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June 21

12th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Taking the Journey TOGETHER

*"Whoever denies me
before others,
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Heavenly Father."*

Matthew 10:26-33



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FROM FATHER MARK JUNE 21 2020

GREETINGS.

Last week we were able to return to the public celebration of weekday Mass. It was great to see people in the church again! We do have ample room for more people for those interested at this time. We hope to be able to resume public weekend Masses the last weekend of this month. This is tentative at present, and we will need to wait for the official ok from Bishop Joensen. But, I think we are getting close!

We are still taking on more volunteers to be lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and ushers. As we are required to disinfect the Church after each Mass, once we begin weekend Masses, volunteers to help disinfect would also be greatly appreciated. It is not difficult and instruction and will be provided.

We are aware there have been some sound issues with our online Masses (echo, etc). We are currently looking into some ways to correct this. I will keep you updated as we continue our regathering process.

An update on our annual appeal: As of last week, we were at \$92,970 in gifts and outstanding pledges. Our assessment this year is \$108,155. We currently have 256 pledges from our 1250 registered parish households. Thank you to all who have made such generous pledges this far.

I know this is a difficult time. Rest assured that all gifts are deeply appreciated and any gift, regardless of amount, does help us meet our obligation to the diocese. If we fall short, the difference will have to be made up out of our operating funds. If you have not yet had a chance to make a pledge or gift, I ask that you please give your most prayerful consideration to what you might be able to do to assist in our parish effort. Thank you for your continued support of Holy Trinity Parish.

Finally, as we know there has been a great deal of unrest in our nation as issues of racial discrimination and inequality continue to be addressed. Let us all take this very important concern to our prayer and also consider what concrete actions we might be able to take in our own daily lives to bring greater justice to all in our nation and in our communities. Our faith tells us we are all made in the image and likeness of God and all are called to love our neighbor. We are called to do our best to treat one another as brother, sister, and neighbor. It will take all of us working together to transform our communities so that all can experience the dignity and respect that all are due as children of God.

Take care and may God bless us all, and may God bless Holy Trinity.

Fr. Mark

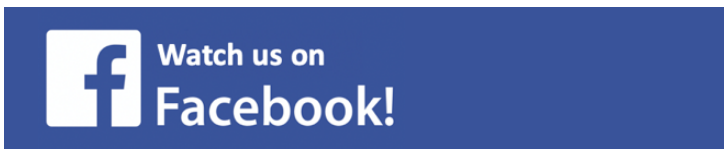
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NOTES FROM THE CHURCH JUNE 21 2020

WEEKEND MASSES are on Facebook LIVE at 4:30PM on Saturday and at 8:30AM Sunday. Our Facebook page is public -- so you do not need an account to view our videos. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/htschoolm> 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 you would like to view. All public Daily Masses are streamed LIVE on Facebook, please check here for days and times <https://holytrinitydm.org/mass-times/>



Q & A WITH FATHER MARK WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM— WE NEED YOUR INPUT!! Father Mark Q&A LIVE on Facebook is evolving. It will now be a pre-recorded video where he will be available to answer you in the comment section. But we need your input on the topics and timing! This [short 5 minute survey](#) will help us make sure we stay connected online with what you want. Our [FACEBOOK](#) page is public – no account required. Please email your questions to fmneal@holytrinitydm.org or parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org

HELP FOR HT PARISHIONERS

We are so appreciative to all those volunteers who helped their fellow parishioners during this COVID-19 Pandemic. **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.**

You can always go to our website <https://holytrinitydm.org/coronavirus-updates> for more info. Again, thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!

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Thank you to all who have been able to give! **We are close to our goal but not quite there yet.** Please pray about being able to contribute to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.



CGS TRAINING Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is experiential faith formation for children ages 3-7 in a sacred space, called an "Atrium" where children encounter our Good Shepherd, Jesus. It is a Montessori approach to faith formation which helps prepare children for life in the church and the world beyond. The training below is available for anyone interested in assisting or being a catechist in our 3-6 year old Atrium. There are other training closer to home available, and finances need not be an issue. If you have questions about how you can be involved, please contact Michelle Helm, CGS coordinator at 515-505-0280.

MASS INTENTIONS/PUBLIC MASSES RESUME!

- June 21 Ruth & Jim Wright 8:30AM ONLINE
- June 22 For All Affected by COVID 19 NO MASS
- June 23 Vickie McElroy 8AM MASS
- June 24 Helen Byington 6PM MASS
- June 25 Dr. Franklin & Family 6PM MASS
- June 26 Mary Steinke 8AM MASS
- June 27 For the Parish 8AM MASS/4:30PM ONLINE
- June 29 Lynette Donner & Marlene Sieck 8:30 AM ONLINE

**Parish Office Summer Hours
Monday-Friday 8AM – 2PM**

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED...

Mary Beth Althoff, mother of Megan (Aaron) Wolfe of our Parish



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF JUNE 7 2020

Budget - July 2019 - June 2020	\$1,008,000	YTD Overage (Deficit)	\$15,535
YTD Budget through June 7	\$946,975	Tithing for the week ending June 7	\$32,029
YTD Actual Tithing through June 7	\$962,510	Number of Donations Received	255

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



NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL JUNE 21 2020

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!



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The Catholic Tuition Organization wants to help you invest in your child's future. Applications for Round 2 are now being accepted. They pay around 20%-50% of tuition to Holy Trinity based on need. Please start by going to <https://ctodsmdiocese.org> to see if you qualify. You can apply at 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.

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

Do you know anyone who is worried their student is not quite ready for Kindergarten this fall? Please let them know Holy Trinity School offers the option of Transitional Kindergarten for those who may need a little more time. They can [check out more about the class here](#) and can [start the enrollment process at this link](#).

Thank you for sharing!



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



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NOTES FROM THE DIOCESE JUNE 21 2020

REGATHERING IN A PHASED APPROACH



The Diocese of Des Moines is allowing parishes to regather for the public celebration of Mass based on consultation with local medical professionals, Iowa Department of Public Health data and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Bishop William Joensen took the unprecedented step of suspending all public Masses on March 15 as the state closed businesses and activities to stem the spread of COVID-19. An ad hoc committee of laity and clergy representing all parts of the diocese recommended to Bishop Joensen a phased-in approach for returning to the public celebration of Mass based on a consistent decline in the number of newly diagnosed cases of the coronavirus and the advice of medical professionals.

- Parishes in Dallas, Polk and Warren Counties can enter Phase 1 as early as June 11, though pastors may choose to wait until a later date. **When the bishop gives his permission, those parishes can move to Phase 2, possibly as soon as June 27-28.**

Even when Sunday Masses are available in parishes, the obligation to attend will remain suspended. Vulnerable persons and those who interact with them are encouraged to remain at home and watch the celebration of Mass online.

The public celebration of Masses may be scaled back if there is a spike in the number of COVID-19 cases or on the advice of medical professionals.

Bishop Joensen asks that all parishioners wait patiently for their own parish's resumption of Masses. Because of social distancing requirements, the number of people who can attend may be limited.

"An occasional presence at Mass, and not daily, makes it possible for more parishioners to attend Mass in a safe fashion," said Bishop Joensen. "Practicing these self-disciplines is a grace-filled act of charity for others, who equally hunger for our Eucharistic Lord."

When Catholics return to church for Mass, they will find some practices have changed. To minimize the spread of COVID-19, the wearing of masks will be strongly encouraged, there will be minimized singing, and worship aids will be removed. Parishes are encouraged to continue offering Mass online in either a livestream or recorded format.

[Here](#) is more information.

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IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR PARISH SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER St Ambrose Cathedral Des Moines, Iowa.

The Cathedral is seeking a practicing Catholic for a Secretary/Bookkeeper. This is a full time position (Monday through Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm) with an increase in hours during Church Calendar peaks. Applicant should have extensive bookkeeping and computer experience and well developed communication skills. Send cover letter, resume and references to Rev. John O. Bertogli, 607 High Street, Des Moines, IA 50309 or website <http://saintambrosecathedral.squarespace.com/storage/St.%20Ambrose%20Cathedral%20Secretary%20Business%20Manager%20Position.pdf> Application deadline is June 18, 2020.



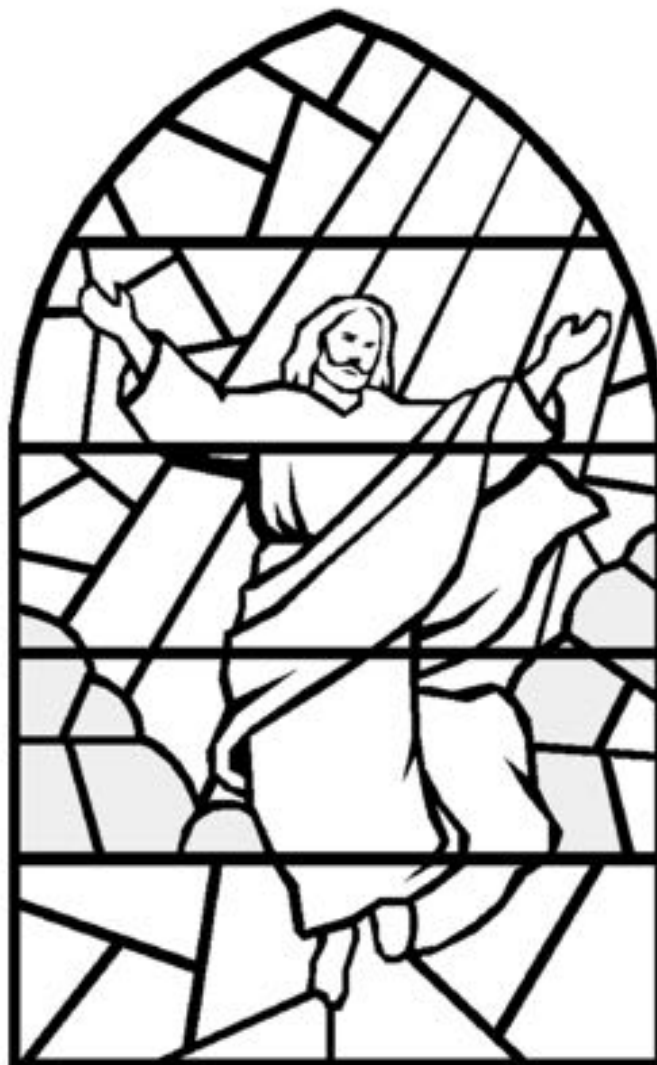
BRING THE GOSPEL HOME JUNE 21 2020

READING I: Jeremiah 20:10-13

PSALM: 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

READING II: Romans 5:12-15

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33



Question for Children: Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Name a time when you were afraid and Jesus helped you.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your friends? How about your family or people you don't know very well?

Question for Adults: What is your responsibility to Jesus? How and when will you carry out that responsibility?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

John Fisher, Bishop and Martyr

John was born in Beverly, York, England, and he was a gifted scholar. He eventually came to serve as bishop, chancellor of the University of Cambridge, and in other high positions. While he was advising Catherine of Aragon, wife of King Henry VIII, he began his final journey. When Henry tried to divorce Catherine, the bishop strongly defended the validity and indissolubility of the marriage. And as Henry took further steps toward separating the Church in England from Rome, John Fisher spoke out in defense of the Church and the supremacy of the pope. Eventually he was beheaded for his loyalty to the Catholic Church.

John Fisher refused to go against his principles. It can be easy to compromise one's beliefs for worldly gain, particularly when one's life is at stake. We can look to people like John Fisher as models when we are called upon to yield on what we believe in.

John's message today: John Fisher refused to go against his principles. It can be easy to compromise one's beliefs for worldly gain, particularly when one's life is at stake. We can look to people like John Fisher as models when we are called upon to yield on what we believe in.

Have you compromised your principles for a gain in power, influence, or wealth? Do you have the strength to stand up for your beliefs?

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NOTES ON THE MASS JUNE 21 2020

SPIRITUALITY OF THE READINGS

God's Love

Jesus encourages us in Sunday's Gospel.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid.

God loves each of us down to the tiniest detail! God's is infinite, so he has an infinite amount of time and space for each person on earth, and above, and under the earth.

Here is a corollary to that reality. It concerns our ability to receive the love of God. Each human being is created to be a dwelling place for God and his love. We can never be truly human unless the greatest value in each of our lives is to receive the love of God and give it to the people around us. I realize that our culture would never buy such a proposition.

On television we see people seeking ease, beauty, convenience, pleasure and so on. Quite often, on cable and broadcast channels, one could conclude that the human person is made for one purpose only: comfort, and especially sex.

Someone has said that commercials, without realizing it, are built to encourage the seven Capital Sins (pride, gluttony, avarice, lust, sloth, envy and anger).*

We human beings get attached to many things and mesmerized by them. But if each of us is created to be a place where God and his love can dwell, then any other fascination we have should be indulged only in proportion to this reality, and put aside if it begins to take over God's place. If I am attached to wealth, or my stamp collection, or my good looks, or drugs, or even my mate—in a way that makes God's love take second (or third or fiftieth) place—then my life is disordered and I am headed for a fall.



That is the corollary. How do you react to it?

You mean I am to love God only and not care about my friends, my family, music, sports, food, health, etc.? Not care about anything except God?

Not at all. Healthy love of all these things has its roots in love of God. All things get their own individual value from God's indwelling. Each person, each blade of grass receives its full value of love because it proceeds from God's gentle hand.

But I can hear the reader saying right now that this is much too difficult. So many things get in the way. Have a look through your life and see how often you forget God, who is your source. Peter, for his part, remembered that he had actually deserted Jesus at least three times and he said "Leave me, Lord, I am a sinful man." How many times have you and I needed to say the same thing? Are you saying that maybe this corollary really applies just to people who never sin?

Not at all. God has said throughout the ages, "If you sin, I will love you. I will not leave you." The cross of Jesus is the ultimate statement of that truth. God's love remains constant and precious in spite of the rampant sin in all of us and in each of us. His love will help us get closer to the goal.

Rejoice. No matter how many hairs you have on your head, God's love does not go away. Just receive it.

John Foley, SJ

Congratulations to Holy Trinity Seminarian, Reed Flood, who was ordained transitional deacon along with Brad Robey and Jake Epstein. May God continue to bless you as you continue your journey.

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