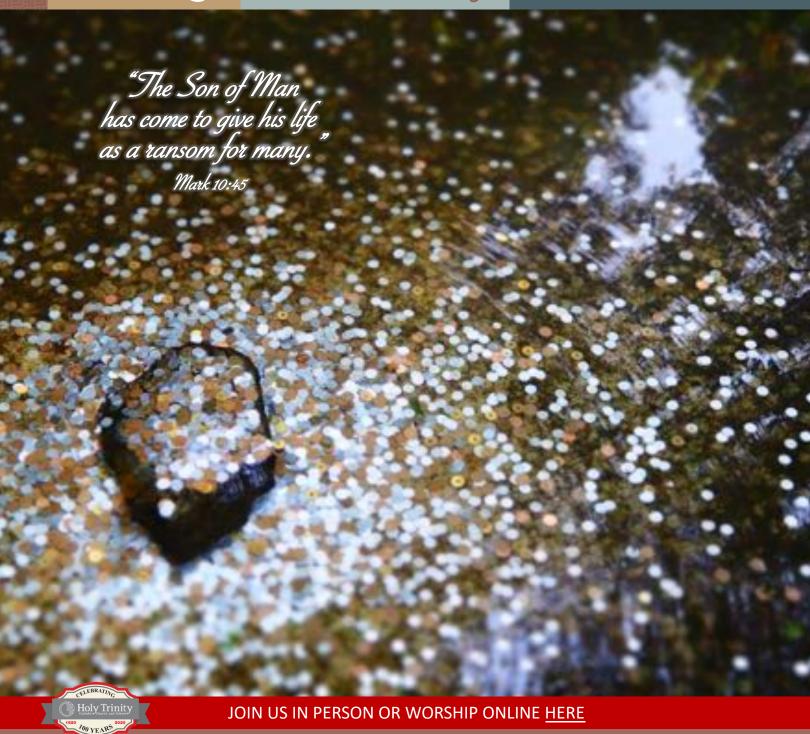
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FROM FATHER MARK OCT 18 2020

GREETINGS.

As you know, we are well into the current election cycle and are now deciding how we will cast our votes. The right to vote is a great gift that we have in our nation and we are called to exercise this right responsibly.

As we know, there is no perfect candidate. Thus, we are called to do our best in casting our votes. We are called to cast our votes in accord with our well-formed conscience. Our church, while it does not tell us who to vote for, does provide some guidance as we seek to find the best candidates to support. Our diocese has provided some guidance for Catholics. This document can be found at: https://www.dmdiocese.org/ministries-and-faith-formation/adult-faith-formation.

This link also includes a guide developed by the four bishops of Iowa.

A note about weekend Masses. As our numbers continue to slowly increase, it will become more important that people are seated as efficiently as possible. 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.

Finally, as I mentioned at last weekend's Masses, we are now at the time of year when we are looking to next year's budget and our fiscal needs. We want to continue providing the services and 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 will be receiving a letter from me with your tithing card. I ask that you give this your most prayerful consideration as you determine what you will be able to do in the coming year in support of our parish. Thank you again for your continued generosity to Holy Trinity.

May God continue to bless us all, and may God bless Holy Trinity.

Fr Mark Neal





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NOTES FROM THE CHURCH OCT 18 2020

JOIN US FOR MASS or worship online on Facebook LIVE at https://www.facebook.com/htschooldm. Look for the "LIVE" red link to worship at Mass times. If you want to watch the Mass later, click on "videos" and you will be able to select one



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 <u>fmneal@holytrinitydm.org</u> or <u>parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org</u>

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

COVID ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED We have now received permission to have 1 Altar Server at the Weekend Masses. Servers are eligible if the students are <u>already</u> trained as an HT Altar Server and have Parental Permission to serve. <u>Parents</u> please email <u>carolynr@holytrinitydm.org</u> with the student's name and Mass time availability. A Monthly Server Schedule will be distributed soon. We so appreciate our servers and look forward to seeing them in action soon!

TITHING LETTERS You should be receiving them this week. There is much to do next year for many that need it the most. With your help and God willing, 2021 can be a year filled with faith, service and respect for all as we all continue to take this journey together here at Holy Trinity. Please pray on what your family can give back to the parish next year.

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NEXT BAPTISM CLASS — OCTOBER 19TH If you are planning on baptizing your child at Holy Trinity, a Baptism Class is required. Our next class is Monday, October 19. Please sign up for class by responding calling the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext. 128 by Friday, October 16. We look forward to celebrating this Sacrament with your family!

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED... **Kathy Comito**, mother of Gigi and

Jim Wilwerding

of our Parish



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF OCT 11 2020

Budget - July 2020 - June 2021 YTD Actual Tithing through Oct 11 YTD Budget through Oct 11 \$1,008,000 \$271,994 \$277,394 YTD Overage (Deficit) Tithing for the week ending Oct 11 Number of Donations Received \$(5,400) \$30,720 268

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



NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OCT 18 2020

IT'S ALL SAINTS ALL MONTH at Holy Trinity Catholic School...leading up to All Saints Day! We are posting Saints of the day on Facebook so you and your family can invite them into your home more often. You can learn about what they did for the world and how they were also just...people. Did you know that St. Augustine "didn't listen to his mom" when he was a kid, or that St. Francis of Assisi "led a really nice life before he gave it up for God," that St. Frances Xavier Cabrini "loved playing with dolls" and also endured many hardships when she came to the United States, St. Ambrose sang beautifully, St. Barnaby's talent was juggling, and St. Benedict was a whiz at baking bread!?

Here are some of the resources that can help your family get to know the saints better: (from the Des Moines Diocese Family Resources site--Busted Halo: Want to Raise Little Saints? Tell the Saints Stories by Katie Waite)

"Once Upon a Time Saints" by Ethel Pochocki, illustrated by Tom Matt
As the author states, the stories written in the book "are meant to show human and lovable
(most of the time) people whose passion for God led them into preposterous escapades."
My children loved the fairytale-like stories, and they were bite-sized enough to read and
discuss over breakfast. Filled with both popular and also some lesser-known saints (Comgall
was a new one for us), the author chooses to focus on story rather than statistics. And it works.
For example, my kids now fondly think of St. Anne as Jesus' Nana.

"Stories of the Saints" by Carey Wallace, illustrated by Nick Thornborrow
Although the stories written about these saints are just as beautiful, the gorgeous illustrations are what grab your attention first. I recommend reading the short introduction aloud to your children before you venture into the stories as it encapsulates well the tone of the book. I appreciated that this book didn't gloss over the difficulties saints had in their lives. For example, the author mentions Mother Teresa's struggle with her own faith. I love the author's message that "no matter how flawed or frightened we feel, when we let the courage of faith transform us, the whole world can be transformed, too" and it resonates well with the lives depicted in the book.

"New Picture Book of Saints: Illustrated Lives of the Saints for Young and Old" by Rev. Lawrence G. Lovasik, S.V.D. An oldie but goodie. This is the saints book we keep in the car and let our little ones bring into church. It was the first kids' saints book we gave our children. The exact one we have belonged to my husband's late brother, which makes our connection to it even more special, and is a constant reminder to my kids that "Uncle Cory" is always with us.

Through all these resources, my kids and I have heard tales of amazing heroes who suffered, sacrificed, and loved greatly for God. However, we also got to know them as people: real, everyday people. Like us. And that lesson is equally important. Because it makes the impossible seem possible. I want my children to know that they can love playing with dolls like St. Frances Cabrini, they can not listen to their mom like St. Augustine, they can love hiking and the outdoors like St. John Paul II, and they can also, one day, be saints like them too.

Please go to https://holytrinitydm.org/school/enroll/enroll-now to sign up today





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
Year two = \$500 discount on for each eligible student



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



NOTES FROM THE PTO OCT 18 2020



As with almost everything in our world today, we are adjusting and adapting to the new normal. Because of this, we are reimagining this year's HT Walkathon!

This year our goal is 100% Family Participation and we are raising money to support: Our students (Tuition Assistance Fund) and our Teachers (General Teacher Fund to support continuing education, appreciation and more).

While we can't wait to host an in person walk and are planning to celebrate the end of the year with a walk in May, we need your support and help now!

Join us for a Month of HT Spirit as we come together as a school and community to support our students, teachers and school. Each week we will host fun virtual events and challenges to cap off the walkathon giving period with a SPOOKTACULAR Spirit Week* (Oct. 26-30th)! Donate \$1 a day and enjoy the fun!

Please donate here

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Monday: Pajama Day: Be comfy cozy in your best Pajamas and slippers!

Tuesday: Crazy Hat Day: Be creative and show the school what's on your mind!

Wednesday: Sports Day: Show off your pride and wear your favorite jersey!

Thursday: Tropical Day: Relax and Hula our way to goal!

Friday: Happy Halloween: Wear your

best costume!

*If you are attending Mass on a dress up day, please come to school ready for Mass and change after!



The Walkathon is our school's largest fundraiser and keeps our children from walking door to door selling magazines and Christmas Wreaths. We are all in this together and we need you.







SOME OF THE MANY ITEMS THAT CAME TO BE BECAUSE OF THE WAIKATHON



NOTES FROM THE PTO OCT 18 2020















BEAVERDALE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 2020

The Beaverdale Holiday Boutique goes online for 2020! This exciting online event will be held from November 1-11, 2020 on our <u>Facebook Beaverdale Holiday Boutique</u> page. **Please** *like* and *share* our <u>Facebook page!</u>

<u>Vendor applications</u> are being accepted. Please invite your favorite vendor to participate!

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Artisans, crafters and vendors will sell a variety of items through our Facebook storefront. Shoppers can purchase gifts plus pre-order select bakery items from Mrs. Kringle's Bakery, as well as the Knights of Columbus' Famous Chili (in quarts or half gallon sizes) from Santa's Sleigh Café. Curbside pickup for customer purchases, baked goods and chili will be available on Nov 13 from 4-8 PM and Nov 14 from 8 AM until 2 PM.



NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY OCT 18 2020



At the Hy-Vee Ron Pearson Conference Center in West Des Moines featuring top musical talent, including Gina Gedler and Tony Valdez, backed by a 20 voice choir and orchestra. In addition, you will experience a fabulous meal and hear a great pro-life talk by Bishop William Joensen. The expansiveness of the Ron Pearson Center allows IFL to easily accommodate social-distancing protocols.





Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign October 2020



InnerVisions HealthCare, now with 2 locations in West & South DSM, serves women with unplanned pregnancies with free, compassionate, and truthful medical care, before, during, and after her positive and unexpected pregnancy test. To support their free medical clinic, our church is doing a virtual baby bottle campaign during the month of October, which is Respect Life Month.



Ways to get involved:

- Contact the church to learn more about the Virtual Campaign
- 2. Make a tax-deductible donation before Oct 31:
 - a. visit www.ivhcare.org/donateb. donate using Venmo (@ivhcare)
- 3. Make sure to attribute your gift to our parish!
- 4. Pray for the moms & babies of InnerVisions HealthCare

PART TIME JOB AVAILABLE St. Pius X Catholic School is looking for a person to work in the Lunch program. Duties include set up and tear down of tables and chairs and cleaning tables during the lunch periods. Hours are 10:30 am to 1 pm, Monday thru Friday. Please contact Dean Roth at 515-276-2059.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday Nov 1 from 4-6PM Join us for the PTO Trunk or Treat event. Parking in Acanthus lot, enter near little white house. 4PM for last names starting with A-K, 5PM for L-Z. Masks required.

Want more information? Go to www.desmoinesdiocese.org or call 515 255 3162

NOTES ON THE MASS OCT 18 2020

SPIRITUALITY OF THE READING

Which Side Are You On?

There seem to be two realms, God's and Caesar's. Jesus says so in Sunday's Gospel: "Give to God the things that are God's and to Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

Which realm do we live in?

Are we "Sunday Catholics," giving to God maybe an hour per week at Mass and then getting on with television and cars and work and food? And maybe with being afraid? Or with wishing things had turned out better? Do we leave it to professionals to pray to God while we live a lesser life? Have we given our life to Caesar?

Or do we try it the other way around?

Perhaps we are so serious about Christianity and spirituality that we try to get away from enjoyment of any worldly thing so as to live uncorrupted. Through the history of Christianity there have been marvelous examples of this. The desert hermits. The cloistered nuns and monks. The great mystics. "A penny for Caesar and all the rest for God"? If you push this statement too far, however, everything of Caesar must go away because it is not God, or on the other hand, God has to go away because science and secularism are so powerful.

Maybe Jesus made his statement to settle the argument that was posed to him by the Pharisees. Here is a key. Can God and Caesar co-exist? What if you are created to be a channel for God's presence right in the midst of the secular world? What if, in spite of the voices within you that say you are not worth much, in spite of the setbacks of life, the losses, the flatness, in spite of all these, what if God created you with room inside you where God, out of love for you, can be quietly present?

I can hear objections to such an idea: "God would never be at home in me, not until I do a lot better with my life." Or, "You want me to be some kind of nut, running around acting holy?" Or, "Sure, I want to let God in, but I like beer and TV too much." Or, "What does all this have to do with real life?" Or simply, "I don't want to."

But what if God were a great friend? In fact, how would it be if God were a companion who truly and actually accepts you and forgives you completely whenever you need it? Wouldn't this give you another way to look at the connection between heaven and earth?

Wouldn't it mean that God put you and me into the world to be holy in it, to be friends with the things of Caesar? To work in the world of sin in spite of our own sins?

Could it be that we ourselves are those "things that belong to God" that Jesus spoke of? "Belong," not in a possessive way, but in the way felt by people who love and are loved. We "belong." If this were so, why wouldn't we want to give ourselves to God, and then also to bring our God-filled selves to Caesar's palaces and to the dirty roads outside them and show everyone what Jesus is all about?

Which realm should we live in? Both.

John Foley, SJ





BRING THE GOSPEL HOME OCT 18 2020

READING I: Isaiah 45:1-6

PSALM: 96:1-10

READING II: Thessalonians 1:1-5b

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21

Question for Children:

In your young life, who has helped you know Jesus as a friend?

Question for Youth:

We are supposed to give to God the things that are God's. What in your life is dedicated to God? How do you keep those things sacred?

Question for Adults:

If you were to write a thank you note to someone or to a group who has helped you grow in faith, to whom would you write and what would you say?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Luke, Evangelist



Luke is the author of the third Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles. He was the only Gentile Christian among the four Evangelists and his Gospel, written in Greek, was unquestionably written for Gentile Christians. Tradition has him as a Greek-born, from Antioch. Saint Paul called Luke "our beloved physician" (Col 4:14) and Luke was known to have traveled with Paul on his second and third missionary expeditions in Greece and Rome. He also accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome, where Paul wrote, "only Luke is with me" (2 Tim 4:11).

Luke's message today: Like the other Evangelists, Luke's message is with us today as it has been throughout the history of the Church. They have given us the Gospels, which enable us to learn about Jesus' life and ministry. Further, the Acts of the Apostles give us grounding in the work of the Holy Spirit in the early Church.

Are you familiar with Luke's Infancy Narrative (1:5-2:38)? Read this beautiful story again and reflect on its relation to your life today.



8 AM Mass

8:30 AM Mass

PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF OCT 18 2020

	SUNDAY 10/18	MONDAY 10/19	TUESDAY 10/20	WEDNESDAY 10/21	THURSDAY 10/22	FRIDAY 10/23	SATURDAY 10/24
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		NO SCHOOL KC Open					Walkathon Spirit Week ALL NEXT WEEK! DONATE \$1 A DAY and join in the fun
FAITH FORMATION							
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM	No Communion Service Men's Bible Study 8PM	School Mass 8:30AM Hosted by 2B Grades K-2 RCIA 6:30PM CH	School Mass 8:30AM Hosted by 5T Grades 3-5	Mass 8 AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary at 4:15PM	School Mass 8:30AM Hosted by 8TH Grades 6-8	Sunday Reading Group MEN'S 7:30AM SR WOMEN'S 8:30AM CH Mass 4:30PM
AND MORE		Baptism Class 7PM					Boy Scout Aluminum Can Drive 9-11AM

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

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS	NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday Oct 18	Saturday, Oct 24 4:30 PM

Altar Server Gabe DuShane 8:30 AM Mass Bill Hicks Erin Grillot Lectors 10:30 AM Mass For the Parish

EMHC Team 2 Monday Oct 19 **Musical Coordinator**

Tom Quiner 8 AM **NO Communion Service**

Tuesday Oct 20 Sunday, Oct 25 8:30 AM 8:30 AM Mass Ron Dittmer

Altar Server Cody Heikes Ben Klaus & Jean Severson Lectors Wednesday Oct 21

EMHC Team 1 8:30 AM Mass Frank Celsi

Children's Liturgy No Children's Liturgy

Thursday Oct 22 Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

2-9 PM Rosary at 4:15PM Adoration

Sunday, Oct 25 10:30 AM

Bernard Volz

For the Parish

Altar Server Oliver Sheaff Friday Oct 23 Lectors

Teresa Baustian & Matt Connolly 8:30 AM Mass Jimmy Corkrean **EMHC**

Saturday Oct 24 Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy 3-4 PM **NO Reconciliation Musical Coordinator** Dr. Kevin Allemagne Ruth & Jim Wright 4:30 PM Mass

WEEKEND MASSES Sat 4:30 PM / Sun 8:30 & 10:30 AM **Sunday Oct 25**

WEEKDAY MASSES Tue, Wed & Fri 8:30 AM / Thurs 8AM 10:30 AM Mass Jim Boesen



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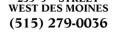
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