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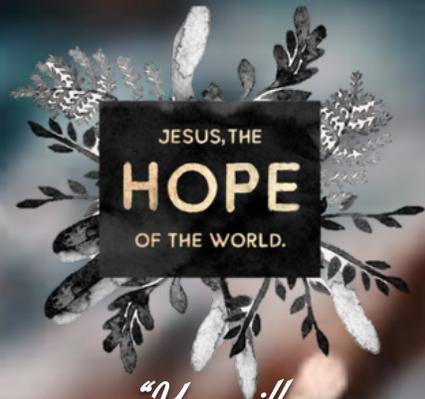
The Baptism
of the Lord

2021

Taking

the Journey

TOGETHER



*"You will
draw water joyfully
from the springs
of salvation"*

Isaiah 12:2-6

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FROM FATHER MARK JAN 10 2021

Greetings Holy Trinity,

I'm writing to let you know that Melissa Reder has resigned her position here and is no longer part of our Holy Trinity School administrative team. We thank her for her efforts and wish her well in her future endeavors.

Ms. Monica Morrison will be continuing in the position of Principal. We are excited to have her in this role and thank her for her tireless efforts!

Among our current staff, Teri Durbala is certified as a school administrator and Liz Brott will complete her program in May. Liz and Teri will be stepping up to assist in this area for the remainder of this school year.

Please contact me or Ms. Monica Morrison, our principal, with any questions.

God Bless you in this New Year,

Father Mark Neal

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THANK YOU FROM PATCH!

Thank you so much to all those who helped fulfill the PATCH family's Christmas wish list. We gave them all the items on their list (which was pretty modest) and \$250 in gift cards. The mom was very appreciative. We will be supporting this current family through May so your continued donations to help pay rent are very much needed and appreciated. Donations can be made online through <https://holytrinitydm.org/donate>. Scroll down to select PATCH. Merry Christmas and thank you again for your continued support of the PATCH Program. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email Molly Pigneri at htpatch@gmail.com.

Church grants plenary indulgence for year of St. Joseph

The Apostolic Penitentiary issues a Decree granting plenary indulgences for the year of St. Joseph proclaimed by Pope Francis on Tuesday. The special year will last from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021.

For those unfamiliar with indulgences, the word "indulgence" can make people feel a little uncomfortable. The reality is that the Church's practice of giving indulgences are a great gift to us and are spiritually backed. Basically, an indulgence is the grace we receive from the Treasury of the Church through performing a specific good act or praying specific prayers specified by the Church. The grace is specifically for the freeing of us from temporal punishment. Indulgences have been divided into two kinds: Partial – gives one a *partial* remission of temporal punishment Plenary – gives one a *full* remission of temporal punishment. In the past, the Church used to attach a number of days or years off purgatory to each partial indulgence. But now she wants us to understand that the amount of freedom we receive from temporal punishment is based on our own level of devotion. The more charity and devotion we have in prayer, the greater the remission we receive. For more information go to <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-12/apostolic-penitentiary-plenary-indulgence-year-st-joseph.html>

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 soon.

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Agnes Celeste McLaughlin Mother of past HT Associate, Fr. Mike McLaughlin



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF JAN 3 2021

Budget - July 2020 - June 2021	\$1,008,000	YTD Overage (Deficit)	\$(33,177)
YTD Actual Tithing through Jan 3	\$497,544	Tithing for the week ending Jan 3	\$11,981
YTD Budget through Jan 3	\$530,721	Number of Donations Received	44

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NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL JAN 10 2021

\$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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https://htschool.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PS3 Associate

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.

For more information about this job, please contact Monica Morrison at mmorrison@htschool.org or apply at www.teachiowa.gov

4th Grade Teacher

We are very excited to introduce our new 4th-grade teacher, Mr. Wenman. Mr. Wenman is a West Des Moines native and a graduate of Dowling Catholic High School. He went on to study at Wartburg College in Waverly Iowa. As an active member of his Church community, Mr. Wenman is excited to return to the Catholic schools and give back to the communities that helped him grow into the educator he is today.

HELP NEEDED The PTO is searching for a new Chair of the SCRIP Program. We are looking for a volunteer(s) who can devote a few hours each month to help ensure this vital fundraiser can continue. SCRIP raises approximately \$8,000 a year for Holy Trinity and is vital to the operations of our school. Please email [Kaela Smith kaela.j.smith@gmail.com](mailto:kaela.j.smith@gmail.com) if you or someone you know can help lead this program.



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NOTES ON THE MASS JAN 10 2021



SPIRITUALITY OF THE READING

The Covenant

That water must have felt good.

Granted, the Jordan river was murky and teeming with various pungent smells of desert growths, scuttling creatures, dry dust, and of course the unbathed bodies of ordinary people. Still it felt good. John the Baptist's voice boomed out over the waiting crowd. "Repent!"

Maybe you remember your own river swims as a kid, how it felt to sink into thick muddy water, how the mixture could go up your nose and, uck, into your mouth. And you can recall how it sounded when you dove up through the water-surface again.

Here in the desert, people had come to the water for baptism. The river must have been a potent symbol for them, since their means of cleanliness were limited. Jesus was one of those people. He entered John's baptism just like the others, entirely submerging his road-wearied body when told to.

But when he came up from underwater, a great surprise waited for him. The New American Bible translates it this way: the heavens were "torn open." Out of the torn sky came the voice of the Holy Spirit, to announce to the world that God's ancient covenant of love now was before them in person, in the flesh—dirty and wet, just as they were.

Covenant.

What is a covenant? To put it simply, an agreement. God said, "I agree to be your God and you agree to be my people." This proposal was re-stated many times in ancient scripture, with varying degrees of success. But now Jesus had come into the world to actually become this covenant. He was the most profound agreement possible of God and humanity. He was both halves of the covenant, God's and humans'.

Five centuries earlier, the book of Isaiah had predicted this moment. The following words were uttered during the exile of Israel in Babylon:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit. He shall bring forth justice to the nations. (First Reading)
After five centuries the Spirit was descending now upon Jesus, and a voice was saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The time had come, after such a long anticipation.

What would this brand new covenant life in God be like? It would be gentle ("not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street"). It would deliver God's love to the unkempt, the dripping wet, the honest (and dishonest), the alluring (and repulsive) people of everyday life. Instead of excluding them, Jesus, who had become the covenant, would invite people down from trees where they scrambled to see him. He would say "of course I do" in answer to "Lord if you want to you can cure me." He will pity the soldiers who were ordered to kill him. He will agree to the shrewd thief's cry for pity.

We cannot doubt that he will reach into the heart and soul of each of us, even into the parts that so shame and embarrass us.

Most of us have already swum in this particular river, now known as baptismal water. It washes us clean, washes us free so that today we may surge up and out of our sin and reluctance, so that we may be surprised by the great words Jesus now says to each and every of us:
"You are my beloved; in you I am well pleased." (Gospel)

John Foley, SJ



BRING THE GOSPEL HOME JAN 10 2021

READING I: Isaiah 55:1-11

PSALM: Isaiah 12:2-6

READING II: 1 John 5:1-9

GOSPEL: Mark 1:7-11

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Question for Children: Why does Baptism make you special?

Question for Youth: You were baptized as a member of the Christian community. What does it mean to you to belong to this community? How is it a support in your life?

Question for Adults: What meaning does your Baptism have for your everyday life?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Brigid, Religious

Brigid is a famous Irish saint who became interested in the religious life early and professed her vows while still in her early teens. She founded a double monastery and became abbess of the convent, which was the first in Ireland. The monastery developed into a great center of learning and spirituality, and around it grew up the cathedral city of Kildare. Brigid was one of the most remarkable women of her times, even discounting some of the fantastic legends that surround her.

One evening, as the sun went down, Brigid sat with Sister Dara, a holy nun who was blind. They talked of the love of Jesus Christ and the joys of paradise. Their hearts were so full of joy that the night fled while they spoke together, and neither knew that so many hours had passed. Then the sun came up from behind the Wicklow Mountains, and the pure white light made the earth bright and gay. Brigid sighed, when she saw how lovely were the earth and sky, as she knew that Dara's eyes were closed to all this beauty. So Brigid bowed her head and prayed, extended her hand, and signed the dark orbs of the gentle sister. Then the darkness passed away from Dara's eyes, and she saw the golden ball in the east and all the trees and flowers glittering with dew in the morning light. Dara looked a little while, and then, turning to the abbess, said, "Close my eyes again, dear Mother, for when the world is so visible to the eyes, God is seen less clearly to the soul." So Brigid prayed once more, and Dara's eyes grew dark again.

Brigid's message today: The legend of Sister Dara teaches us about Brigid's compassion, but also offers a lesson in the distractions of the world. Although it is not possible for most of us to focus only on the spiritual life, it is important to spend some time each day recognizing God's presence in our lives.

Do you try to spend a little time in prayer each day? A good way to begin is to ask God's help as you begin each day and thank God for blessings received as you end each day.



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PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF JAN 10 2021

	SUNDAY 1/10	MONDAY 1/11	TUESDAY 1/12	WEDNESDAY 1/13	THURSDAY 1/14	FRIDAY 1/15	SATURDAY 1/16
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		\$1 JEANS DAY			PTO Meeting 6PM Zoom BOE Meeting 7PM Zoom		
FAITH FORMATION				Faith Formation All Grades 6:30PM Zoom			
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM	No Communion Service	School Mass 8:30AM Grades K-2 Hosted by 2B RCIA 6:30PM Zoom	School Mass 8:30AM Grades 3-5 Hosted by 5H	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:15PM	School Mass 8:30AM Grades 6-8 Hosted by 7TH	Mass 4:30PM Sunday Reading Group MEN'S 7:30AM SR WOMEN'S 8:30AM CH
AND MORE	BAPTISM of the Lord		First Eucharist Zoom Meeting 6:30PM	First Eucharist Zoom Meeting 6:30PM	Knights of Columbus Mtg 7PM SR		

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 Jan 10 Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM Mass For the Parish
10:30 AM Mass Michael & Julia Fonfera

Monday Jan 11 NO Communion Service

Tuesday Jan 12
8:30 AM Mass Michael Killian

Wednesday Jan 13
8:30 AM Mass Janet Saluri

Thursday Jan 14
8 AM Mass Paul & Phyllis Huelsbeck
2-9PM Adoration
4:15PM Rosary

Friday Jan 15
8:30 AM Mass Sam & Vi Coniglio

Saturday Jan 16
3-4 PM NO Reconciliation
4:30 PM Mass Jim Cooney

Sunday Jan 17
8:30 AM Mass Steve Baedero
10:30 AM Mass For the Parish

NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Jan 16 4:30 PM

Altar Server Tyler Leo
Lectors Mary Sanders & Chris Lang
EMHC Team 2
Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

Sunday, Jan 17 8:30 AM

Altar Server Gabe Polich
Lectors Doug Gross & Jean Severson
EMHC Team 1
Children's Liturgy No Children's Liturgy
Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

Sunday, Jan 17 10:30 AM

Altar Server Max Fahnländer
Lectors Bridget Bott & Mark Amadeo
EMHC Team 3
Children's Liturgy No Children's Liturgy
Musical Coordinator Dr. Kevin Allemagne

WEEKEND MASSES Sat 4:30 PM / Sun 8:30 & 10:30 AM

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

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