October 11

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

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"Many are invited, but few are chosen" Matthew 21:1 - 14

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GREETINGS. As fall begins and the seasons start to shift, heading toward the month of thanks and giving, we may find ourselves asking: What does it mean to be Holy and giving people? People, places, things and events can be holy. But true holiness means to be set apart for the work of God. In a world that does not always honor holiness, stewardship can help us learn how to see our personal resources: our time, our talents, our treasures, as a holy gift to and from God. Each year we ask you to pray about your stewardship to your Parish community: how much good it does for you and your family and how much good you can give back through tithing.

The biblical understanding of tithing comes from the idea that God made us with a desire to give of ourselves. We give out of a sense of gratitude for our many gifts and out of a desire to reach out to others. Giving out of gratitude to God can help us to keep our gifts in proper perspective.

The Bible shows us that God will not be outdone in generosity. As we reflect on the holiness of our own gifts, we are also invited to reflect upon the holiness of God's gifts to us. When we see all that we have as a gift, we gain a new perspective on our call to be giving people.

"Tell the rich in the present age not to be proud and not to rely on so uncertain a thing as wealth but rather on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life." - 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Throughout sacred scripture we learn that everything ultimately belongs to God. He made the world and all that is in it. He made us and blessed us with absolutely every gift we have. Our lives, our families, our health, our education, our unique talents and skills, our job and our income are all blessings from God, entrusted into our care for the good of all peoples. Thus, when we tithe we are returning a portion of our gifts to the One who has given to us so generously.

Our Parish Needs your support to pay the expenses and financial obligations it incurs as it operates in a commercial society. Salaries, benefits, insurance, maintenance, utilities and all the other expenses incurred in maintaining our parish's many programs and ministries. Additionally, we are called to care for the poor among us and spread the Gospel message as best we can. Your support is needed to carry out this mission.

Often, those who tithe report that the practice of giving to a worthy cause brings a sense of joy, peace, contentment, and more holiness to their lives.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver". 2 Corinthians. 9:7

Please look for your annual tithing letter coming soon. Thank you, God Bless you and God Bless Holy Trinity.

Fr Mark FR Mank

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JOIN US FOR MASS or worship online on Facebook LIVE at <u>https://www.facebook.com/htschooldm</u>. 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.

Watch on Facebook!



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!! We need ushers and cleaners after the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday Masses. **Please contact Andy Negrete** 255-3162 ext. 129 or 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!

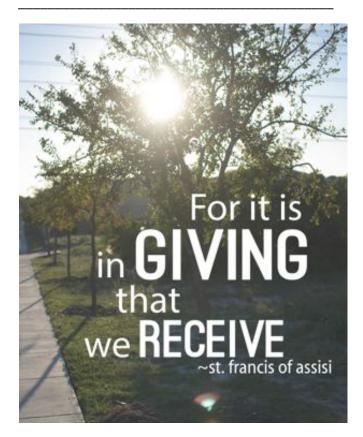
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)TO BEGIN THIS FALL Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about becoming Catholic? Join us as we begin the journey this Fall on Tuesday Oct 13 at 6:30PM in the church. For more info or to sign up, contact Jim Wilwerding at 515 771-1847 or the Parish Office 515 255-3162 X128.

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MUSICIANS' LITURGY, BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING



Musicians, liturgists, pastors and guests: Please join the Des Moines Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) on Sun, Nov 22, 2020, 2 PM at St. Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High Street, Des Moines, IA, 50309. Come, "make a joyful noise" as we celebrate our second annual Musicians' Liturgy, Blessing and Commissioning. Contact Angie Murphy, Chapter Director, <u>angiemickeymurphy@gmail.com</u>, to RSVP or for further information.



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED... Robert Bell, brother of Barb (Jim) Shutt of our Parish



Frank Celsi, Brother of Anna DeMarco of our Parish

FINANCIAL	BLESSINGS	ENDING	WEEK OF	SEP 27	2020	

Budget - July 2020 - June 2021	\$1,008,000	YTD Overage (Deficit)	\$(155)
YTD Actual Tithing through Sep 27	\$238,719	Tithing for the week ending Sep 27	\$29,702
YTD Budget through Sep 27	\$238,874	Number of Donations Received	304

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

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH OCT 11 2020

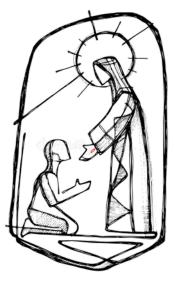
Holy Trinity Members are invited to the Healing Mass Thursday, October 15 at 9 AM

If you or a family member desire God's healing grace, come to the **Healing Mass Thursday October 15 at 9 AM**. Father Mark and Father Greg Leach will offer the Sacrament of the Sick during this liturgy.

Anyone experiencing pain or distress whether mental, physical, or spiritual, is a candidate for the Sacrament of the Sick.

We are requesting that parishioners make a reservation with Sandy Stacy, Pastoral Care Minister. Please call the Parish office at 255-3162 ext 124 and let us know how many will be attending in your family.

We want to allow for the safety of all individuals attending this Mass. Physical distancing will be provided and we request you wear a mask.



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NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OCT 11 2020

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



This week our students have been enjoying and exploring the changing of the seasons. Many parents, like you, have also been exploring changing schools and have a lot of great questions we know you may be asking as well. Here are some of the most FAQ:

- Do students have the option to be 100% online? If so, how many students currently have selected that option? Yes, they can be 100% online -- we have about 5% of the school learning online for the first trimester.
- What type of devices does HT use? iPads? Chromebooks? Etc? What is the ratio for students/devices? Both iPads and Chromebooks with a 1:1 ratio in Middle School, 2:1 in elementary, 4:1 for early ed and for 1:1 for online learners.
- What type of technology does HT use? Schoology? SeeSaw? Zoom? Etc? Seesaw, Google Classroom and Zoom.
- Average class size per grade? 19-20 students per class with two classes per grade band except in early education which maxes out at 16 per class.
- Are sports/clubs/etc. still being offered in light of COVID? Yes, many of them are.
- Is HT still accepting new students for the 2020 2021 school year? We have limited space in Pre-School 3s, Pre-Kindergarten 4s, Transitional Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8. We have online only openings until January for Grade 4.
- What sets HT apart from other local Catholic schools? Holy Trinity has a history of graduating students who are well-prepared to do well in high school and beyond. There is an authentic feeling of community and connection within the students and the families who attend, with a rich tradition of alumni returning to send their students as well. We concentrate on ensuring we have exceptional teachers, innovation in our curriculum and classrooms, a safe and nurturing space, plus parent partnership within an environment where children grow and learn in wisdom and faith.

\$1500 TUITION GRANT

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 to find out more today!



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

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NOTES FROM THE PTO OCT 11 2020



BEAVERDALE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE GOES ONLINE

The Beaverdale Holiday Boutique goes online for 2020! This exciting online event will be held from November 1-11, 2020 on our Facebook Beaverdale Holiday Boutique page. Artisans, crafters and vendors will sell a variety of items through our Facebook storefront. Vendor applications are being accepted until October 10. Please invite your favorite vendor to participate! Shoppers can purchase gifts plus preorder 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 November 13 from 4-8 PM and November 14 from 8 AM until 2 PM.





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

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** WALKATHON

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.

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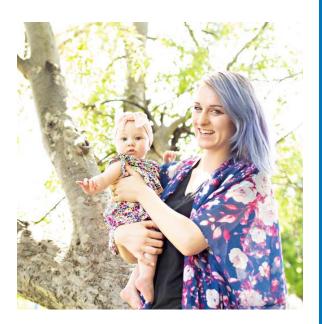
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Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign October 2020



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:

- 1. 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)

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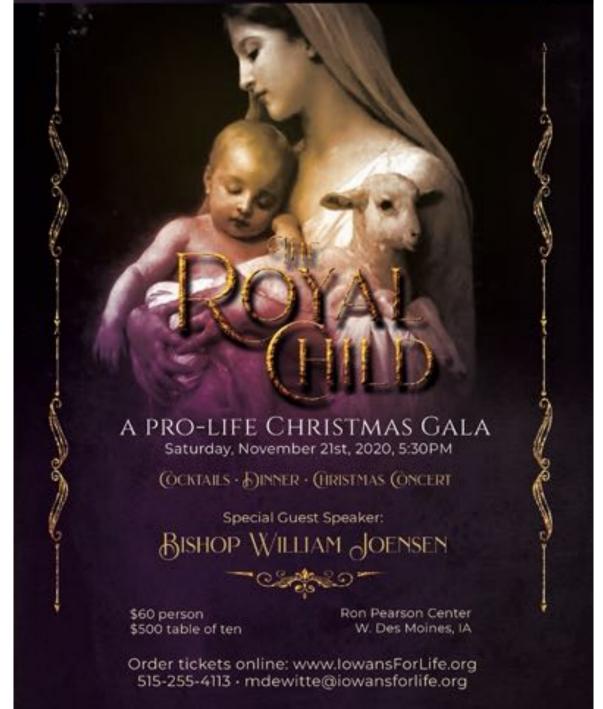
- 3. Make sure to attribute your gift to our parish!
- 4. Pray for the moms & babies of InnerVisions HealthCare

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IOWANS FOR LIFE PRESENTS THE TENTH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET



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.

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SPIRITUALITYOF THE READING

All Good Gifts

You probably saw <u>Babette's Feas</u>t, or at least have heard about it. An impoverished fine cook from Paris makes her way into a small Danish town where the religion of the area made people hard and cold to each other, at least according to this movie, afraid to enjoy or even to relate to each other. Babette had only a small stash of possessions, but she was a top chef. So she prepared, over many days, a huge, delectable, exquisite feast, serving after serving, all for the uptight townspeople. As they began to taste and enjoy, they began also to communicate in kindness to each other. They even danced!

Food is meant to be enjoyed, not refused.

I have heard people say that the movie promoted selfindulgence, and I do not endorse such a thing. But I do notice similarities to the huge feast we hear about in the <u>First</u> <u>Reading</u>.

It is the famous invitation from the Lord of Hosts, full of unstinting promise. "A feast of rich food and choice wines," Isaiah says. A great feast, a "groaning board" in medieval England, just like the banquet in Babette's Feast.

Sunday's <u>Gospel</u> has a sumptuous feed too. The king gets his very best livestock fattened up, seasoned, readied for cooking, with invitations sent out. If you thought the people in Babette's town were reluctant, look what happened here. Some people refused outright to come. Others simply ignored the invitation as if it had not been given, and a number "laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them." The king punished these and then invited in street people. Food is meant to be enjoyed, not refused.

But with so many people starving in today's world, how dare we fatten ourselves up with rich food and every other kind of riches? Shouldn't we much more becomingly abstain and deny ourselves? Isn't the "First World" currently fattening itself on food far more lavish than the ancient world could ever have imagined? Advertisements in the United States tell us we should luxuriate, should pamper ourselves, should not hold back. "Who says you can't have it all," they say. How are we to respond, we who try to be faithful to God and God's promises?

But remember that Jesus both fasted and feasted. He abstained from food for forty days at the beginning of his public ministry. But later on he said, "The Son of Man came eating and drinking and they said, 'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners' (<u>Mt. 11:19</u>)." How would he have gotten such a reputation except by enjoying his times with others at meals?

Which is it for us, then, fasting or feasting?

I think the answer is simple yet difficult to grow into. I think we are meant to receive humbly and to give to others as well. The mistake is to adopt a stance of only receiving (getting, grabbing) or on the other hand, only giving (giving, with nothing in return). Sunday's readings invite us to come into the kingdom, to open up, eat, enjoy what is there.

To receive as Jesus did.

He went deep, accepting all things as coming from God's hand. Then, when it was time to let go of it all—life, friends, peace and possessions—he did that with love. Receive and give. Jesus wants us to receive his life and then give it out to the world.

John Foley, SJ

The Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

- ISAIAH 25:6 -

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READING I: Isaiah 25:6-10a

PSALM: 23:1-6

READING II: Philippians 4:12-20

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Question for Children: Why is it important for you to do what Jesus asks of you?

Question for Youth: Each week we are invited to participate in Mass. When you are at Mass, how well do you really participate? How could you be more present in heart, mind, and spirit?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words who will be welcome and why they will be welcome, at the eternal banquet of God.

Margaret Mary Alacoque, Religious

SAINT OF THE WEEK Born the fifth of seven children to the family of an official in France, Margaret was a good child, but she was not particularly smart or clever. When she was old enough, she entered a convent of the Visitation nuns. At the time, this order had two classes of nuns. The choir nuns were the cultivated, educated nuns who did the teaching and sang in the choir, while the lay nuns were the unschooled women who did the menial chores in the convent. Margaret Mary was a part of this second group. Hers was not an easy life, and she suffered the scorn and ridicule of some of the learned nuns because of her piety. Strongly devoted to Christ, Margaret Mary accepted her suffering in the name of Jesus. The Lord made himself know to her several times throughout the years, and based on this, she promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart which we still have in the Church today.

Margaret Mary's message today: Many of the saints were scorned because of their lives of devotion and prayer; Margaret Mary was one of these, although her sanctity was eventually recognized by those in her community. Likewise, we may experience the same reaction when we try to live out our Christian beliefs. Jesus encourages us to persevere, however, as he did in his visions to Margaret Mary.

Was there a time when you were rebuffed because of what you believe in? Were you able to persevere? How?

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PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF OCT 11 2020

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	SUNDAY 10/11	MONDAY 10/12	TUESDAY 10/13	WEDNESDAY 10/14	THURSDAY 10/15	FRIDAY 10/16	SATURDAY 10/17	
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30PM	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30PM		NO SCHOOL KC Open Parent Teacher Conferences 8-11AM	NO SCHOOL KC Open		
FAITH FORMATION								
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM	No Communion Service Men's Bible Study 8PM	School Mass 8:30AM Grades K-2 RCIA 6:30PM CH	School Mass 8:30AM Hosted by 5H Grades 3-5	Mass 8 AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary at 4:15PM	Mass 8:30 AM	Sunday Reading Group MEN'S 7:30AM SR WOMEN'S 8:30AM CH Mass 4:30PM	
AND MORE		Scholastic Book Fair Open Online All Week <u>Book Fair</u> <u>Homepage</u>						

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

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE AN Sunday Oct 11	ND INTENTIONS	NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS Saturday, Oct 17 4:30 PM				
8:30 AM Mass	Irvin Kenne	Altar Server	Need Volunteer			
10:30 AM Mass	Helen Byington & Karly Beavers	Lectors	Lorraine Riseley			
Monday Oct 12		EMHC	Team 1			
8 AM	NO Communion Service	Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner			
Tuesday Oct 13		Sunday, Oct 18 8:30 AM				
8:30 AM Mass	Gene Kraber	Altar Server	Jack Ernst			
Wednesday Oct 14		Lectors	John Goode & Guy Leman			
8:30 AM Mass	Bill Webb	EMHC	Team 3			
Thursday Oct 15		Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy			
Thursday Oct 15 2-9 PM Rosary at 4:15PM	Adoration	Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner			
8 AM Mass	Therese Gilroy					
	merese anoy	Sunday, Oct 18 10:30 AM				
Friday Oct 16		Altar Server	Need Volunteer			
8:30 AM Mass	Mary Bleimehl	Lectors	Mark Amadeo & Lisa Rea			
Saturday Oct 17		EMHC	Team 2			
3-4 PM	NO Reconciliation	Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy			
4:30 PM Mass	Jim Boesen	Musical Coordinator	Dr. Kevin Allemagne			
Sunday Oct 18		WEEKEND MASSES Sat 4:30 PM / Sun 8:30 & 10:30 AM				
8:30 AM Mass	Bill Hicks					
10:30 AM Mass	For the Parish	WEEKDAY MASSES Tue, Wed & Fri 8:30 AM / Thurs 8AM				

