September 6

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

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> "Wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them"

> > Matthew 18:15-20

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MONSTER YUM!

Enjoy the break from work and school. Spend some time with your family making one of my family favorites: Monster Cookies. These have always been made with the thought that more is more (see Carl Neal's baking advice below). Hope they help you have more fun this extended holiday weekend. God Bless you and God Bless Holy Trinity!

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Fr Mark



MONSTER COOKIES

*****Carl Neal's baking advice: "Some ingredients such as flour or baking powder need to be used in the specified amounts. But using more than specified sugar, butter, or chocolate will only make it taste better" :-)

INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup (1 stick) salted butter, softened to room temp*
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup creamy peanut butter
1 large egg, at room temperature*
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 and 1/4 cups all-purpose flour (spoon & leveled)
1/2 cup quick oats*
3/4 cup M&Ms (any size or variety)
1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper or silicone baking mat.

In a large bowl, using a hand-held mixer or stand mixer with paddle attachment, cream the butter and sugars together on medium speed, about 3 minutes.

Mix in the peanut butter, egg, and vanilla (in that order). Scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed.

Slowly mix in the baking soda and flour. Do not over-mix. On low speed, beat in the quick oats, M&Ms, and chocolate chips just until incorporated.

If the dough is very soft and unmanageable by hand, chill the dough for 30 minutes before rolling.

Rolls balls of dough, about 2 Tablespoons of dough per ball, onto prepared baking sheet. Press a few extra M&Ms on top for looks, if preferred. Bake for 11-13 minutes– the cookies will still look a little soft, which is recommended. Slightly press down the baked cookies with the back of a spoon, since the cookies only slightly spread in the oven. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheet for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack. Cookies will firm up as they cool

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Q & A WITH FATHER MARK <u>EVERY OTHER</u> WED AT 7PM— Father Mark Q&A LIVE on Facebook is now a pre-recorded video where he will be available to answer you in the comment section. Please look for that night's topic on Facebook and email your questions before the event to fmneal@holytrinitydm.org or parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS-SEPTEMBER 21ST If you are planning on baptizing your child at Holy Trinity, a Baptism Class is required. Our next class is Monday, September 21st. Please sign up for class by responding calling the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext. 128 by Friday, September 20th. We look forward to celebrating this Sacrament with your family!





IN HOME COMMUNION FOR PARISHIONERS We are now offering Communion to people in their homes monthly through a home Communion Minister. The visit lasts about 15 minutes includes prayer and reception of Communion. We follow appropriate safety steps for the benefit of the minister and recipient. Please contact Sandy Stacy at the Parish Office to coordinate 515 255 3162 ext 124. You will receive a letter regarding the visit and a Communion Minister will be assigned to you.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are looking for people to help sanitize the church after masses. This process takes about 20 minutes and helps protect everyone from the virus. We provide all the supplies you will need. In addition, we are still looking for people to help usher before each weekend mass. Please contact the parish office at 255 3162 ext 128.

FATHER GREG LEACH 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Father Greg Leach, who served as pastor at St Mary of Nazareth from 2008 to 2020 is retiring after 40 years of active priestly ministry. Holy Trinity is his home parish and his dad, Vern, was a beloved longtime parishioner here. Father Greg has always had a special place in his heart for HT.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Sunday, September 13th 2-5PM St Mary of Nazareth Catholic Church, 4600 Meredith Drive, Des Moines

Please come and congratulate Father Greg Leach on 2 milestones in his life! First, his retirement from active priesthood. Second, the 40th anniversary of his priestly ordination. We will gather in the church at 2PM for a short program to recognize Father Greg. Refreshments will follow. If you are not able to come at 2PM for the program, please stop by anytime before 5:00 to congratulate Father Greg. Cards may be sent to: Father Greg Leach 6811 Oakwood Drive Urbandale, IA 50322

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED... **Richard TeKippe**, Father of John(Sherri) TeKippe of our Parish

Dr. Richard Kotz, Holy Trinity Parishioner

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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF AUG 30 2020
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Budget - July 2020 - June 2021	\$1,008,000	YTD Overage (Deficit)	\$12,556
YTD Actual Tithing through Aug 30	\$168,058	Tithing for the week ending Aug 30	\$8,110
YTD Budget through Aug 30	\$155,502	Number of Donations Received	88



\$1,500 TUITION GRANT

Families with children enrolled in non-Catholic schools may be eligible for a tuition grant if they enroll at
Holy Trinity for the 2020-2021 school year. Tuition grants are available for each child (grades 1 – 7) for the first two years of enrollment.
Year one = \$1,000 discount on for each eligible student
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Contact Delaney lynch at <u>dlynch@htschool.org</u> to find out more today!

> Current Families get a \$500 Referral Bonus for each family that enrolls



FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS MATTHEW 17:20

Faith is what helps us a Catholics to overcome the greatest obstacles. Faith is our focus this first trimester at Holy Trinity School. We have a new school prayer we hope you and your family will use to bring the faith-filled learning we are providing in our classrooms home. <u>You can find it here.</u>

HOLY TRINITY IS THE THIRD LARGEST SCHOOL YET ONE OF THE MOST AFFORDABLE IN DES MOINES The Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools includes 16 schools in 23 counties in central and southwest Iowa. Catholic schools in the Des Moines Diocese build Christ-centered, collaborative, inclusive partnerships with parents, students, and parishes to provide innovative academic excellence and inspirational faith formation for students. We invite you to discover the Catholic school difference. Visit <u>holytrinitydm.org</u> to learn more today!

PLEASE SHOW YOU CARE Go to our <u>Facebook</u> Page, <u>Google</u> and <u>Niche</u> to give us some stars and share your positive feedback about our school—thank you for supporting your remarkable students and our remarkable students—we appreciate all you do!

Want more information? Call the School Office 515 255 3162 X116 M-F 8AM-4PM Fax 515 255 1381





DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT SEPT 18

Holy Trinity is hosting a fun family evening on Friday Sept 18 at 7:30PM Make sure to get your tickets early to get in on the fun! The movie will be SHREK -- and you can hear it through your car's FM radio. <u>Reserve your</u> <u>parking spot here</u> (and please stay within your car for the event). Limited to the first 75 who sign up!



HURRY SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!!!

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE SEMINARIANS

The Diocesan-wide Special Collection for Seminarians will be conducted next weekend, September 12 and 13. Registered parishioners will be receiving a brochure and return envelope in the mail from Bishop Joensen. Gifts to this collection are used to cover tuition, room and board, and provide a small monthly stipend for pre-theologians and theologians. This year, more than \$250,000 is needed to enable the academic formation of our nineteen seminarians. Heartfelt thanks for your prayers and charitable donation to support our future priests.



BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESSFUL! Thanks to all who came out on Saturday. Our Blood Drive was the largest turn out in the past five years. We saved 73 lives with our combined donations. Save the date for our next drive on February 27, 2021.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIERS St. Pius X Catholic School is looking for help in the Lunch Program with set up, cleaning tables, and tear down. Hours would be 10:30 am to 1:30 PM. This is a part-time hourly position. If interested, contact the School office at 276-1061. St. Pius X Church also has an opening for a full-time Bookkeeper/Receptionist. Duties include student tuition management, receptionist duties and some IT related tasks. If interested, contact Dean Roth in the Parish office at 276-2059.

St, Pius X Catholic Church 3663 66th Street, Urbandale, 1A 50322, 515.276.2059

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE CANCELLED

2020 Beaverdale Holiday Boutique scheduled for Nov 13/14 is cancelled. Stay tuned for an online silent auction that will be announced soon.





SPIRITUALITY OF THE READINGS

Forgiveness

What happens when someone misbehaves and hurts you? What should you do, punch 'em out?

No. Jesus lays out a detailed plan in the <u>Gospel</u> about how to help a person, especially in the Christian community, who has done you harm. This strategy applies whatever the damage was: saying unfair things behind your back, embarrassing you in public, stealing, unfaithfulness, you name it.

First, go to the person and let her or him know that you believe you have been hurt by what they did or said. This is not an opportunity to "let my anger out," to get my rights, or worse, to hurt them in return. It is an attempt to repair the relationship, no matter whose fault it was. It is an effort to help, not hurt.

Of course, in Sunday's story, Jesus is presuming that there is a basis of love between you and the other person. Another way to say it is that you are both members of the church.

What if going to the person does not succeed? Jesus says you should next take two or three witnesses along. They will back you up if your interpretation of the problem is correct. If the person still does not listen, keep trying, he says. Tell the church. Continue to work on it until the matter is smoothed out. Let truth and forgiveness rule.

The underlying reason behind this whole strategy is hinted at in the <u>First Reading</u>. There the Lord says that Ezekiel must speak out to a person when they are doing evil and especially if they have been warned by the Lord.

The point is not to punish the them, or to turn Ezekiel into a police interrogation unit. The point is to try and help them back from the danger to their own self and to the community. "Frighten the poor sheep back," the poet Hopkins puts it. You speak out.

A personal story. I had a terrible disagreement with a colleague/friend a number of years ago. We were working together on a musical event and it seemed to each of us that the other had done something unforgivable, hurtful and unprofessional. Believe me, I do not know who was right and who was wrong. But we spoke about it one-on-one and gradually came back into each other's good graces. We remained very good friends.

Still.

The same thing happened a number of summers later. I was the one who "blew up" because of the wrongs I absolutely knew were being done to me. I even sent a peeved email. My friend sent a scorcher in return! Then we worked together to create the event! We knew instinctively what had happened. "We were both tired and quite stressed out, weren't we," my friend said. "So we each did our stressed-out thing. But we were both trying to help the performance be wonderful." As you can guess, we remain great friends.

I think this is how it can work when Christians are "all too human" and hurt each other. It is not a matter of who broke the rules. All the rules are summed up in a single saying. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself"" (Second Reading).

How good it is.

John Foley, SJ





READING I: Ezekiel 33:7-9

PSALM: 95:1-2, 6-9

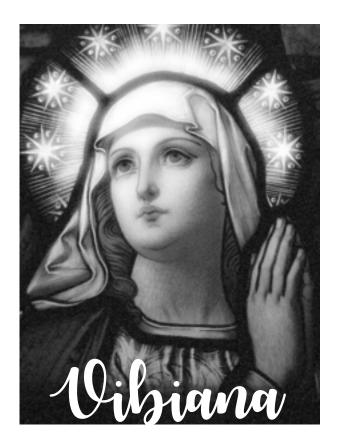
READING II: Romans 13:8-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Question for Children: What is one thing you would do for someone whom you loved?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us about the importance of community and friendship. When have you helped heal an argument between friends? How did that feel?

Question for Adults: How do you make sure you follow the way of love as described by Paul in today's reading? What steps do you take to eliminate the unloving — grudges, hatred, prejudice, or others.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Vibiana, Virgin and Martyr

We know almost nothing about Saint Vibiana. What we do know is that in 1851, Pope Pius IX bought a vineyard located just outside of Rome. When ancient catacombs were discovered underneath the land, the pope directed the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archeology to explore the vast underground network. About two years later, an intact tomb was uncovered which was sealed by a marble tablet. When the tomb was opened, the skeleton of a young woman was discovered. The markings on the tomb led officials to believe she had been a martyr. When the diocese of Monterey was established, the relics of Saint Vibiana were sent there with instructions to build a cathedral in her honor. To this day, she is honored for her faith.

Vibiana's message today: This saint is remarkable in that we know so little about her life and death. But what is striking is that, through her intercession with God, she has interceded on behalf of many people in our times and helped those who need her assistance. For nearly 120 years her name was attached to the Catholic cathedral in Los Angeles, and today her tomb is in the crypt of the new Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angel. Who was she? She is an enigma. She is nobody and everybody. Her feast is celebrated only by those in Los Angeles. Because we don't know the details of her life, in one way it is difficult to ascribe to her particular virtues we can imitate. Yet in another way this makes it easier for us to identify with her. She stands for all of us, the insignificant ones who will never be written about in history books. Our lives may not be widely known, but they are known to God, who has called us each by name from before the beginning of time. When we pray to Saint Vibiana, let us imagine our parents, our grandparents and great-grandparents. In many ways, they are like Vibiana, unknown to the world but beloved by God. To a world obsessed with celebrity, they are nobodies; but in the eyes of God, they are precious beyond all imagining.

Perhaps Vibiana can inspire you to help someone who has a need of your service. Ask her to seek direction for you.

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PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF SEP 6 2020

	SUNDAY 9/6	MONDAY 9/7	TUESDAY 9/8	WEDNESDAY 9/9	THURSDAY 9/10	FRIDAY 9/11	SATURDAY 9/12
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		Labor Day SCHOOL CLOSED	Teacher PD Day SCHOOL CLOSED	KID'S CONNECTION OPEN			
FAITH FORMATION							
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM	No Communion Service Men's Bible Study 8PM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM Hosted by 5H	Mass 8 AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary at 4:15PM	Mass 8:30 AM Hosted by 8th	Mass 4:30PM
AND MORE		HAFFY LABOR DAY Work is no disprace ite disprace is idlences				Always Remember 9/11 Patriot's Day	

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

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE AN Sunday Sept 6	ND INTENTIONS	NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS Saturday, September 12 4:30 PM		
8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass	For the Parish Jimmy Corkrean	Altar Server Lectors	No Servers at This Time Kathie Obradovich	
Monday Sept 7 8 AM	NO Communion Service	EMHC Musical Coordinator	Team 2 Tom Quiner	
Tuesday Sept 8 8:30 AM Mass	Joe Oertli	Sunday, September 13 8 Altar Server	3:30 AM No Servers at This Time	
Wednesday Sept 9 8:30 AM Mass	Mary Bleimehl	Lectors EMHC Children's Litures	Ben Klaus & Doug Gross Team 1 Na Children(a Liture)	
Thursday Sept 10 2-9 PM Rosary at 4:15PM 8 AM Mass	Adoration Vince Masuen	Children's Liturgy Musical Coordinator Sunday, September 13 1	No Children's Liturgy Tom Quiner	
Friday Sept 11 8:30 AM Mass	Ruth & Jim Wright	Altar Server Lectors	No Servers at This Time Matt Conolly & Billy Howe	
Saturday September 12 3-4 PM 4:30 PM Mass	NO Reconciliation Ruth & Jim Wright	EMHC Children's Liturgy Musical Coordinator	Team 1 No Children's Liturgy Dr. Kevin Allemagne	
Sunday September 13 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass	Ron Dittmer For the Parish		:30 PM / Sun 8:30 & 10:30 AM Wed & Fri 8:30 AM / Thurs 8AM	
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