



# Holy Trinity

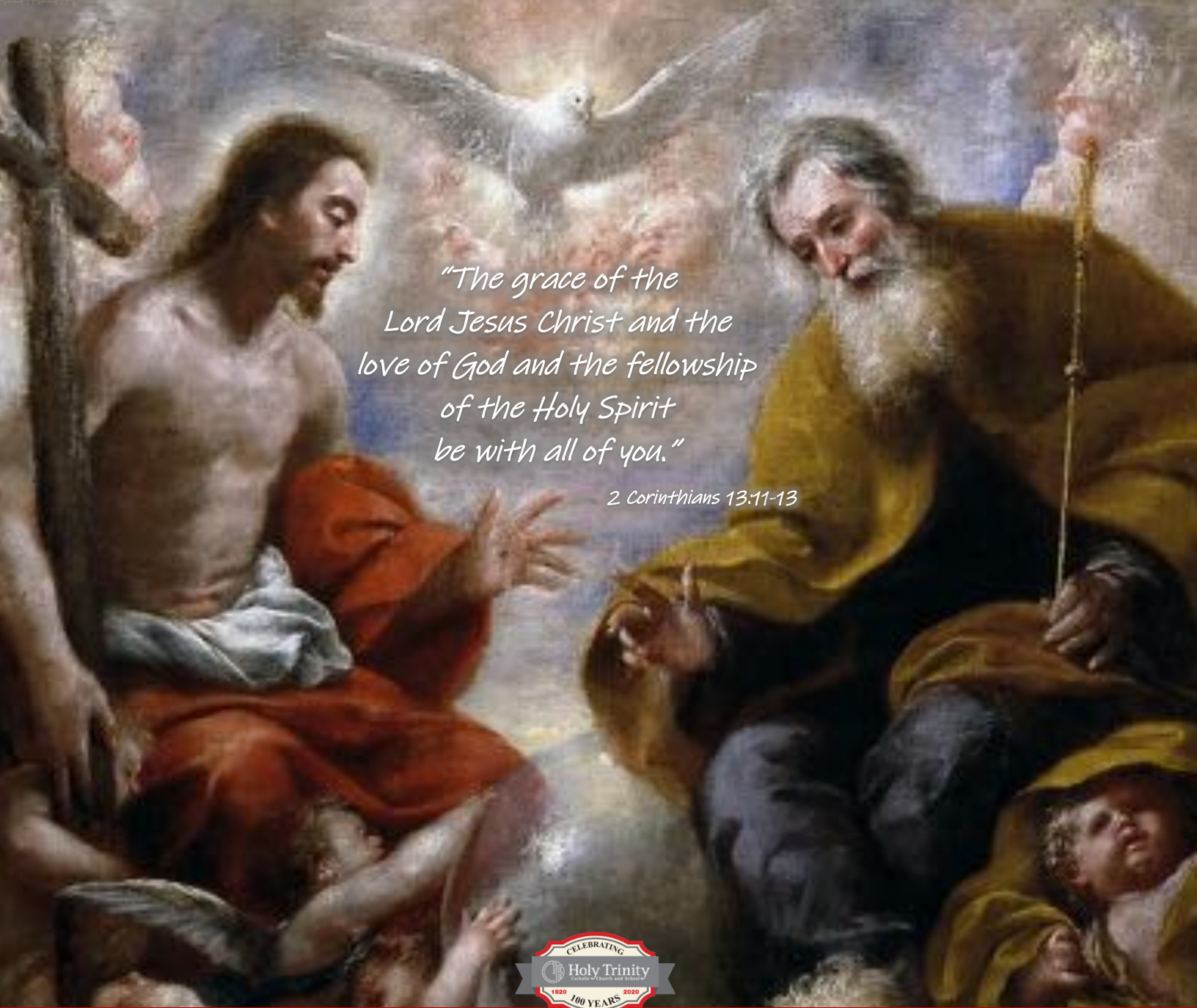
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June 7

**Solemnity of the  
Most Holy Trinity**

Taking the Journey TOGETHER



*"The grace of the  
Lord Jesus Christ and the  
love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit  
be with all of you."*

*2 Corinthians 13:11-13*



**PUBLIC DAILY MASSES RESUME JUNE 11 – WATCH MASS ONLINE [HERE](#)**



## FROM FATHER MARK JUNE 7 2020

GREETINGS. As you now know, Bishop Joensen has announced that here in the metro area we are able to resume public weekday Masses on June 11th. **Here at Holy Trinity, we are planning to resume on June 11th. Our initial schedule will be as follows; Tuesday at 8AM, Wednesday at 6PM, Thursday at 6PM, Friday at 8AM, and Saturday at 8AM (when we resume weekend Masses in phase 2, the Saturday morning Mass will be dropped).** We are trying to have a mix of morning and evening Masses at this time so that more people will be able to participate and will adjust as needed. Weekend Masses will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook.

A few reminders as we prepare to resume public Masses:

- Those in the vulnerable population (65 years old and over and those with underlying health conditions) are still encouraged to stay home at this time. The Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended.
- **All who attend Mass (including children 5 years and up) are strongly encouraged to use a face mask or face covering during Mass.** This is not only for your own health and safety, but also for that of others.
- As we begin public Masses, please consider an occasional presence rather than daily as we begin, so that we can have a better idea of how many people we might expect moving forward.
- Bishop Joensen also asks that parishioners attend Mass at their own home parish.
- Arriving for Mass: Please plan to arrive at least 10 minutes early so all can be seated before Mass begins (all people must be in a designated seat). When you arrive, please enter the church through the doors near the restrooms so that we can know how many people are coming and so that we can assist you in finding a seat. Pews will be labeled, including the number of people that can fit in the indicated space in each row. If an usher is not available, please sit in a section labeled for as close to the number of people you have as possible so that more people can be accommodated.
- Directions will be given at Communion time and at the end of Mass for dismissal. As recommended by the diocese, we will stagger dismissal so that good social distance can be maintained while you exit the church. This should not take more than a few minutes.

An update on the Annual Appeal: At present, we have 249 pledges for a total of \$91,515 in gifts and outstanding pledges. Our assessment this year is \$108,155. Last year we had over 360 pledges from our 1250 registered households. Thank you to all those who have made such generous pledges thus far. If you have not yet had a chance to make your pledge or gift, I ask that you give your most prayerful consideration to what you might be able to do to assist in our parish appeal effort. All gifts and pledges no matter the size do help us to meet our parish assessment and are deeply appreciated. A reminder, if we do not make our assessment, the difference would have to come out of our operating funds. Thank you again for your continued support of Holy Trinity.

**A note and a hope for us all; As we witness the continued unrest around our nation, let us all unite in prayer that we can together find the path to peace and justice for all people in our nation. Let us pray that we may find the path to be united as a people. Let us pray that we might hear the voice of each person in our midst and seek concrete ways to make our nation a more just place for all people.**

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

Fr. Mark

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## NOTES FROM THE DIOCESE JUNE 7 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

With your pastors and clergy in the Des Moines Diocese throughout these pandemic weeks, we have received and shared your appeals, groans, and longing for the resumption of communal celebration of sacraments. I hope it brings relief, peace, and joy for you to receive these much-awaited notifications that follow upon due consultation with our regathering task force and select clinicians:

Pottawattamie County parishes are now permitted to enter Phase 1 with adherence to relevant guidelines for celebration of daily Mass and other sacraments on Tuesday, June 9th. As always, the decision to proceed with liturgical celebrations (presuming that the faithful socially distance from one another, wear masks, and that parishes can observe cleaning guidelines) rests with the local pastors. If all goes well, we anticipate they will move into Phase 2 celebration of weekend Masses June 20-21st, which I will confirm as that date draws nearer.

Dallas, Polk, and Warren County Parishes are now permitted to enter Phase 1 as early as Thursday, June 11th. Pastors may elect to wait until a later date, such as Tuesday, June 16th or beyond, to begin Phase 1 operations. Given the larger number of parishes, the greater population density, and the prospect of a resurgence as businesses and other venues open and people congregate with less caution, I ask that you await the “green light” for entry into Phase 2, but barring any contra-indications, Dallas, Polk, and Warren Counties can expect to resume Phase 2 weekend liturgies on June 27-28th.

Shelby, Audubon, and Guthrie County parishes, having already entered Phase 1, can proceed to Phase 2 celebration of anticipated and Sunday Masses the weekend of June 13-14th.

Other counties who previously were the first wave to enter Phase 1 may enter Phase 2 the weekend of June 6-7th, or are at least permitted to do so at the pastors’ discretion.

An attached document outlines the general guidelines for Phases 2 and 3. There is no present determination of when we will enter Phase 3, but it will almost certainly not be until July.

It needs be said again that **the Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended**, and that vulnerable persons and those who interact with them do well to stay home, even as this poses a continued sacrifice on their part. Please await your own parish’s resumption of Masses, and remember that during Phase 1 and 2, an occasional presence at Mass, and not daily, makes it possible for more parishioners to attend Mass in safe fashion. Practicing these self-disciplines is a grace-filled act of charity for others, who equally hunger for our Eucharistic Lord. There is an attached discernment tool that is a regular reminder to all of us of our need to be honest with ourselves about our health status and our need to be charitable toward others.

Oh, to have finally passed over to this place of greater refreshment and healing, where we can partake again of the fruits of the Resurrection and Pentecost. Let us go rejoicing—with continued vigilance and care for each other—to the House of the Lord!

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D.

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## Should I be going to Mass?

Participating at Mass is a health risk for any individual.

Before deciding, we encourage you to ask yourself these questions.



- ☐ Does my health make me more vulnerable to becoming ill from the virus?
- ☐ Do I live with someone who would be considered a vulnerable person?
- ☐ Have I been exposed to someone with COVID-19?
- ☐ Am I experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms?

If your answer to any of these questions is "Yes" we urge you to remain at home. Bishop William Joensen has suspended the Sunday obligation to attend Mass for everyone during the pandemic, not just those who may answer "Yes" to any of the questions above. For those who do not attend Mass during this time, know that **God's infinite grace and mercy remain abundantly available.**

Our parish is posting a video of the celebration of the Mass. Here is how to find it online:

Watch us on Facebook LIVE at  
<https://www.facebook.com/htschooldm>  
during Mass times OR watch later in our  
video section—you do NOT need a Facebook account  
to view our content—it is public to all



Guidelines provided by the Diocese of Des Moines based on recommendations from the  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.





# NOTES FROM THE CHURCH JUNE 7 2020

## OUR 100TH HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

WEEKEND ONLINE MASSES ARE MOVING We will switch our online Masses to 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. To watch them, 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. When we start public Masses again, they will also be LIVE streamed on Facebook for viewing online.



Watch us on  
**Facebook!**

Q & A WITH FATHER MARK WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM Please join Father Mark in a Facebook LIVE meeting – he will answer your questions about our parish, Church, faith, religion and more. Our [FACEBOOK](#) page is public – no account required. Please email your questions to [fmneal@holyltrinitydm.org](mailto:fmneal@holyltrinitydm.org) or the [parishoffice@holyltrinitydm.org](mailto:parishoffice@holyltrinitydm.org)

### HELP FOR HT PARISHIONERS

We are so appreciative to all those volunteers who have reached out to help their fellow parishioners during this COVID-19 Pandemic. We have been so touched by your generosity! **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.**

You can always go to our website <https://holyltrinitydm.org/coronavirus-updates> for more information. 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS/PUBLIC MASSES RESUME!

June 7 John Erickson & For the Parish ONLINE  
June 8 For Peace & Justice ONLINE  
June 9 Don Kelly ONLINE  
June 10 Jim Mahoney ONLINE  
June 11 Alice Marks 6PM MASS  
June 12 Bonnie Fitzgerald 8AM MASS  
June 13 For the Parish 8AM MASS/4:30PM ONLINE  
June 14 Tim McDonald & Bill Frasier 8:30AM ONLINE

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED...

**Marlene Sieck**, Parishioner of Holy Trinity

**Ron Dittmer**, Parishioner and brother of Rose Dittmer of our Parish

**Frank A. Comito**, Father of Gigi (Jim) Wilwerding, Youth Minister of our Parish



### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF MAY 24 2020

Budget - July 2019 - June 2020	\$1,008,000	YTD Overage (Deficit)	\$10,847
YTD Budget through May 24	\$914,383	Tithing for the week ending May 24	\$27,741
YTD Actual Tithing through May 24	\$925,230	Number of Donations Received	301

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



## NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL JUNE 7 2020

### 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!



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### FOOD PANTRIES ARE OPEN BUT NEED HELP!!

We have established a protocol allowing us to continue providing pantry essentials to those in need. Both pantries are open for business by appointment only. Pantry appointments and pickup times are Monday-Friday, 9AM – 5PM

As needs run high, supplies run low. We would like to ask that as a friend of SVdP that you participate in our **#foodpantrychallenge**.

**[Donations can be made at www.svdpsdm.org.](http://www.svdpsdm.org)**

If you know someone in need, appointments can be scheduled by calling the numbers below:  
1426 6th Avenue: [515-282-8327](tel:515-282-8327) Ext. 14  
520 SW Army Post Road: [515-282-8328](tel:515-282-8328) Ext. 30  
It is because of friends like you that we have been able to continue serving clients during this stressful time, and we are grateful for your continued support.



## BRING THE GOSPEL HOME JUNE 7 2020

READING I: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

PSALM: Daniel 3:52-56

READING II: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

GOSPEL: John 3:16-18

**Question for Children:** When people love each other, how do they treat each other?

**Question for Youth:** The Trinity is celebrated today. How would you describe your relationship with God the Father? With Jesus? With the Spirit?

**Question for Adults:** If you were to encourage the members of your own parish to live as a “community of love,” which is how we define the Trinity, how would you advise them to live? Use St. Paul’s list of exhortations as your starting point.



SAINT OF THE WEEK Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

### **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 7 2020

### SPIRITUALITY OF THE READINGS

#### **The Story of Our Lives**

No matter what you have heard, it is not so hard to understand the Trinity. Simply think back to the great story we have been celebrating for many weeks.

Let's tell it one more time.

God the Father invited people on earth to a lasting and loving relationship with him and with each other. "I want to be your God and I want you to be my people. My love for you is tender and precious. Won't you love me in return?"

Some understood and entered into the agreement. Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Elijah, Elisha, just to begin the list. But they and the rest of us humans kept choosing things easier to grab, like money and honors—barns full of them. Our refusal of God's love became widespread. How did God react to such rejection?

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. For your sake I scourged your captors and their first-born sons, but you brought your scourges down on me! My people, answer me (from "The Reproaches" on Good Friday)!

God tried a new and quite brilliant way. "Since I am all love and nothing but love, I will go out to them totally. As love does, I will become one of them. I will live humanity to its depths, and they will see love spelled out."

So God was born as a human called Jesus. He was the heart of God, now made flesh. One with the Father but different as well. And so the world knew about two persons in one God. Jesus told people to love God above all things and their neighbors as themselves.

But many human beings had been hurt and betrayed, living with their own selfishness and greed, as well as their mixed-up motives, co-existing motives with those of others too. Love can get lost in such a world.

It was into this ocean of cruelty and loss that God the Son plunged. He dove all the way to down to death. It was a display of the most profound insides of God's love. To that point the disciples knew only two parts of God, Jesus and his Father (and they were not very sure about these).

So before he left, Christ said this to them (paraphrase): *Philip, and the rest of you, if you know me you know the Father. He is in me fully, and after I go back I will make a home in you by sending the Holy Spirit. This Comforter will be the very love that I and the Father have for each other and for you. That way I will be with you until the end of time!*

He was talking about the third person of the Trinity, which nestles close to our souls if we let it. Only if we let it. The Holy Spirit is graceful and deep and comforting, like a blanket in cold winter. It is the love between the Father and Son.

So how can God interact with us in these three very different ways?

By being "plural," that is, by being three "persons." How can three be one? By not letting the number three be a divider but a plus sign. All three, in a great dynamic of love, are so close to one another that they are One God. Now we understand?

John Foley, SJ



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