July 12

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."

Matthew 13:1-23

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GREETINGS.

I have brief update for the parish this week.

A reminder, beginning this week, our weekday Mass schedule has changed. Our weekday Masses will be Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 AM, Thursday at 6 PM, and Friday at 8 AM. We will maintain the once-a-week evening Mass for the time being. Our weekend schedule will be the normal schedule for now of 4:30 PM on Saturday and 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM on Sunday morning.

Our weekend public Masses have gone well. Our numbers were as follows for July 4-5: Saturday 4:30PM, 52 people, Sunday 8:30 AM, 72 people, and Sunday 10:30 AM, 68 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. Your consideration for others is greatly appreciated. It is great to see people in the church again and the music was excellent! Though, at the advice of the Diocese, we are still encouraged to keep congregational singing to a minimum at present as an added precaution. We look forward to seeing you soon.

An update on the annual appeal: We currently have 287 pledges for a total of \$99,475. This is out of 1250 parish households. Our assessment this year is \$108,155. Again, thank you so much to all those who have made such a generous gift thus far. If you've not yet had a chance to make a pledge, please give this your most prayerful consideration. We do need everyone's help if we are to make our assessment. A reminder, if we don't make our assessment, the difference will have to be made up out of our operating funds. If we go over our assessment, that difference then stays here at Holy Trinity for our use.

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

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MASSES ARE BACK! You can still worship along with us on Facebook LIVE. Our Facebook page is public -- so you do not need an account to view our videos. Go to <u>https://www.facebook.com/htschooldm</u> 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 <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 have begun to plan for Communion Home Visits for those who find themselves isolated due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Please inform Sandy Stacy, Pastoral Care Minister if you desire to receive Communion in your home.

It is our plan to offer Communion Visits once a month to our Parishioners. The Homebound ministers will be required to wear a mask. The Parishioners are strongly encouraged to wear a mask, with the exception of the reception communion. We will practice the use of hand sanitizer and six-foot distancing with the exception of the reception of communion. When possible, the communion service should be practiced outside. Depending on the number or Home visit requests we may need to recruit Communion Ministers. Sandy Stacy will help individuals discern if they feel comfortable engaging in this ministry. Contact Sandy at 255 3162 ext 124.

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS! **To advertise contact Andy Negrete 255-3162 ext. 129 or** andyn@holytrinitydm.org NEXT BAPTISM CLASS ON MONDAY-JULY 20 If you would like your child baptized at Holy Trinity, a baptism class is required. We are planning to hold our Baptism Class on Monday, July 20th in the Media Center of our school. (Due to the CO-VID 19 restrictions, we may have to hold class on zoom.) Please call the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext. 128 to sign up by July 16th. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful Sacrament with your family!

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@holytrinitydm.org if you are an individual that could use assistance or go to our website https://holytrinitydm.org/coronavirus-updates for more info. Again, thank you volunteers!

FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION ST. MARY OF NAZARETH Visit <u>www.stmarys@stmarysdsm.org</u> for full job description

FAITH FORMATION OPENINGS AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI:

Director of Adult Faith Formation and a Director of Youth Faith Formation. The Director of Adult FF is responsible for the overall development of faith formation for adults in the community and parish, implementing and maintaining initiatives to serve them. The Director of Youth FF is responsible for the overall coordination, management, and evaluation of the youth faith formation programs. Both positions are full-time and report to the pastor. For more information and for complete job descriptions and qualifications, please refer to the following web page: <u>https://saintfrancischurch.org/engage/programs-bypillar/formation/</u>. Application deadline is July 27th.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED... Jim Boesen, alumni & friend of Holy Trinity



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF JUNE 28 2020

Budget - July 2019 - June 2020 YTD Budget through June 28 YTD Actual Tithing through June 28 \$1,008,000 \$1,008,000 \$1,002,339 YTD Overage (Deficit) Tithing for the week ending June 28 Number of Donations Received

\$(5,656) \$3,634 41

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



Holy Trinity Virtual Vacation Bible School

Participant Registration

July 20-24, 2020



Accepting children entering *DK/K through 5th grade in the fall of 2020.* Older students and adults are encouraged to volunteer (please see volunteer form for more information) *Current Background Check & Virtus training is required for all volunteers 18 & older.*

Registration ends Monday July 13

Registration fee is \$40 per child (up to \$100 family maximum). Payment must accompany form. *T-shirt sizes will not be Guaranteed after July 6th!

Child's Name	Age	Date of Birth	Grade (Fall 2020)	Gender	*T-shirt Size (Youth S - XXL)	Allergies/Concerns
Parent/Guardian Name:						
Telephone: (please indicate home or mobile)						
Email (please print clearly as this is our primary form of communication):						
Emergency Contact Name/Relationship/Phone:						
Registration Fee (cash or checks made payable to Holy Trinity) - (\$100 Family Maximum)						
\$40 per child I would like to talk to someone about financial assistance						
Music CD's will be included this year is each Participant's VBS kit.						
Registration forms due by Monday, July 6th, 2020						
Please return to the Parish Office or mail to Holy Trinity (2926 Beaver Ave. Des Moines, IA 50310).						
VBS Questions can be directed to John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation: johnm@holytrinitydm.org, or via telephone						
at (515) 255-3162 extension 224.						

Photo Release: In order to celebrate and share our efforts at VBS with the rest of the Holy Trinity Parish, we may use photos of the week on our website, in our bulletin, or in some other fashion. Please indicate below whether you give permission for you child's photo to be used in such a way.

_____I consent to having photos of my child(ren) used in this manner.

____I DO NOT consent to having photos of my child(ren) used in this manner.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: _



Tuition Assistance

The application for CTO tuition assistance for 2020-21 just got easier! Submit your application along with your **2018 Tax Returns** plus your 2019 W-2s (or 1099s, if self-employed)! Round 2 applications are due July 31; apply today and you'll know your tuition assistance before school starts this fall!

CTO CATHOLIC TUITION ORGANIZATION



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 <u>www.ctodsmdiocese.org</u> to learn more and apply. You can apply at <u>fairapp.com</u> 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.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AT HOLY TRINITY What is Early Childhood Education (ECE)? Early Childhood Education (ECE) is a continuum of programs, services, and classes designed to support brain development, cognitive function and the social-emotional growth of children ages 3-5 (before they begin kindergarten). Holy Trinity offers a full continuum of ECE classes. We offer full-day Preschool (3year-olds), Pre-Kindergarten (4-year-olds), Transitional Kindergarten (5-year-olds not yet ready for kindergarten), and Extended Care (care provided before the school day begins and after the school day ends).Our ECE curriculum is aligned with Iowa Common Core and our K-12 school curriculum. Coursework includes faith-formation, academic growth, social skills development, and enrichment activities like art, PE, library and computer classes. Our focus on literacy development helps ensure students are at or above grade level across all disciplines by third grade. How Can ECE Benefit My Child? One of many benefits of ECE is socialization. Students are provided opportunities to interact and move toward associative and cooperative play with same age peers. You can't get that learning in the same way at home as an only child or with multi-age siblings. Moreover, ECE programs build school readiness skills such as following directions, sustained attention during group time, self-care skills, response to peer conflict, and more. Want to Give Your Little One a Jump Start? There's still time to register for Early Childhood Education at Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools, but space is limited. Visit www.dmdiocese.org/catholic-schools to find a Catholic school near you today!



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Please consider helping support this vital tuition assistance fund https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/bishops-catholic-schools-tuition-assistance-fund

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

Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School

RETURN TO LEARN PLAN JULY 7 DRAFT

DAILY PRECAUTIONS

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

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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DISCOVER THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIFFERENCE AND EARN A

\$1,500 TUITION GRANT

FIND OUT MORE AT HOLYTRINITYDM.ORG/ENROLL/TUITION-INFORMATION

HERE'S AN IDEA WE THINK YOU'LL LOVE ... \$1,500 TUITION GRANT FOR NEW FAMILIES!

Hey parents! Are you interested in a [SCHOOL NAME] education for your child, but concerned about tuition? Thanks to the Welcome Tuition Grant program, your child could qualify for a \$1,500 grant to help offset the cost of tuition your first two years. **Here's How the Program Works:** 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. Some restrictions may apply. For more information and to claim your Welcome Tuition Grant, contact Delaney Lynch at dlynch@htschool.org.

• Year one = \$1,000 discount on full tuition for each eligible student.

• Year two = \$500 discount on full tuition for each eligible student.

Current Family \$500 Referral Bonus for each student that enrolls





READING I: Isaiah 55:10-11

PSALM: 65:10-14

READING II: Romans 8:18-23

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

Question for Children: Who helps you to grow deeper in your faith?

Question for Youth: When the sower, in this week's Gospel, sowed his seed, not all of it fell in "good soil." What can you do in the coming week to make sure that you are open to God in your life? What is getting in the way of your being "good soil?"

Question for Adults: Using the parable of Jesus in this reading, describe how faith has been planted in your life? How long did it take for that seed to land "on good soil?"

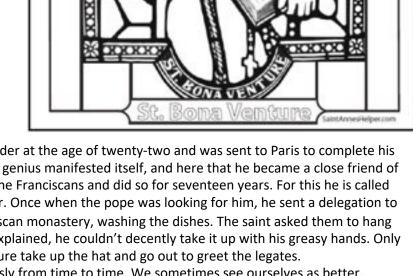
SAINT OF THE WEEK

Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor

Saint Bonaventure entered the Franciscan order at the age of twenty-two and was sent to Paris to complete his studies. It was in Paris that his reputation for genius manifested itself, and here that he became a close friend of Thomas Aquinas. He was elected to govern the Franciscans and did so for seventeen years. For this he is called the "second founder" of the Franciscan order. Once when the pope was looking for him, he sent a delegation to find him. Bonaventure was found at a Franciscan monastery, washing the dishes. The saint asked them to hang the hat on the bough of a tree because, he explained, he couldn't decently take it up with his greasy hands. Only when he had finished his work did Bonaventure take up the hat and go out to greet the legates. Many of us tend to take ourselves too seriously from time to time. We sometimes see ourselves as better, smarter, richer, more successful than others, and look down on them. Bonaventure recognized that whatever gifts he had received came from God. They did not make him a better person than his "brother and master."

Bonaventure's message today: Many of us tend to take ourselves too seriously from time to time. We sometimes see ourselves as better, smarter, richer, more successful than others, and look down on them. Bonaventure recognized that whatever gifts he had received came from God. They did not make him a better person than his "brother and master."

Do you sometimes feel that you are superior to another? Have you used your riches and power to accomplish good in the world or merely to indulge yourself and your family?



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SPIRITUALITY OF THE READINGS

Yearning for God's Goodness

The readings for this nearly mid-summer Sunday reflect the beauties of the earth: its golden harvests, its astonishing Spring, its delicate birds, beasts, mountains, hills and plains. Even in this time of virus, those whose eyes can see will find infinite surprise!

I must be fully myself and allow God to do the rest.

Yes, even in this time of virus and troubles.

I want to quote a complete poem in this space, hoping that I am not just indulging my attachment to poetry. The Jesuit poet Hopkins was so filled with the world's beauty that I want him to speak here, in the poem called "Pied Beauty."<u>*</u>

Glory be to God for dappled things— For skies of couple-color as a brinded cow; For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim; Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings; Landscape plotted and pieced—fold, fallow, and plough; And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim. All things counter, original, spare, strange; Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?) With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim; He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change: Praise him.*

Some of the language is unusual, I admit. I hope the footnote below will help you, especially when you read the poem out loud. If you spend time with these glorious images you will come to love our ever-evolving blue planet like someone bathing in the gentle tide of ocean swirl. All of it luxuriant, all of it precious.

In the <u>First Reading</u> the Lord uses this ebb and flow of seasons to show the workings of his visceral love for the earth. He says,

"Just as the rain and snow come down to earth, and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, ...

so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth. It comes to the world and does not return until it has moistened and nourished life in every single creature that will receive it." A fruitful harvest, the Psalm calls it.

Then, in the <u>Second Reading</u>, St. Paul speaks of all creation groaning in labor pains. Human beings too groan within themselves like seeds which break open and push their way through tough ground and evolve into full trees that stretch up for Christ's light.

Can such rich images apply to you and me? How is our own soil? God pours his grace into it always. Do you and I groan and yearn for the goodness of God which is already lavished upon us? Do we take time each day to let love in? Or when we listen to the Word on Sunday, perhaps with some interest, do we then forget everything by Monday?

Jesus lists a number of things we might have to correct in order to accept the gifts he has ready for us (<u>Gospel</u>).

We might be shallow ground, he says. Or rocky soil. Weeds might choke us. Discouraging, isn't it? Must I pretend to be rich soil, though I know my shallowness? No. I must be fully myself and allow God to do the rest.

The Indian poet Tagore put it this way: The cloud stood humbly in a corner of the sky. The morning crowned it with splendor. (Tagore, <u>Stray Birds</u>, #100)

Let us be humble and join in the revolving refreshment of all earthly things. Can't we open our leaves, and allow the sun to come in?

John Foley, SJ



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PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF JULY 12 2020

	SUNDAY 7/12	MONDAY 7/13	TUESDAY 7/14	WEDNESDAY 7/15	THURSDAY 7/16	FRIDAY 7/17	SATURDAY 7/18
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		School Office Closed through July 15					
FAITH FORMATION							
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM		Mass 8AM	Mass 8AM	Mass 6PM	Mass 8AM	Mass 4:30PM
AND MORE		Parish Office Summer Hours 8AM to 2PM					

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

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE A Sunday July 12	ND INTENTIONS	NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS Saturday, July 18 4:30PM				
8:30 AM Mass	For the Parish	Altar Server	No Servers at This Time			
10:30 AM Mass	Vicki Smith	Lectors	Mary Sanders & Chris Lang			
Monday July 13	NO Mass or	EMHC	Team 3 Tom Quiner			
	Comm Srvce	Musical Coordinator				
Tuesday July 14		Sunday, July 19 8:30 AM				
8 AM Mass	Ron Dittmer	Altar Server	No Servers at This Time			
Wednesday July 15		Lectors	Tammy Keiter			
8 AM Mass	Frank Comito	EMHC	Team 2			
Thursday July 16		Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy			
	NO Adoration	Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner			
6 PM Mass	Janice Weast	Sunday, July 19 10:30 AM				
Friday July 17		Altar Server	No Servers at This Time			
8 AM Mass	Anna Harrington	Lectors	Teresa Baustian & Jim Wilwerding			
Saturday July 18		EMHC	Team 1			
	NO Reconciliation	Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy			
4:30 PM Mass	For the Parish	Musical Coordinator	Dr. Kevin Allemagne			
Sunday July 19		WEEKEND MASSES Sat 4:30PM / Sun 8:30 & 10:30AM				
8:30 AM Mass	Joe Oertli					
10:30 AM Mass	Jeanine Rothermel	WEEKDAY MASSES Tue, Wed & Fri 8 AM / Thur 6PM				

