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FROM FATHER MARK MARCH 27 2022

GREETINGS.

Please join me in welcoming Sister Mary Nesta Ezeanya to Holy Trinity this weekend, March 26 and 27. Sister Mary Nesta Ezeanya is a member of the congregation of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, founded in Nigeria by an Irish Missionary Archbishop named Charles Heerey in 1937.

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary serve in different African countries, Europe, United States and Canada. In the Diocese of Des Moines, the sisters serve individuals that are in recovery at St. Gregory's Retreat Center Bayard.

Sister Nesta is the program therapist for Senior Life Solutions, Adair County Health System. She will be talking about their missionary endeavors and asking for your support for their work with the less privileged in different parts of the world, especially in Africa.

A BIG thank you to all who volunteered at our Holy Trinity Spring Garage Sale! Your faithfulness is much appreciated.

Also, as we continue our Lenten Journey, please consider joining us for Stations of the Cross this Friday at 5PM. You will be done in time to pick up your delicious Fish Dinner from the Knights.

Have a good week

FR Manh

Father Mark Neal





2022 LENTEN ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 5PM, beginning Mar 4

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Mar 27 – 3PM at St. Mary of Nazareth Mar 29 – 6:30PM at St. Joseph Mar 30 – 6:30PM at Assumption Mar 30 – 7PM at Sacred Heart Mar 31 – 7PM at St. John and Paul Apr 3 – 1PM at St. John the Apostle

ADORATION

Thursdays from 2 - 9PM

HOLY ROSARY

Thursdays at 4:05PM

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 14

7PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (No Morning Mass)

Good Friday, April 15

2PM Stations of the Cross
7PM Proclamation of the Lord's Passion / Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 16 8PM Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY. APRIL 17

8:30AM & 10:30AM Mass of the Resurrection of Our Lord



FROM THE CHURCH MARCH 27 2022

THE PARISH LIBRARY IS OPEN Thank you to Bev Bauder and Kathy Talbot for bringing the library back to life. The library is open 20 minutes before, and 15 minutes after Masses on Sundays and weekdays. It is also open 15 minutes after Mass on Saturdays. Book checkout is on the honor system. Please use the checkout sheet and limit checkout to 3 weeks. If you have books you wish to donate, please leave them in the return book box. Take advantage of this great resource during this Lenten season of growth and throughout the year as well!

HT PATCH PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP Holy Trinity's PATCH Apartment program supports a family transitioning from New Directions homeless shelter into an apartment. We pay rent and utilities for up to 6 months and provide mentoring and moral support during their stay. Currently, our account balance is lower than what 6 months of rent will cost. If want to support a family trying to get back on their feet, please visit https://holytrinitydm.org/donate/ to donate online or drop a check marked for HT PATCH in the donation basket or parish office. For more information, contact Molly Pigneri at https://holytrinitydm.org/donate/ to donate Online or drop a check marked for HT PATCH in the

LIVING HEAVEN CONCERT SPONSORED BY THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE Enjoy lovely music at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, April 9 at 7PM. Holy Trinity's Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a retrospective concert featuring a selection of songs from musicals written by Holy Trinity parishioner, Tom Quiner, over the past 25 years. Proceeds will support the pro-life educational outreach of Pulse Life Advocates. Tickets are \$10 per adult, and children and students are free. Order your tickets online at www.PulseForLife.org. The concert will be followed by a coffee and dessert reception. Join Us...What a beautiful way to get ready for Holy Week.

WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS We would like to greet new members with coffee and donuts on Sunday, April 3 after 10:30AM Mass. Meet in the Social Room of our school building for refreshments. Allow us to introduce ourselves and answer your questions about our Parish and our Beaverdale community. Welcome to HT!

FAITH & FRIENDSHIP IS BACK ON APRIL 6 The first Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9PM in the 6th grade classroom. What is Faith & Friendship? This group of women comes together to share their love of Christ and their experiences with motherhood and adulthood. Come to enjoy the company of one another in friendship. No need to bring anything other than a welcoming heart. We look forward to meeting you or seeing you again.

SEEKING VOLUNTEER MASS COORDINATORS Holy Trinity is implementing the position of Mass Coordinator (MC) at each service. This role supports Father Mark and the Deacons in the celebration of Mass. The MC will act as the point person for the liturgical flow of each service. Duties begin 30 minutes prior to each Mass and end 10 minutes after. If you are interested in learning more about the specific duties please email katypolich@gmail.com, or speak with Father Mark. We will have an orientation at 11:30AM on Sunday, April 3 following the 10:30AM Mass.

PROVIDE LUNCH AT CONNECTION CAFE Holy Trinity Parish is committed to provide and serve lunch during the last Thursday of each month at the Connection Cafe. We will provide sloppy joes, fruit, chips, and cookies for sack lunch on Thursday, March 31. Lunch will be served at St. John's Lutheran Church. Sign up at https://bit.ly/3lhvt9Z. Thank you for supporting Connection Cafe!

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

Budget July 2021 - June 2022\$1,000,000YTD Surplus (Deficit)(\$39,680)YTD Actual Tithing through March 20\$691,023Tithing for the week ending March 20\$10,094YTD Budget through March 20\$730,703Number of Donations Received61

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TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH AT 6:30 PM HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr. Francis Ostdiek Council #14029 Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

2022 Lenten Fish Dinners

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April 8, We are back to sit down

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Fish tacos are back

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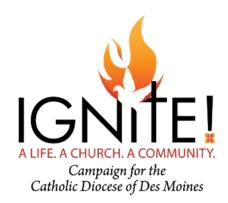
DIOCESE & COMMUNITY MARCH 27 2022



COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE *IGNITE!* CAMPAIGN

Didn't we just wrap up the Sharing God's Gifts capital campaign? What did those funds go toward and what is their status? The Sharing God's Gifts campaign began in August 2012 and ended in February 2014. The goal was \$30 million, it had a five-year pledge period, and over \$40 million was pledged. Sharing God's Gifts helped fund support for seminarians and clergy including vocations and medical and pension programs, the maintenance of diocesan resources and facilities including the Catholic Pastoral Center, clergy residences, and the St. Thomas More Center, the strengthening of youth programs, Catholic school and religious education, and ministry outreach programs and services such as Hispanic ministry. In addition, the 80 active parishes in the Diocese shared in 50 percent of all funds collected from their parishioners for local projects including capital improvements, debt reduction or endowment building.

Is the Diocese financially sound? Yes, the Diocese is financially sound, and that stability is allowing the Diocese to conduct a campaign that focuses on the present and future needs of parishes, while also enhancing and expanding ministries. The campaign is part of the long-term pastoral vision to draw more people closer to Christ.



COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE Based on new CDC guidance and consultations with our local medical experts, the Diocese of Des Moines has removed its strong recommendation for mask use and no longer requires masks during the distribution of Holy Communion. Effective immediately, the following guidance will be provided on our website:

- Masks are optional for the faithful and clergy during Mass and other indoor activities.
- We encourage everyone to discern the use of masks based on their own health and potential immunity.
 Find additional information provided by the CDC about your local situation at https://bit.ly/3u5PEm7.

YOUNG CATHOLIC NETWORK Professionals in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Young Catholic Network Speaker Series on Tuesday, March 29! Join us at 6PM for an evening of networking and fellowship at the Catholic Pastoral Center in downtown Des Moines. Enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers while meeting other young Catholics committed to professional and spiritual growth. Drs. Jon and Ramona Thompson will be our featured speakers on "Faith, Family, Forensics and Frozens". Register today at www.dmdiocese.org/ycn!

THE BASH ON BUFFALO IS BACK After two years of virtual events, The Dowling Catholic Bash on Buffalo will be held in person on April 9. Feeling lucky? Purchase a raffle ticket for your chance to win \$5000! Tickets are only \$100 and only 500 will be sold. The winner will be drawn Saturday, April 9. Go to dowlingcatholic.org/bash-on-buffalo to get your tickets and read the contest detail. Call Bob at 515-240-3473 with any questions. Good luck and thank you for investing in Dowling Catholic High School!

MAN UP WITH FR. MCMANUS Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is the most solemn part of the liturgical year, and Fr. P.J. McManus, Pastor at Christ the King Parish, wants to enlighten and challenge us as we prepare for "our best Triduum ever"! Come to St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Des Moines on Friday, April 8 at Noon for Meatless Pizza, courtesy of the Catholic Tuition Organization. Register for this event at www.iowacatholicradio.com/events.



NOTES ON THE MASS MARCH 27 2022

THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

Ask ten people to tell the story of the prodigal son, and chances are that eight or nine of them will manage to retrieve the basic plot. It is, after all, one of the best-known stories in the world. But ask those same ten people, "On what occasion did Jesus tell that story?" and it is unlikely that any of them will know. The story is so powerful and clear that it has taken on a life of its own. Yet Luke was very careful to provide a definite setting for the story in his Gospel. Attending to that context discloses further depths in an already deeply meaningful parable.

Luke establishes the setting in a single sentence. "The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to him, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them". This critique recalls the scene in Luke 5:27-32, Levi's dinner party, where the Pharisees and their scribes raise the same complaint, and Jesus replies, "Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."

The sentence beginning today's reading evokes the same scene and issue. Again Jesus responds with a defense of his table fellowship with the outcast—only this time his strategy is storytelling. He begins with two similitudes, parables that base their comparison on a recurring social situation. The first is the one about the shepherd going after the lost sheep; the second, the one about the woman searching for a treasured lost coin. The point of each image is double-edged. The shepherd and the woman both picture the divine attitude of care for the repentant sinner; the rejoicing in each similitude represents Jesus' own table fellowship with (repentant) tax collectors and sinners.

Finally, to drive his point home, Jesus follows these stories of the lost sheep and the lost coin with his story of the two lost sons. Yes, we find that the famous "Prodigal Son" story comes as the climax in a series of three, all in the same setting. Familiar as it is, the parable is full of surprises if we take it slowly, attending to the details.

The first surprise is a shocker: the younger son dares to ask his father for his inheritance—"pre-posthumously!"—an intolerably dishonorable request in that, or any, culture.

Second surprise: the elder son says nothing.

Third surprise: the father actually goes along with the idea and divides the property between the two sons.

Fourth surprise: the younger son turns the property into liquid capital, departs, and shoots the whole wad in Gentile territory, where he is reduced to tending pigs and nearly starving.

Fifth surprise: when the runaway returns with a plan to relate to his family as a salaried worker, his father welcomes him back with multiple signs of full reconciliation: the father's own festal robe, the family signet ring, and sandals—clearly marking him as family as distinguished from the (barefoot) servants.

Sixth surprise: the father ensures reconciliation with the whole village by throwing a huge party around a roasted fatted calf.

Surprise number seven is the one experienced by the elder son when he returns from the field to discover this unscheduled party celebrating his wastrel brother's return. His reaction is bitter: "All these years I slaved for you and never disobeyed one of your commandments" (a literal rendering of the Greek).

Notice what happens when we hear all this in Luke's setting, Jesus defending his inclusive table fellowship against the charges of the scribes and Pharisees. In the portraits of the runaway and of the compassionate father, the tax collectors and sinners hear a confirmation of the reconciliation they have found in Jesus' ministry to them. Whereas the scribes and Pharisees are invited to contemplate an image of themselves in the cartoon figure of the elder son, who has completely misread his filial relationship as one of slavery—a clear parody of their misguided sense of religion.

When Paul writes to the competitive Corinthians that God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ, has given us a ministry of reconciliation, he is clearly calling all Christians to that same ministry. If we find ourselves resonating with bitterness of the elder son, we have some repentance to do.

Dennis Hamm, SJ



BRING THE GOSPEL HOME MARCH 27 2022

READING I Joshua 5: 9-12

PSALM 34: 2-7

READING II Corinthians 5: 17-21 **GOSPEL** Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

QUESTION FOR THE CHILDREN Who is the one person you most need to say, "I'm sorry" to in your family?

QUESTION FOR THE YOUTH Is it difficult for you to say "I'm sorry" when you hurt another or get off track in your own life? Why or why not?

QUESTION FOR THE ADULTS How have you or your family welcomed a family member who has been distant and/or absent from you?

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK Talk about your experiences of forgiveness and reconciliation in the family. Discuss: What does a falling out between family members do to our home environment? What signs do we use to ask forgiveness? What signs do we use to tell one another that we forgive them?

SAINT OF THE WEEK Joseph, Husband of Mary

Joseph, we know, was engaged to Mary. Upon learning that she was pregnant, he resolved to divorce her. Described in Matthew as a righteous man, Joseph did not want to expose Mary to public disgrace; therefore he intended to dismiss her quietly. An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream to tell him, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit." (Mt 1:20). He remained her faithful husband and helped raise Jesus. Joseph worked as a carpenter. We know that he taught his trade to Jesus, as was the custom of the times. We can also assume that Jesus, like most boys, picked up the mannerisms and speech of Joseph.

JOSEPH'S MESSAGE TODAY In a time when families are breaking up, often with fathers abandoning their wives and children, Joseph provides a model for fathers who love their families.

When the weight of the world seems to have settled on your shoulders, try saying a prayer to St. Joseph. Ask him to help you carry your burden.



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PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF MARCH 27 2022

	Sunday 3/27	Monday 3/28	Tuesday 3/29	Wednesday 3/30	Thursday 3/31	Friday 4/1	Saturday 4/2
Holy Trinity School	WE ARE ENROLLING NOW holytrinitydm.org /school			School Mass Hosted by 6th Grade 8:30AM		Jeans Day Hosted by 3rd Grade	REMINDER: No School on April 8
Faith Formation			RCIA (MC) 6:30PM	Faith Formation 6:30PM			First Eucharist Retreat 9AM
Adult Faith Formation	Mass 8:30AM 10:30AM	No Communion Service	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8:30AM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:05PM	Mass 8:30AM Stations of the Cross 5PM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Mass 4:30PM
And More			Plan Ahead & Prepare (CH) 6:30 PM	Youth Ministry 6:30PM			

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

Mass Schedule,	Liturgy	Schedule	& I	Intentions
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Sunday March 27 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM Mass	Fourth Sunday of Lent Janice Radosevich John McClavy
Tuesday March 29 8:30AM Mass	Ron Hawley
Wednesday March 30 8:30AM Mass	Sheila Goode
Thursday March 31 8AM Mass 2-9PM 4:05PM	Jane Morgan Adoration Rosary
Friday April 1 8:30AM Mass	Barbara Hans
Saturday April 2 3-3:45PM 4:30PM Mass	Reconciliation Margaret & Marv Pommer

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jim Durbala

Tim McDonald

Next Week Liturgical Ministers & Altar Servers

Saturday April 2 4:30PM Fifth Saturday of Lent Altar Servers Payton Wolfe & Volunteers Vonnie Salem & Karen Quiner Lectors Team 2 **EMHC Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner** Sunday April 3 8:30AM **Fifth Sunday of Lent** Gabe Polich & Volunteer **Altar Servers** Lectors Linda Willems & Marla Gowdey Team 3 **EMHC** Children's Liturgy Pam Hellman **Musical Coordinator** Tom Quiner **Fifth Sunday of Lent** Sunday April 3 10:30AM **Altar Servers** M. Fahnlander & Ian Alonzo Lectors Matt Connolly & Rob Hoover **EMHC** Team 2 Children's Liturgy **Margaret Toomey**

Weekend Masses Times Sat 4:30PM, Sun 8:30AM & 10:30AM Weekday Masses Times Tue/Wed/Fri 8:30AM, Thurs 8AM



Sunday April 3

8:30AM Mass

10:30AM Mass

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