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Catholic Church and School

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July 26

17th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."*

*Matthew 11:25*



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## FROM FATHER MARK JULY 26 2020

GREETINGS.

Here is the update for the parish this week.

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating the initiation of our RCIA candidates as we welcome them into our Church. Congratulations to Grant Woodard, Katie Parmenter, Lauren McCoy and Jennifer Witt. We are so happy to finally be able to welcome you to full communion in our Church!

We have also set the dates for our First Communion Masses. These will be celebrated August 15/16. Due to social distancing requirements, attendance will be limited. We are happy to also now be able welcome some of our youngest parishioners to the Eucharistic table. Congratulations!

Our weekend public Masses continue to go well. Our numbers were as follows for July 18/19: Saturday 4:30, 52 people, Sunday 8:30 am, 72 people, and Sunday 10:30 am, 72 people. There is ample room for more people with very good social distancing in effect for those interested. Thank you for your cooperation with new procedures. I know the distancing and masks are not convenient, but they are currently the best method for mitigating the spread of the virus. We are currently over 97% mask usage for weekend Masses. Thank you! Your consideration for others is greatly appreciated. Let's try to get to 100%. Our mask usage for weekday Masses thus far has been 100%.

As the pastoral center staff is furloughed for two weeks, there was no update this week on the annual appeal. Again, thank you so much to all those who have made such generous pledges thus far. If you've not yet had a chance to make a pledge or gift, please give this your most prayerful consideration. Thank you for your continued support of Holy Trinity!

Return to learn update for Holy Trinity School: Due to the continuing challenge of the coronavirus, our Diocesan schools will be offering a distance learning option. Interested school families are currently filling in a signup survey for this option for the first trimester of the academic year. More details to come.

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

Fr. Mark

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# NOTES FROM THE CHURCH JULY 26 2020

PUBLIC MASS IS BACK Or you can worship online with us on Facebook LIVE. Our Facebook page is public -- so you do not need an account. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/htschooldm> at the times listed and look for the "LIVE" red link. Click there to view. If you want to watch the Masses at a later time, click on "videos" and you will be able to select the one to watch.



Q & A WITH FATHER MARK EVERY OTHER 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@holyltrinitydm.org](mailto:fmneal@holyltrinitydm.org) or [parishoffice@holyltrinitydm.org](mailto:parishoffice@holyltrinitydm.org)

HELP FOR HT PARISHIONERS We are so appreciative to all those volunteers who helped their fellow parishioners! **DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE? Please call the Parish Office at 255-3162 x124 or email [parishoffice@holyltrinitydm.org](mailto:parishoffice@holyltrinitydm.org) if you are an individual that could use assistance** or go to our website <https://holyltrinitydm.org/coronavirus-updates> for more info. Again, thank you volunteers!

IN HOME COMMUNION FOR PARISHIONERS We are beginning to offer 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.

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BOE SECRETARY NEEDED The Holy Trinity Board of Education is seeking a parent or parishioner to fill the role of recording secretary for monthly Board meetings. The Board meets on the second Thursday of each month 9 months out of the year at 7PM, and the secretary is in charge of keeping minutes during the meeting and preparing them for publication. This is a great way to get involved with the BOE. Please contact Brant at [boe@htschool.org](mailto:boe@htschool.org) if interested in serving.

**Parish Office Summer Hours Mon-Fri 8AM – 2PM**

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED...  
**Jeanine Rothermel**, Parishioner of Holy Trinity



**Mary Farnsworth Winfrey**, Sister of Joe (Cindy) Farnsworth of our Parish

### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF JULY 12 2020

Budget - July 2020 - June 2021	\$1,008,000	YTD Overage (Deficit)	\$9139
YTD Budget through July 12	\$39,136	Tithing for the week ending July 12	\$31,214
YTD Actual Tithing through July 12	\$48,275	Number of Donations Received	290

Want more information? Call the Parish Office 515 255 3162 X128 M-F 8AM-4:30PM



NOTES FROM THE CHURCH JULY 26 2020

# Holy Trinity 2020 Fall

THURSDAY August 6  
9AM to 8PM

FRIDAY August 7  
9AM to 5PM

SATURDAY August 8  
9AM to 12PM

**CASH ONLY**



Look through your home for unused treasures. If you do not use, donate it! Here is what sells well:

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- Clean clothing
- Toys
- Pots and Pans
- Glassware
- Dishes and China (uncracked/chipped)
- Hardcover & Paperback books
- Furniture in Good Condition
- New Small Carpet Samples (no room-size pieces)
- Small Appliances (working)
- Stereos
- CDs, DVDs
- Radios
- Bedding & Linens
- Drapery & Curtains
- Sewing & Craft materials
- Lamps & Lampshades
- Pictures & Frames
- Mirrors
- Silk Flowers & Plants
- Baskets, Garden Tools
- Sporting Goods
- New Items of All Kinds
- Anything Else of Interest

You may drop off items for donation at the gym door  
Saturday August 1, Sunday August 2  
and Monday August 3 9AM - 3PM

**Items will NOT be accepted  
after MONDAY 3PM August 3**

Sign up online at the link below to volunteer  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DADAB29A6F9C70-garage>  
or call us at 255-3162 ext 226.

This is a great way to earn service hours required for Holy Trinity Confirmation and Dowling Graduation.

**Please ... NO fax machines, printers, keyboards, TVs, VCRs, cassette tapes, magazines, textbooks, stuffed toys/animals, lingerie/underwear or baby cribs.**

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NOTES FROM THE CHURCH JULY 26 2020

## Holy Trinity Catholic Church Blood Drive

**Saturday, August 22, 2020**  
**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Gym, 2926 Beaver Avenue



Set up your **lifesaving** appointment **TODAY!**

Sandy Stacy at (515) 255-3162 ext. 124

### **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED:**

**Text:** LIFESERVE to 999-777 • **Call:** 800-287-4903 • **Visit:** [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org)

This blood drive is sponsored by  
Holy Trinity Catholic Church

*Please bring a valid form of identification, such as your donor ID card or driver's license. To ensure our ability to meet social distancing standards and safety protocols, we require all donors to schedule an appointment to donate blood. Blood donors are required to wear a mask for the duration of their appointment. If you do not have a mask, we will provide you one. Walk-in donations are not accepted at this time.*



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# NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL JULY 26 2020

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - MORE AFFORDABLE THAN YOU MAY THINK

Considering a Catholic school for your child but concerned about the cost of tuition? Catholic education is more affordable than you may think. Every year the Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) provides tuition assistance to eligible families whose children attend one of the sixteen Catholic schools in the Diocese of Des Moines. The criteria for receiving assistance is based on family size and income. Last year, CTO provided scholarships to nearly 2,000 students throughout the Diocese of Des Moines. **The next deadline to apply for CTO is Friday, July 31, 2020.** Visit [www.ctodsmdiocese.org](http://www.ctodsmdiocese.org) to learn more and apply. You can apply at [fairapp.com](http://fairapp.com) before the deadline to find out how much you have been approved for the 2020-21 school year. The school code is 450 and the password is CTO450.

## A GIFT THAT LASTS A LIFETIME...

Want to give a gift that lasts a lifetime? When you support the Bishop's Tuition Fund, you help students throughout our community access a holistic education that focuses on educating body, mind, and spirit! The value of a Catholic education lasts a lifetime. Learn more at [www.dmdiocese.org/giving/bishops-tuition-fund](http://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/bishops-tuition-fund).



## RETURN TO LEARN PLAN JULY 7 DRAFT

### DAILY PRECAUTIONS

All students, staff and visitors will have their temperature taken upon arrival.

### ACADEMIC DAYS

School will begin on Monday August 24 with regular instructional programming for students K-8 Grade. Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten begins on Sept 1.

### PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Students will be encouraged to wear face masks or shields when physical distancing is not possible.

### LIMIT LARGE GATHERINGS AND SHARING OF MATERIALS

Plans to limit large groups, including Mass, and other whole school events are being developed. There will be no community use of materials. Students should utilize individual water bottles and water filling stations.

### APPROPRIATE DISTANCING MEASURES

To the extent possible, we will practice the safest possible physical distancing including high traffic times such as lunch and recess.

### HEALTHY HYGIENE

Hand sanitizer will be available in hallways and classrooms. Daily routines will include regular handwashing practices and cleaning of regularly touched surfaces.

### DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN

Holy Trinity is building upon its robust instructional practices that can transfer from classroom to home should future stay-at-home orders be issued.

## RETURN TO LEARN BOOKLET

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

Contact Delaney Lynch at [dlynch@htschool.org](mailto:dlynch@htschool.org) to find out more today!

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## BRING THE GOSPEL HOME JULY 26 2020

READING I: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (109A)

PSALM: 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

READING II: Romans 8:28-30

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25



**Question for Children:** If you could be with Jesus, what would you trade from your own things for that?

**Question for Youth:** Today's gospel reminds us that God's kingdom is worth sacrifice. What do you need to sacrifice in order to follow God in your own life? Why are you willing to make that sacrifice?

**Question for Adults:** Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words what the Reign of God is for you personally, and use a parable to describe it: "The reign of God is \_\_\_\_\_."

SAINT OF THE WEEK

### **Christopher, Martyr, Third Century**

Christopher is one of the most popular saints in both the East and in the West. Many stories surround him, some contradictory and confusing.

One of the most popular traditions holds that Christopher was a strong giant who made his living by carrying people across a raging stream. For years, he searched in vain to find someone more powerful than himself. He finally concluded that this could only be Christ, since the devil feared Christ.

One of his passengers was a small child who grew so heavy as they crossed the stream that Christopher thought they would both drown. The child then identified himself as Christ and the heaviness was caused by the weight of the world on his shoulders.

Saint Christopher was martyred during the reign of Decius in about 251. His name means Christ-bearer and as a result of this legend, he is the patron of travelers especially, in modern times, of motorists.

**Christopher's message today:** We are much luckier than Christopher. While we can all carry Jesus within us, he does not burden us with the weight of the world. Rather, he lifts our burdens from us and helps us to carry them if we follow him.

*When your burdens seem too heavy for you to carry, do you turn to Jesus for help? Perhaps Saint Christopher will intercede on your behalf if you say a prayer to him.*

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## NOTES ON THE MASS JULY 26 2020

### SPIRITUALITY OF THE READINGS

#### **The Pearl of Great Price and Its Cost**

A woman I know tells this story:

She married a man she loved but, early on in the marriage, she was too immature to responsibly carry her part of the relationship. One night she went to a party with her husband, drank too much, and left the party with another man. Eventually she sobered up and repentantly found her way home, fully expecting the marital skies to be ripped asunder with anger. But her husband though hurt and shaken by what had happened was calm, philosophical, direct. When she walked sheepishly into the room he demanded neither an explanation nor an apology. Ultimately, what is there to say? He simply said to her: "I'm going away for a few days so that you can be alone because you need to decide who you are: are you a married woman or are you something else?" He took a three-day sabbatical from her, she cried, sorted out the question he had put to her, and now, years beyond this painful incident, she is inside a solid marriage and infinitely more aware that the pearl of great price comes precisely at a great price.

#### **We want the right things, but we want other things too. Yet every choice is a series of renunciations.**

Every choice is a renunciation. Thomas Aquinas said that, and it helps explain why we struggle so painfully to make clear choices. We want the right things, but we want other things too. Yet every choice is a series of renunciations.

If I marry one person, I cannot marry anyone else; if I live in one place, I cannot live anywhere else; if I choose a certain career, that excludes many other careers; if I have this, then I cannot have that. The list could go on indefinitely. To choose one thing is to renounce others. That's the nature of choice.

In most areas of our lives we do not feel this so painfully. We choose and there isn't a lot of sting to the loss. But the area of love is more sensitive. Here we feel the sting of loss more strongly and here we often find it hard to accept the real limits of life. What are those limits? They are the limits that come with being an infinite spirit in a finite world.

We are fired into this world with a madness that comes from the gods and has us believe that we are destined to embrace the cosmos itself. We don't want just something, we want everything. That's a simple way, though a good one, of saying something that Christianity has always said, namely, that in body and soul we are meant to embrace everyone and we already hunger for that. Perhaps we experience it most clearly in our sexuality, but the hunger is everywhere present in us. Our yearning is wide, our longing is infinite, our urge to embrace is promiscuous. We are infinite in yearning, but, in this life, we only get to meet the finite.

That's what makes love difficult. We are over-charged in our own lives. We have divine fire inside us, want everything, yearn for the whole world, and yet, at a point, have to commit to one particular person, at one particular place, and in one very particular life, with all the limits that imposes. Infinite desire limited by a finite choice, such is the nature of real life and love.

Life and love, beyond the abstract and beyond the grandiosity of our own daydreams, involve hard, painful renunciation. But it is precisely that very renunciation that helps us grow up and makes our lives real in a way that our daydreams don't.

In trying to explain some of the deeper secrets of life, Jesus gives us this parable: the kingdom of God is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he finds a single one of great value, he goes and sells all that he owns and buys that pearl. That, the pearl of great price, the value of love and its cost, is in essence the challenge which the young husband put to his wife when he told her to sort out the question, "are you a married woman or are you something else?"

For what are you willing to renounce other things?

What is our own pearl of great price? Are we willing to give up everything in exchange for it? Are we willing to live with its limits? Until we are clear on these questions there is forever the danger that, like the wife who left the party without her husband, we will act out in dangerous and hurtful ways.

Thoreau once said: "The youth gets together materials to build a bridge to the moon or perhaps a palace or a temple; ... at length the middle-aged man decides to build a woodshed with such materials."

So too in love and life: the child sets out to make love to the whole world and the adult eventually determines to marry a single person, in essence, to build a woodshed. But it's only in that shed where life and love are real in this world.

Ron Rolheiser



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# PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF JULY 26 2020

	SUNDAY 7/26	MONDAY 7/27	TUESDAY 7/28	WEDNESDAY 7/29	THURSDAY 7/30	FRIDAY 7/31	SATURDAY 8/1
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		School Office Open!					
FAITH FORMATION							
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM		Mass 8AM	Mass 6:30PM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults	Mass 6PM	Mass 8AM	Mass 4:30PM
AND MORE		Parish Office Summer Hours 8AM to 2PM					Garage Sale Drop Off 9AM-3PM

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

## MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### Sunday July 26

8:30 AM Mass Bill Frasier  
10:30 AM Mass For the Parish

### Monday July 27

NO Mass or  
Comm Srvc

### Tuesday July 28

8 AM Mass Ron Dittmer

### Wednesday July 29

**NO Morning Mass**  
Jeanine Rothermel

### Thursday July 30

6 PM Mass  
NO Adoration  
For all affected by COVID

### Friday July 31

8 AM Mass Irvin Kenne

### Saturday August 1

4:30 PM Mass  
NO Reconciliation  
For the Parish

### Sunday August 2

8:30 AM Mass Joe Oertli  
10:30 AM Mass John Erickson

## NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS

### Saturday, August 1 4:30PM

Altar Server No Servers at This Time  
Lectors Erin Grillot  
EMHC Team 2  
Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

### Sunday, August 2 8:30 AM

Altar Server No Servers at This Time  
Lectors Doug Gross & Karen Quiner  
EMHC Team 1  
Children's Liturgy No Children's Liturgy  
Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

### Sunday, August 2 10:30 AM

Altar Server No Servers at This Time  
Lectors Matt Connolly & Mark Amadeo  
EMHC Team 3  
Children's Liturgy No Children's Liturgy  
Musical Coordinator Dr. Kevin Allemagne

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES** Tue, Wed & Fri 8 AM / Thur 6PM

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