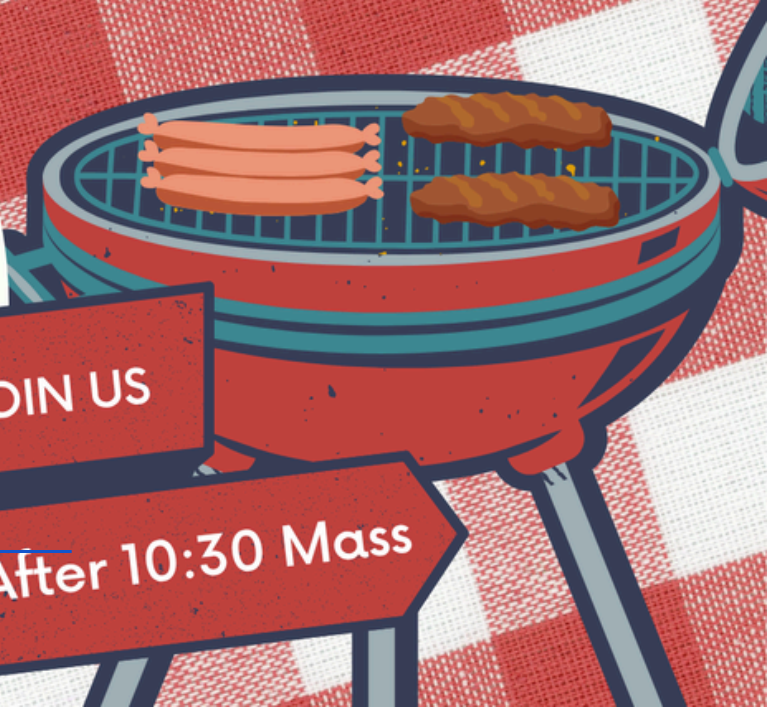
Lemonade, iced tea and water are provided.



Knights of Columbus

JOIN US

After 10:30 Mass



SCHEDULES

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

May 10th	8:30AM 10:30AM	For the Parish Dennis Hurley
May 12th	8:30AM	Denny McGough
May 13th	8:30AM	Nancy Bittner
May 14th	8:30AM	Barbara Esser
May 15th	8:30AM	Bob Pratt
May 16th	3:00-3:45PM 4:30PM	<i>Reconciliation</i> Paul Binder
May 17th	8:30AM 10:30AM	J.P. Golinvaux For the Parish

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, May 16th: 4:30pm

Altar Servers | Frank & Louie Brett and Lola & Penelope Carroll

Lectors | Dave Bunkers & Kathie Obradovich

EMHC | Team 3

Music Coordinator | Tom Quiner

Sunday, May 17th: 8:30am

Altar Servers | Sullivan Kelley, Geneva Knapp, Kaylee Maloney and Hilari Thibodeau

Lectors | Jacob Meradith-Eyers & Scott Flood

EMHC | Team 3/MC: Mark McAndrews

Children's Liturgy | Team D: Alicia Lynch

Music Coordinator | Tom Quiner

Sunday, May 17th: 10:30am

Altar Servers | Andreo & Luciano Castro and Noah & Piper Dragoo

Lectors | Ryan Fox & Tammy Altman

EMHC | Team 3/MC: Paul Bush

Children's Liturgy | Team 4: Chris Coleman & Joan Niday

Music Coordinator | Eric Sharp

CALENDAR | MAY 10TH, 2026

	Sunday May 10th	Monday May 11th	Tuesday May 12th	Wednesday May 13th	Thursday May 14th	Friday May 15th	Saturday May 16th
School			MS Band Concert 6:30PM (Gym)	All School Mass Hosted by the 3rd Grade 8:30 AM (CH)		Free Spirit Dress Down Day	MS Dance 7:00PM (Gym, SR)
Faith Formation		Nourish for Caregivers 6:00PM (St. Pius, East Entrance)	Morning Prayer following 8:30AM Mass (CH)			Morning Prayer following 8:30AM Mass (CH)	Sunday Reading Groups Mens (MC) (7:30AM) Womens (CH) 8:30AM
Adult Faith Formation				Schola 6:30PM (CH)			
More				New Family Information Night & Middle School Orientation			

PARISH NEWS

INTENTIONS

We pray for the repose of the soul of William (Joe) Connolly, husband of Charlene; Joyce Otting, mother of Marcia Facciola and Bernadette Vitiritto, sister of Margaret Khan. Eternal rest grant unto Them O Lord and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

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, May 18 at 6pm in the Media Center. 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 meets on May 11th at St. Pius.

Locations for Nourish for Caregivers sessions are Holy Trinity in Des Moines (using the parish main entrance) and St. Pius X (using east entrance). Questions? Contact Deacon Troy Thompson at troyt@holytrinitydm.org, or Deacon Jim Houston at pastoralcare@saintpiuschurch.org.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Join Our Altar Serving Team

May 17th, following 10:30 Mass, there will be new Altar Server Training. This includes students who have made their 1st Communion through 7th Grade.

If you would like your student to assist our Parish as a server, RSVP to the Parish Office. Thank you for your help with this ministry!



GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP

Grieving with Great HOPE

Holy Trinity will host a five-week grief support series for those mourning the loss of a loved one. This prayerful and practical program is open to anyone who has experienced loss, including family members or friends.

Sessions will be held on Thursdays from 2:00–4:00 PM, June 4 through July 2, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Registration is required, but there is no cost.

For more information or to register, contact Deacon Troy Thompson, Pastoral Care Minister at troyt@holytrinitydm.org, 515-447-5707 or 515-255-3162 ext 124.



PARISH NEWS



RAINFOREST FALLS: EXPLORING THE NATURE OF GOD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dates: Monday, July 20-Friday, July 24

Time: 9:00 am - 11:30 am each day

Participants: Those entering Kindergarten through grade 5 in the fall of 2026

Leaders: Middle School & High School students entering grades 6-12 in the fall of 2026, College Students, Parents, Grandmas & Grandpas, any adult of the parish.

Cost: Participants are \$60 per child with a \$150 family maximum. Leaders are \$10 to help cover T-shirt costs.

VIRTUS & Background Checks are a requirement for all adults 18 years of age and older. Contact: John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation at johnm@holytrinitydm.org, or via telephone at (515) 255-3162 extension 224

Applications will be available starting April 15th. Application Deadline is June 30th.

SECOND COLLECTION

May 10th, 2026

Holy Trinity has a second collection this weekend for Catholic Charities. This fund provides social services, humanitarian aid, and pastoral care to vulnerable individuals, regardless of faith.

Collection baskets may be found at the back entrance of the church and next to the baptismal font for the Catholic Charities Collection. Your gift will make a world of difference!

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:

- **Final Date-** July 14 "Imagine Heaven" by John Burke

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FAMILY SHELTER

Please Prayerfully Consider

Would you prayerfully consider preparing and serving a dinner to the people who live in the Catholic Charities Family Shelter? Slots for 2026 are now open for sign-up; however; the slot for May 23 is currently unoccupied. You are welcome to collaborate on this with your organization or a group of families.

For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/htstjoe> Please contact Nick Bigelow at bigelow.nick@gmail.com with additional questions.

SCHOOL NEWS

UPCOMING DATES

Mark your calendar!

May 13th- All School Mass- Hosted by the 3rd Grade

May 12th- Band Concert at 6:30 PM

May 14th thru 21st- New Family Information & Middle School Orientation

May 14th thru 21st- Scholastic BOGO Book Fair

May 15th- Free Spirit Dress Down Day



ESA APPLICATION

Now Open thru June 30th!

The [Students First ESA Application](#) is available in English and Spanish. The application window for the 2026-27 school year is open from 8:00 a.m. on April 16, 2026 through 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2026. [Apply Now](#)

[ESA Funding](#)

- ESA funding for the 2026-27 school year is \$8,148.
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Application Help: help.ia@withodyssey.com or 515-368-9564

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STUDENT COUNCIL DRIVE

Support the Ronald McDonald House!

Student Council is hosting a drive for items from Ronald McDonald House from May 4-May 15. Some examples of items needed are Ziploc bags, soap, toothbrushes/toothpaste, shampoo, paper plates, and more. Items can be brought to the alcove.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Iowa provides a home-away-from-home for families traveling to Des Moines to seek medical care for their child. They offer a place to call home at little to no cost, so that families can stay together. There is a meal program, community spaces, laundry facilities, playrooms and more. A team of over 70 volunteers and staff are always ready to do whatever it takes to help families. Thank you for your support.

[See items to donate here!](#)

NOW HIRING

Positions Open At Holy Trinity!

We are now hiring for the following positions:

- Music Teacher

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

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SEE OPEN POSITIONS

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DIOCESAN NEWS



WOMEN'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

May 11, 2026

St. Augustin Church (enter the north door on the east side of the Church)
545 42nd Street, Des Moines

Spend a brief time away from the world to be with Our Lord. The Evening is designed to help you spend time alone with God, to look at your life from His perspective, and find practical ways to serve God amid your ordinary work and family life.

A priest will present two meditations based upon the spirituality of St. Josemaria Escrivá, the founder of Opus Dei. There will be time for personal prayer, reflection, and confession. The evening will conclude with Benediction.

Women of all ages are invited, including high school and college students

6:30 Confession.
6:40 Practical Talk.
7:00 First meditation. Confession. Meditation.
8:00 Benediction
8:00-8:30 Social Time

The Women's Evenings of Recollection will take place on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Questions: Terry McFarland (630-885-0246).
terryannmcfarland@gmail.com

NOW HIRING

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in Ankeny is Hiring!

We are seeking a full-time, 12-month, Administrative Assistant for Lifelong Faith Formation (LLFF). This role supports the

Lifelong Faith Formation Team (Adult & Youth) and will be a welcoming, professional presence for all who engage with the

parish office. This position collaborates with the Parish Administration Team and is ideal for a practicing Catholic who is organized, personable, and eager to support the mission of forming disciples of all ages. For details [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Tom Primmer, Operations Director 515-964-3038

(website address: <https://www.olih.org/learn-about-us/employment-opportunity>)

WOMEN'S EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

Monday, May 11, 2026

6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Augustin Church (enter the north door on the east side of the Church)

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OUR FAITH EXPLAINED



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Justin, Martyr, c. 100-165

Justin, a layman, lived in the very early years of the Church. He was a great teacher and his writings remain with us today. He was an historian who wrote about the Christian faith. He explained the Eucharist and other celebrations, to help many people come to the faith. He often debated pagan scholars of the day, and was eventually tortured and killed because of that. We honor him today for this great contribution to the Church.

Justin searched for a time before finding God. Once he had found God, he kept the faith even to death. Although martyrdom may not be the fate of any of us, we should be prepared to defend our faith at any given moment.

Saint Justin is a patron of philosophers. We honor this martyr by a memorial on June 1.

Justin's message today: Justin searched for a time before finding God. Once he had found God, he kept the faith even to death. Although martyrdom may not be the fate of any of us, we should be prepared to defend our faith at any given moment.

- All of us face temptations daily which would lead us away from God. Ask God to help you to grow in faith and you will be able to stand up to the temptations.

VIRTUES, EXPLAINED!

Serenity, Explained!

The word "serenity" is only found once in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: in the section describing the effects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, quoting the Council of Trent when it declared that a good confession "is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience." (CCC 1468)

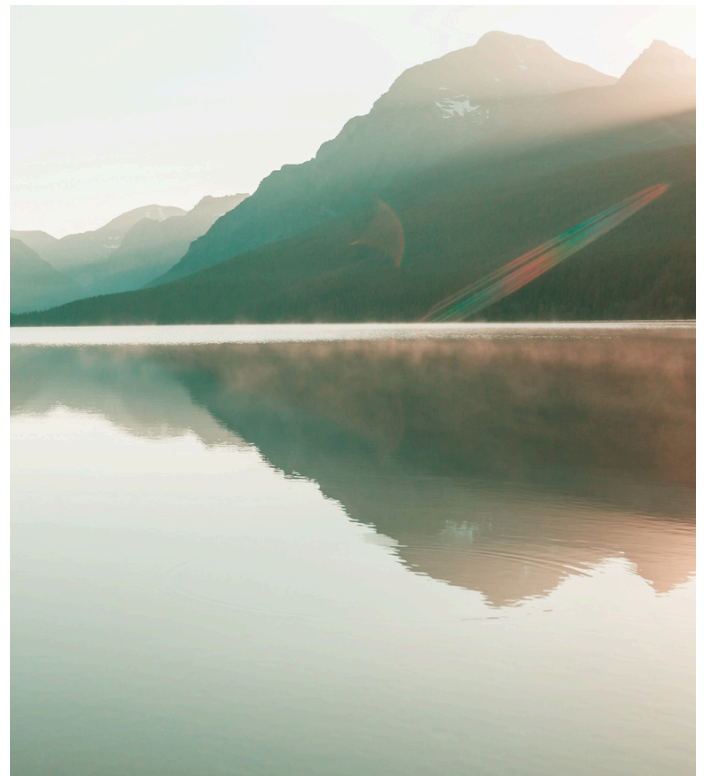
This may give the impression that serenity is not a foremost Catholic virtue, but the succinctness of the Catechism's reference is actually proof of serenity's importance.

What is serenity? It is an attitude of calm, one that can only be identified when contrasted with turmoil. It is stillness in a storm. It is Christ, walking steadily across the raging waves.

That the Catechism links it exclusively with reconciliation to God tells us all we need to know about this virtue. Where can we find calm in turmoil, stillness in storm? Where can we find serenity?

There is only one place: the merciful embrace of God in His sacraments.

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PRAYER & READINGS



READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reading I : Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They prayed to receive the Holy Spirit.

Reading II : 1 Peter 3:15-18

Christ died for sins once for all.

Gospel : John 14:15-21

If you love me, obey my commandments.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: Jesus promises to be our friend forever. How do friends treat each other?

Question for Youth: Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit (the Advocate) would remain with us always. When have you experienced the Spirit?

Question for Adults: Which one of the promises in today's Gospel gives you the most hope?

CHURCH FINANCES

Financial Blessings Ending week of 5/1/2026

Budget July '25 thru June '26	\$1,000,000
YTD Actual Tithing.....	\$884,857
YTD Budget	\$855,444
YTD Surplus (Deficit).....	\$29,413
Tithing for the Week	\$3,612
Number of Donations Received	51

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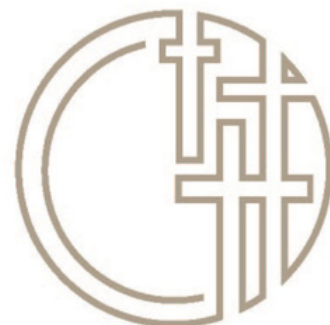


HOLY TRINITY PRAYER

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



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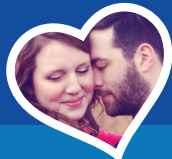
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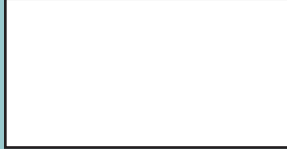
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