

FROM FATHER MARK DEC 6 2020

GREETINGS.

December 6 is St Nicholas Day. You can read more about him in our section in this Bulletin called "Bring the Gospel Home".

As the Patron Saint of bakers, you can honor him by starting your Christmas baking. And in the spirit of the Saint's hidden generosity, perhaps share some of your baked goodies with your loved ones, as possible! Here is a good resource for a <u>St Nicholas Initial Cookie</u> from <u>catholicculture.com</u> to get you started.

St Nicholas is also the Patron Saint of children. Consider how your family can give to support kids in need. At Holy Trinity, we create gift baskets for families that can always use toys and other holiday treats. Please call the Parish office if you would like to donate or know of a family who could use this resource. You can also go to the Giving Tree in church to see if there are any items for children that your family might like to donate. Of course there are Toys for Tots bins looking for new, unwrapped toys at numerous locations around town.

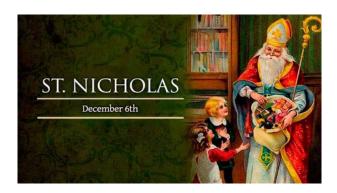
Here is a St Nicholas prayer for your children that is perfect for this day as well: God, Our Father, We pray that through the intercession of St. Nicholas You will protect our children. Keep them safe from harm and help them grow and become worthy of Your sight. Give them strength to keep their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in Your creation. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

I hope these ideas add some fun for your family as we all prepare this Advent season for Christmas Day.

God Bless you and God Bless Holy Trinity.

Father Mark





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NOTES FROM THE CHURCH DEC 6 2020



ADVENT TAIZE' December 6, 13, 20 at 6PM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Advent marks the beginning of the Liturgical year. The birth of Jesus is coming soon and with His birth comes Hope. Join Holy Trinity in Taize' prayer this Advent season. Our simple, short service lasts 30-40 minutes and invites us to deepen our spirituality and faith in an environment of soft light, simple song, scripture reading and short periods of silence. Participants find they leave feeling connected, hopeful, and filled with gratitude. This is an ecumenical service and open to all Christians. (Note: The Diocesan mask mandate will apply to this service as well.) Join us as we journey through Advent.

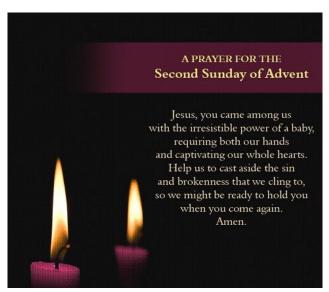
WE STILL NEED HELP!! Ushers and cleaners needed for after the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday Masses. **Call Andy Negrete** 255-3162 ext. 129 or email him at andyn@holytrinitydm.org

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

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

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS PROJECT 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 will provide a bountiful food basket and toys on December 19. Please let the Parish Office know now and be ready to provide contact info so we can get in touch.





PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED...

Karin Bruin, sister of Diane (Chris) Lang
of our Parish



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF NOV 29 2020

Budget - July 2020 - June 2021 YTD Actual Tithing through Nov 29 YTD Budget through Nov 29 \$1,008,000 \$396,198 \$404,729 YTD Overage (Deficit)
Tithing for the week ending Nov 29
Number of Donations Received

\$(8,561) \$6,728 37

2020 CHRISTMAS MASS RESERVATIONS



Reservations Required for all Christmas Masses http://htchristmasmasses.eventbrite.com?s=125954245

Make Your Christmas Reservation NOW!

In order to comply with city, state and diocese guidelines this year, it will be required that you make Reservations for all Christmas Masses.

Masses are on Dec 24 at 4 PM; 6:30 PM; 10:00 PM and on Dec 25 at 8:30 AM

How to Make Reservations: Go to this link http://htchristmasmasses.eventbrite.com?s=125954245 Once in the site, here are the steps to reserve your spot:

- Click on the mass you want to attend
- Click on REGISTER
- Choose the number of seats
- Click on REGISTER
- Enter First, Last name, email address and click REGISTER (you will get an email with "tickets")
- Reservation link will close on Dec 18

If you do not have access to the internet contact the Parish Office.

Important things to remember:

- Each mass will be limited to a maximum of 150 attendees
- Each family will be limited to 5 attendees in total -- if you require additional seating, please contact the Parish Office
- All reservations have assigned seating. Once you arrive to the mass you have reserved,
 Ushers will tell you what section and row you will be sitting in. This will be based on your reservation. No exceptions as space will be limited.
- You are required to arrive 20 mins before Mass begins to reduce the backup into the church
- All current guidelines will remain in place:
 - Face Masks are mandatory while in the church
 - Social Distance 6 feet from other families

We need Ushers and Sanitizers for each Mass. Please contact the Parish Office to help us out.

2020 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS OVERVIEW

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Reservations Required for all Christmas Masses CLICK HERE

2020 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS LITURGY PREVIEW

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Tuesday Dec 8 8:30AM and 6:30PM

CHRISTMAS EVE / DAY MASSES*
Thursday, December 24 4PM 6:30PM 10PM
Friday December 25 8:30AM

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY MASSES Saturday December 26 4:30PM Sunday Dec 27 8:30AM 10:30AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Friday, January 1 9AM

ADVENT INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS TIMES:

Advent is a perfect time for Reconciliation while preparing for the Lord's coming. Confessions will be held by the Holy Family Alcove. We will use the screen partition to enhance safety. His graces and blessings are awaiting you during this beautiful season.

Saturday-December 5th from 9-10 AM Saturday December 12 from 9-10 AM Wednesday December 16th from 6-7 PM





TAIZÉ SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY

6PM Sundays - December 6, 13, 20

Join us this Advent season for Taizé, an ecumenical prayer service that invites us to find a quiet place of peace in the middle of the busy Christmas season. Taizé is a meditative prayer service that incorporates scripture, song and periods of silence in an atmosphere of soft lighting. Taizé will be held on December 6th, 13th and 20th at 6 PM at Holy Trinity and will last about 45 minutes. We hope you can join us.

*Reservations required for Christmas Masses. Limited to 150 people. All Masses will also be online.





SCHOOL, PTO & COMMUNITY DEC 6 2020

SCRIP VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED The PTO is looking for volunteers to help coordinate SCRIP. If you are interested, please email Kaela Smith,

kaela.j.smith@gmail.com,

to learn more. SCRIP is a vital fundraiser for our school and we need someone to fill this role immediately. Thank you!



\$1500 TUITION GRANT

Families with children enrolled in non-Catholic schools may be eligible for a tuition grant at Holy Trinity. Tuition grants are available for each child (grades 1 – 7)

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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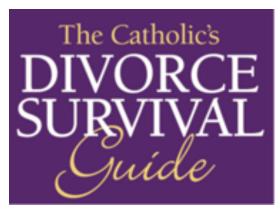
Holy Trinity Catholic School is currently seeking a full time 3 year old preschool associate for the 2020-2021 school year. This position reports Monday through Friday, 7:50AM – 3:20PM assisting a lead teacher. Paraeducator certification preferred but not required. Qualified candidates are able to assist in creating a supportive classroom atmosphere that nurtures students to recognize their gifts and talents through learning, faith, and collaboration.

4th Grade Teacher

Holy Trinity Catholic School is currently seeking a full time 4th Grade Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. This position will be responsible for teaching a class of 4th Grade students by creating a supportive classroom atmosphere that nurtures students to recognize their gifts and talents through learning, faith, and collaboration.

For more information about either job, please contact Melissa Reder at mreder@htschool.org or check out this link with more details. Please apply at www.teachiowa.gov





Catholic's DIVORCE HEALING Program -

Holy Trinity Parish is pleased to announce their hosting of *The Catholic's Divorce* Survival Guide ministry for men and women who have suffered from divorce: The 12week program features 30-minute DVD shows each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. The program will begin at Holy Trinity Parish on Sunday, December 6th at 6 PM. Call Bill and Ann Moore for more information, or to register, at 515-480-3314 (Bill) 641-425-0109 (Ann) or email moorefamilydsm@gmail.com. For more information visit www.catholicsdivorce.com

Due to COVID we can't have visitors in the school building! If you need to pick up a student early, call the attendance line 255-3162 x114, or email attendance@htschool.org prior to picking up.

- Ring Doorbell--come only into the school door vestibule area with a mask on DO NOT GO INTO the school
- Sign out your student and wait for them to meet you there

NOTES ON THE MASS DEC 6 2020

SPIRITUALITY OF THE READING

Preparing the Way

Unlike Matthew and Luke, Mark reports no genealogy for Jesus, yet he accomplishes the same thing they do: establishing Jesus' honorable status and authority.

Son of God

The word commonly translated "gospel" in $\underline{Mk\ 1:1}$ ("the beginning of the gospel of Jesus the Messiah") is more fittingly translated "proclamation."

Ancient Mediterranean people were familiar with proclamations. They were generally made on behalf of or about rulers (e.g., announcing the birth of a new ruler, reporting a recent military victory by the ruler). Mediterranean people would immediately wonder: who is this Jesus, and by what right does he make proclamations?

If this person is simply Jesus of Nazareth in Galilee (Mk 1:9), he would have little claim to honor. Recall Nathanael's incredulous question: "Can anything honorable come out of Nazareth?" (Jn 1:46). A village artisan has no authority to make proclamations.

Mark has a ready answer: Jesus is Son of God. This statement announces Jesus' status, the basis of his acquired honor by reason of which he can speak and act on behalf of God.

The Second Vatican Council's <u>Dogmatic Constitution on</u> <u>Divine Revelation</u> (no. 12) urges all who interpret the Bible to "investigate what the sacred writer intended to express and actually expressed." Mark actually expressed the phrase "Son of God." What did he intend to express? In Hebrew and other Semitic languages, the phrase "son of so-and-so" means "having the qualities of so-and-so." The phrase "son of man" means having the qualities of a man or person, hence in a word it means "human." The ancients understood thunder as the voice of God (see <u>Ps 29:3-9</u>), hence "sons of thunder" describes "those who echo the voice of God" (see <u>Mk 3:17</u>).

A son of God is one who has "the quality or qualities of God," hence one who is divine or divine-like. This is more than sufficient justification for Jesus' behavior as a proclaimer.

Mark

And who is this person who presumes to narrate the story of this extraordinary Jesus? What do we know about him? The gospel does not identify its author, but tradition (since Papias) has suggested a certain "Mark," companion of Peter in Rome (1 Pet 5:13). The belief is that Peter or his recollections stand behind this gospel no matter who "Mark" really is.

From a cultural perspective, that would be beside the point. Whatever his identity, this author presents an honorable personal status as strong as Jesus' status. In the second verse, the evangelist demonstrates ability to quote Scripture creatively. While citing explicitly only Isaiah, he has also included Malachi, demonstrating not only familiarity with the sacred traditions but creative ability to reshape them. Such skill was immediately recognized, highly regarded, and admired.

John the Baptizer

The third honorable figure to appear in this prologue is dressed like Elijah (Is 40:6; see 1 Kgs 1:8), preaches reform, and announces the advent of the Messiah. Yet for all his boldness, the Baptizer displays the appropriate and expected cultural humility. He describes the coming one as "more powerful than me" and declares himself "not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals" (Is 40:7). An honorable person never presumes to usurp the honor of another.

As a preacher, John is a smashing success. He addresses head on the day-to-day concerns of his predominantly peasant audience. The theme of John's preaching was "remission of debts" (translated "forgiveness of sins"). Jesus echoed this in the Lord's Prayer: "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt 6:12; Lk 11:4).

Peasants from the Judean countryside were deeply in debt. That honorable preachers like John and Jesus would proclaim remission of debts is good news. Advent is an opportune time for all Christians to address the burning issues of life courageously.

John J. Pilch

BRING THE GOSPEL HOME DEC 6 2020

READING I: Isaiah 30:19, 30

PSALM: 85:9-14

READING II: 2 Peter 3:8-14

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

Question for Children: How do you experience God taking care of you, even in times of trouble?

Question for Youth: John went out to announce the good news of the Messiah's coming. How can you be good news to your friends and family this week?

Question for Adults: When you hear Isaiah comfort the people by promising that God is like a shepherd who gathers the lambs into his arms, what is your response?





SAINT OF THE WEEK

Nicholas, Bishop, Fourth Century

Nicholas was born of wealthy parents and grew up to become a priest, and later a bishop. He is known as a generous man and has a reputation as a giver of anonymous gifts. His popularity spread throughout Europe after his death.

The custom of giving gifts to children in St. Nicholas' name originated in Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. Dutch Protestants who settled in New Amsterdam brought the tradition of St. Nicholas to America, though by this time he had been converted from a popular saint into a Nordic magician (Saint Nicholas became Sint Klaes, then Santa Claus).

This saint was known for his charity, which is the key characteristic in the many legends which exist about him. These stories tell us not only to be charitable, but to seek justice for those who would otherwise become victims.

Nicholas' message today: This saint was known for his charity, which is the key characteristic in the many legends which exist about him. These stories tell us not only to be charitable, but to seek justice for those who would otherwise become victims.

What can you do to help someone who is a victim of injustice?



PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF DEC 6 2020

	SUNDAY 12/6	MONDAY 12/7	TUESDAY 12/8	WEDNESDAY 12/9	THURSDAY 12/10	FRIDAY 12/11	SATURDAY 12/12
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		\$1 Jeans Day Supports Rural Schools					
FAITH FORMATION	St Nicholas Day			Faith Formation All Grades 6:30PM on Zoom			Individual Reconciliation 9-10AM
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM Taizé 6PM	No Communion Service	Immaculate Conception School Mass 8:30AM Grades K-2 & Mass 6:30PM RCIA 6:30PM on Zoom	Mass 8:30AM Hosted by 4TH	Mass 8 AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:15PM	School Mass 8:30AM Hosted by 6TH	Sunday Reading Group MEN'S 7:30AM SR WOMEN'S 8:30AM CH Mass 4:30PM
AND MORE	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Prepare						THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Joy

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 Dec 6 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Mass Peggy Hawkins
10:30 AM Mass Vicki Smith

6PM Taizé

Monday Dec 7 NO Communion Service

Tuesday Dec 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

8:30 AM Mass Ron Dittmer 6:30PM Mass Bob Weast

Wednesday Dec 9

8:30 AM Mass Ruth & Jim Wright

Thursday Dec 10

8 AM Mass Dr. Dick Kotz 2-9 PM Adoration Rosary 4:15PM

Friday Dec 11

8:30 AM Mass Irvin Kenne

Saturday Dec 12

9-10 AM Individual Reconciliation 4:30 PM Mass Special Intention

Sunday Dec 13 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Mass For the Parish 10:30 AM Mass Ron Nielsen 6PM Taizé NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS Saturday, Dec 12 4:30 PM Third Sunday of Advent

Altar Server Owen Wolfe
Lectors Karen Quiner
EMHC Team 3
Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

Sunday, Dec 13 8:30 AM Third Sunday of Advent

Altar Server Jack Ernst

Lectors Jean Severson & Ben Klaus

EMHC Team 2

Children's Liturgy No Children's Liturgy

Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

Sunday, Dec 13 10:30 AM Third Sunday of Advent

Altar Server Josh Spenceri

Lectors Matt Connolly & Tim Stacy

EMHC Team 2

Children's Liturgy No Children's Liturgy Musical Coordinator Dr. Kevin Allemagne

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WEEKDAY MASSES Tue, Wed & Fri 8:30 AM / Thurs 8AM



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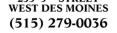
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