November 22

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The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Psalm29 (28):10-11



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#### GREETINGS,

A reminder about Masses. As you likely know by now, Bishop Joensen has mandated masks/face coverings for all those 5 years old and up who attend Mass in our diocese. This is very much a part of calling to love of neighbor. According to the latest CDC guidance, masks help the wearer to avoid contracting this virus and also help the wearer to not spread it to others. It is truly an act of charity toward others. The mask should be used throughout Mass, with the exception of the brief moment when Communion is received. If you feel you may need an exemption, please see me so we can discuss this. We will have extra masks on hand for those who may forget theirs on a given day.

One seating reminder: As you know, we have the rows laid out with areas that are closed as well as number cards indicating how many people can sit in a particular section of an open row. When you arrive, please fill in from the front of the church first, especially if you have 1, 2 or 3 people as the shorter rows are at the front of the church. This will allow us to accommodate more people. I have observed that most of the time the front row of each section is left empty. I know this is different for many, but your help and cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

We are currently beginning to plan for Christmas Masses. As you might guess, our Christmas celebrations will look different than in a normal year. More details to come. The Mass obligation will remain suspended, including the Christmas obligation. Christmas Masses will be livestreamed.

As you know, we are now at the time of year when we are looking to next year's budget and our needs. We want to continue providing the services in the ministries that you find helpful. To be able to do that in a high-quality way we do need your financial support in tithing. You should have received a letter from me with your tithing pledge card. I ask that you give this your most prayerful consideration as you reflect on what you will be able to do in the coming year in support of our parish. Thank you for whatever you can give to Holy Trinity.

We are beginning to wind down this year's Annual Appeal. Thank you so much to all who contributed to this effort. If you still have a pledge outstanding, please do all in your power to complete this commitment. Thank you for your continued generosity toward, and support of, Holy Trinity.

Another bit of thanks I'd like to share: Thank you to all the people who helped us go online with the Holiday Boutique this year! A special thank you to our Boutique leaders and their volunteers who worked so hard for our school.

Finally, I want to wish all a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. Even in the midst of a pandemic, there is still much for which to be thankful. Let's all take some time this week to consider and give thanks for the blessings in our lives. May God continue to bless us all, and may God bless Holy Trinity.

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Fr Mark Neal



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JOIN US FOR MASS or worship online on Facebook after <u>https://www.facebook.com/htschooldm</u>. Please click on VIDEO on Facebook and you will be able to select the one you want to watch.



WE STILL NEED HELP!! Ushers and cleaners needed for after the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday Masses. **Call Andy Negrete** 255-3162 ext. 129 or email him at andyn@holytrinitydm.org



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED We can have 1 Altar Server at Weekend Masses. Eligible servers are students <u>already</u> trained with Parental Permission. <u>Parents—email</u> <u>carolynr@holytrinitydm.org</u> with student's name and Mass time availability. Monthly Server Schedule will be sent soon.

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS! **To advertise, contact Andy Negrete 255-3162 ext. 129 or** andyn@holytrinitydm.org Due to the spike in COVID cases and in an abundance of caution, the Musicians Mass, Blessing and Commissioning hosted by the Des Moines Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, scheduled for Sunday November 22nd, 2:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines has been cancelled.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS PROJECT-WE NEED YOU TO SIGN UP EARLY! If your family needs help with food or toys this Christmas, or if you know of a local family who needs help, please contact the Parish Office at 255-3162. We provide a bountiful food basket and toys for the weekend before Christmas, but to do that we need lots of advance planning. Please let the Parish Office know now and be ready to provide contact info so we can get in touch.



**REGISTRATION FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP 2021** 

The staff at Catholic Youth Camp are busy planning to make summer 2021 the most amazing summer ever. Campers driving up to the St. Thomas More Center in Panora next June, July and August will find new cabins, a renovated Dingman Lodge and double the number of paid summer staff hired to ensure safety procedures are followed so everyone can have a safe experience. When you sign up early for CYC this summer you get:

- Your choice of any week before the most popular weeks fill up
- You can pay over 6 months (a good option for parents sending multiple kids)
- The knowledge that your son or daughter is about to experience the best week of their summer at Catholic Youth Camp

For information on how to register or apply for sponsorship, go to <u>stmcenter.com</u>



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED... Don Quinn, brother of Mary Quinn of our Parish

#### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF NOV 15 2020

Budget - July 2020 - June 2021\$1,008,000YTD Overage (Deficit)\$(11,818)YTD Actual Tithing through Nov 15\$357,385Tithing for the week ending Nov 15\$8,360YTD Budget through Nov 15\$369,203Number of Donations Received59

#### Want more information? Call the Parish Office 515 255 3162 X128 M-F 8AM-4PM



### WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE...

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we want to thank you for your support of our award-winning school, Holy Trinity. As an active member of our parish community, you not only make our school possible, but successful.

Because of you, our students...

**LEARN** Our school serves children from preschool to 8th Grade developing their individual talents and gifts in a Christ-centered environment.

**SERVE** Nearly 38% percent of our students receive tuition assistance. Because of your support, we are able to offer a quality Catholic education to *all* families who desire it.

**LEAD** Students develop a sense of service to others through participation in service projects that instill values rooted in helping others and the community.

**SUCCEED** Our school successfully integrates and exceeds the Iowa Core Curriculum. We offer research-based academics to prepare our students for future academic success in high school and beyond.

We invite all parishioners to pray for Holy Trinity Catholic School and the success of Catholic education throughout our community. Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support. To learn more about us, please go to <u>holytrinitydm.org/school.</u>



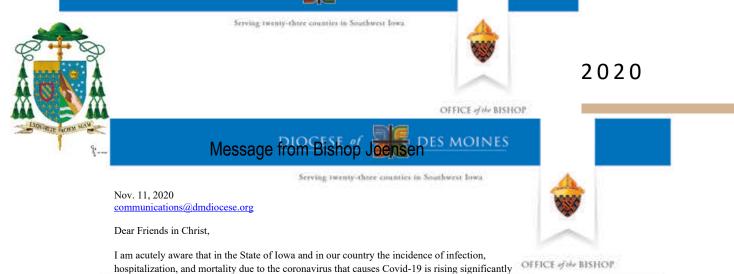


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consoled and revived in our belief that Jesus continues to meet us in the Eucharist; we continue to support each other as the family of God, and we remain in God's providential care. As Cardinal Robert Sarah has reminded us in his letter, *Let Us Return to the Eucharist with Joy*, "The Church will continue to cherish the human person as a whole. She bears witness to hope, invites us to trust in God, recalls that earthly existence is important, but much more important is eternal life: sharing the same life with God for eternity is our goal, our vocation."

The Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended. For those who are not able to attend Mass during the pandemic because of personal vulnerability, God's infinite grace and mercy remain abundantly available.

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## From our home to yours...

With great enthusiasm, I invite you to join me and the Catholic Charities Board of Directors for 2020 No Room at the Inn VIRTUAL.

This year the entire family can join in from the comfort

and safety of your home. We will listen to some holiday music, have some fun trying to spot all the candy canes, and go on virtual tours of Catholic Charities programs and learn how we address homelessness in our community.

Pope Francis reminds us that on account of Christ's birth among us, we are all brothers and sisters. Especially at Christmas, we are called to make a real place for each other in our hearts and in our communities.

I hope you consider joining me for the broadcast of "No Room" and support the important housing initiatives provided by Catholic Charities.

~ Bishop William Joensen



Click here to purchase raffle tickets for a hand-carved nativity!

## The 2020 Dinner in December has been postponed.

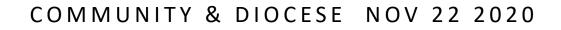
Due to rising Covid-19 Cases and current capacity precautions and regulations, we have made the decision to postpone our Dinner in December to a later date when we can all meet comfortably as a community. This date is to be determined at a later time, but we will update you as soon as it is set. We apologize for the inconvenience.

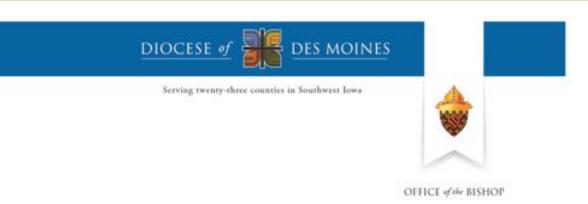
We hope we can all meet for this great event soon, and we thank you for your continued support of the station. If you have purchased a ticket for the 2020 Dinner in December already, we are more than happy to offer you a refund, or we can keep your spot reserved for the future date. Please email <u>contact@kwky.com</u> to let us know which option you would prefer.

The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL SURVIVAL

DIVORCED? *The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide* 12-week group begins December 6<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Parish, 2926 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310. Meetings are from 6-7:30 PM. Cost of \$30 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide" and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Bill and Ann Moore for more information, or to register, at 515-480-3314 (Bill) 641-425-0109 (Ann) or email <u>moorefamilydsm@gmail.com</u>. For more information visit <u>www.catholicsdivorce.com</u>

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November 6, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Diocese of Des Moines will take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) the weekend of November 21/22. Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform the places where they live into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to the national impact, those living in poverty in our own diocese may benefit through the 25% share of our collection that stays in the Des Moines diocese.

Our parishes and community service groups in the Diocese of Des Moines can apply for grants from the local portion of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection. Typically, grants are allocated up to \$1,500. In 2019, two local grants were awarded: New Vision Homeless Services in Council Bluffs and St. John's Catholic Church in Adel, in support of their Good Samaritan Food Pantry and Kids Backpack Program.

Your support for this collection makes a difference for families living in poverty across the United States. The need is greater still this year, as those whom can least afford it have been hardest hit by the economic impact of the pandemic.

Please prayerfully consider whether you are able to help our brothers and sisters in need this year with support of the CCHD. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit *www.usccb.org/cchd/collection*.

Thank you for joining us in the national and local initiatives to reduce poverty in our families and in our communities.

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#### SPIRITUALITYOF THE READING The Gospel Realm

Matthew's great parable of the last judgment presents the glorified Son of Man, with an entourage of angels, rising before the nations of the world. The blessed and lost are separated by one norm: the care of others. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me. (Gospel)

## We all bear the presence of the Most High, no matter how diminished or devalued we may seem.

This proclamation is formulated four times in the course of the parable. It is worth the four repetitions. For, like many gospel passages, we have heard the words so often that they seem ordinary, even though they are the most revolutionary claims about the human condition that have ever been made.

In all the ways that God has been revealed to high human consciousness, there has been one abiding theme: the dignity and value of the human person. The ancient Chinese may have been among the first to formulate it: never do to others what you would not have done to yourself. Archaic Babylonian law commanded that we show good will to others. The mighty Egyptians were told, "Terrorize not a human." Buddha reached enlightenment only when he embarked on the life of compassion for others. And Jewish faith, parent of both Christianity and Islam, revealed the source of the truth: "Male and female God created them; in God's own image were they created."

For Christians, this revelation of God reached its apex in the Incarnation: the Word of God became human flesh to save us. Thus it is strategic that Matthew, immediately before the narrative of Jesus' passion and death, presents the scene of the last judgment as a metaphor wherein the least human person is identified with the Lord of history.

Before our own times entire tribes of indigenous peoples disappeared in North and South America, sacrificed to idols of gold. Jews were banished or forcibly converted long before the abominable "final solution." Holy "religious" wars were launched in the name of God. Children of every color and tribe have been traded or killed upon birth.

To such a bleak history, the Lord of history has spoken: "As often as you have done this to the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done it to me."

Like all of holy scripture, the parable of the end times is a judgment on the world. In human mayhem, we dismember the body of Christ. "You have done it to me." The starving, the unwanted old and unborn, the criminal, the enemy—"the least"—are him.

This judgment of God is a moral command as well. In the eyes of Christ's followers, the bodies of the wounded and murdered are bodies of Christ. Thus, killing is sacrilege. All wars are unholy. Any "choice" to kill a human being is an ungodly act.

Scripture, in its greatest depth, does not merely present a moral challenge or a judgment on the world. Nor is it a program for political or social action, or a self-help book. It is, rather, a story of the mystery of salvation.

For at the end of history, Jesus Christ, the Word of God made human flesh, addresses also the one who sent him:

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do unto me." These words that challenge us are the very words that save us.

What if, in our thinking, our praying, and our writing about scripture, we accepted it as if it were real? What if the Word of God is actually true on all levels of our lives—true for a world of nations, politics, or economies; true for our relations with each other; true for each of us in our hearts; true of God?

If you and I accept, with all our mind and will, the promise of God's Word, perhaps then we shall fully understand the soaring words of Paul: "Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under his feet, and the last enemy to be destroyed is death."

#### John Kavanaugh, SJ



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READING I: Ezekiel 34:11-17

PSALM: 23:1-6

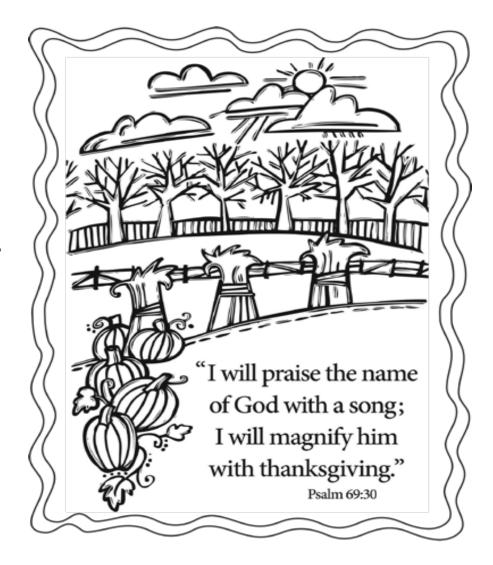
READING II: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31:46

**Question for Children:** Who are the people most in need of help who live around you, and how can you help them?

**Question for Youth:** What can you do (alone, with friends, or with your family) to help those who are without food, shelter, or have other needs? When have you seen Jesus in the poor?

**Question for Adults:** As you grapple with this very strong, direct and demanding Gospel passage, name the people for whom you have cared personally – or if there are none, those for whom you will offer care in the coming weeks.



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#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

#### Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Martyr

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and his 116 companions represent the more than one hundred thousand martyrs killed during the persecutions of Christians which took place periodically beginning in the 17th Century and running though most of the 19th Century in Viet Nam. He was born Dung An Trân around 1795 to a poor pagan family in northern Viet Nam. He was instructed in the Christian faith and, three years later, he was baptized, taking the name Andrew at that time. As a parish priest, Andrew lived a simple life, fasting often and providing a model for the people in his town, many of whom were baptized by him. He was imprisoned and killed for his faith in 1938.

**Andrew's message today:** Saint Andrew and his companions, as well as the many thousands of unnamed martyrs in Viet Nam, provide powerful examples of the perseverance that strong faith can bring to those who are persecuted. Even today in Viet Nam, as well as elsewhere, persecution of Christians continues, but prayer can strengthen our faith.

While not likely to face the kind of persecution that these saints experienced, is your faith strong enough to face the ridicule that is more likely to come your way? Pray that God will give you the strength to bear up to the scorn that may come your way and to pray for your persecutors.

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# PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF NOV 22 2020

	SUNDAY 11/22	MONDAY 11/23	TUESDAY 11/24	WEDNESDAY 11/25	THURSDAY 11/26	FRIDAY 11/27	SATURDAY 11/28
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL				NO SCHOOL/ KC Open until <b>3:30PM</b>	NO SCHOOL/ KC CLOSED	NO SCHOOL/ KC CLOSED	
FAITH FORMATION				NO Faith Formation			
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM	No Communion Service Men's Bible Study <b>8PM</b>	School Mass 8:30AM Grades K-2 RCIA 6:30PM on Zoom	Mass 8:30AM	Thanksgiving Mass 9 AM	NO MASS	Sunday Reading Group MEN'S 7:30AM SR WOMEN'S 8:30AM CH Mass 4:30PM
AND MORE				PARISH OFFICE CLOSING 12PM	PARISH AND SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED	PARISH AND SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED	

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

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE / Sunday Nov 22	AND INTENTIONS	NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS Saturday, Nov 28 4:30 PM First Sunday of Advent				
8:30 AM Mass	Ken Bratney	Altar Server	Tyler Leo			
10:30 AM Mass	For the Parish	Lectors	Erin Grillot			
Monday Nov 23	NO Communion Service	EMHC	Team 1			
, Tuesday Nov 24		Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner			
8:30 AM Mass	Tom Jochum	Sunday, Nov 29 8:30 AM	First Sunday of Advent			
Wednesday Nov 25		Altar Server	George McAndrews			
8:30 AM Mass	Don Quinn	Lectors	Tammy Kieter & John Goode			
Thursday Nov 26		EMHC	Team 3			
2-9 PM Rosary at 4:15PM	NO Adoration/NO Rosary	Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy			
9 AM Mass	Francis Peckham	Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner			
Friday Nov 27	riday Nov 27 NO Mass		Sunday, Nov 29 10:30 AM First Sunday of Advent			
8:30 AM Mass		Altar Server	Josh Spenceri			
Saturday Nov 28		Lectors	Tammy Altman & Lisa Rea			
3-4 PM	NO Reconciliation	EMHC	Team 4			
4:30 PM Mass	Ron Dittmer	Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy			
		Musical Coordinator	Dr. Kevin Allemagne			
Sunday Nov 29 First Sunday						
8:30 AM Mass	For the Parish	WEEKEND WASSES Sat 4:	30 PM / Sun 8:30 & 10:30 AM			
10:30 AM Mass	Robert Bell					
		WEEKDAY MASSES Tue, Wed & Fri 8:30 AM / Thurs 8AM				

