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Dec 1 2019 First Sunday of Advent

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"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the lord."

Psalm 122:1-9



# NOTES FROM THE CHURCH DEC 1 2019

#### HELP FEED THE HOMELESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Thank you all for your continued support of The Connection Cafe this past year. Holy Trinity typically helps provide and serve lunch on the 4th Thursday of the month, but The Cafe won't be open on Thanksgiving so we're switching our day to Friday, Nov. 29, the day after Thanksgiving. We will continue to serve sloppy joe sandwiches and sides. We'll also serve the day after Christmas on Thursday, Dec 26. Please use the sign up link below to sign up to bring food items or to help serve. These are great opportunities for students to earn service hours while they're on break. Thank you again for your help with this mission, especially as the weather turns cold. If you have questions or need to make arrangements to drop off food in advance, please call or text 515-771-1481 Rob Hoover or email at theconnectioncafe@hotmail.com. The sign up link is https://signup.com/go/OpVAyFb or you can find it at on our website: holytrinitydm.org.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS are just around the corner. We will be setting up for these seasons on these dates:

- ADVENT November 29 at 6:30 in the church
- CHRISTMAS December 22 following the 10:30 mass These are great opportunities to give back to the entire parish. We encourage everyone to find some time to give to preparing the church. You do not need to stay for the entire set-up. You will meet other parishioners and get a chance to be a part of preparing our church for these celebrations. Service hours are available.

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#### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS PROJECT

If your family needs help with food or toys this Christmas, or if you know of a local family who needs that help, please contact the Parish Office at 255-3162. We provide a bountiful food basket and toys for the weekend before Christmas, but to do that we need lots of advance planning. Please let the Parish Office know now and be ready to provide contact info so we can get in touch.

#### ADVENT CARE PACKAGES

Holy Trinity is striving to reach out to our adult youth in college, or those not in school but working. If you're a parent or grandparent of one of these young adults that would benefit from a package of love and Advent goodies, please fill out the request by the doors & place it in the offertory basket at Mass this weekend. You may also go to <a href="https://forms.gle/pW3vSDGW4cRoFBTH8">https://forms.gle/pW3vSDGW4cRoFBTH8</a> or to the Holy Trinity website <a href="holytrinitydm.org">holytrinitydm.org</a> and fill out a request on the link there. Advent packages will be sent to their 'away from home' address in time for Advent. Contact Janelle Kerr <a href="herrjed@aol.com">kerrjed@aol.com</a> to make a donation or if you want to meet other parents for a package stuffing night!

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#### ADVENT GIVING TREE

As we begin our Advent journey, Holy Trinity will again be doing our annual Advent Giving Tree. Please stop by the Christmas Tree located in the front of the sanctuary near the baptismal font and take an ornament to help make someone's Christmas just a little brighter. Each ornament will have a gift someone is in need of during this Advent season. All gifts purchased can be brought back and placed beneath the tree at any mass. Gifts can also be dropped off through the parish office. This year we will support St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Charities, CFUM (Children & Family Urban Movement) and Connection Cafe. There will be two Christmas stockings hanging from the tree for any Gift Cards or bus tokens people purchase. Questions? Please contact John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation at johnm@holytrinitydm.org, or via phone at (515)-255-3162, extension 224. Thank you for your generosity!

Father Mark and Andy Negrete **thank Drew Israel, Eagle Scout Candidate**, for all his great work on our fence

for the HT Preschool.





# FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF NOV 17 2019

Budget - July 2019 - June 2020 YTD Budget through Nov 17, 2019 YTD Actual tithing through Nov 17, 2019 \$1,008,000 \$393,899 \$382,481 YTD Overage (Deficit) Tithing for the week ending Nov 17 Number of Donations Received (\$11,418) \$9,413 357



# NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL DEC 1 2019

# HOLY TRINITY ALUMNI A Lifelong Journey

Since Holy Trinity School first opened its doors in 1922 to 13 students, thousands of youth have since passed through its halls and become alumni. Taking the journey together, being part of the Holy Trinity School community, isn't just about the time you're physically here-the camaraderie that is built doesn't end when you graduate, leave Des Moines, or even start your own family-we're all lifelong members of the group proud to call themselves Holy Trinity Alumni. An education at Holy Trinity sets the stage for a lifetime, the foundation given here travels with us as we move schools, cities, countries, parishes, and families. Being an alumni means being part of Holy Trinity forever. Being an alumni is also about our legacy-what we do with our education and experiences from Holy Trinity, how we keep in touch with our classmates, giving back to Holy Trinity, and passing along the gift of Catholic Education to our own children, grandchildren, or other youth in our lives. #HTproud #Htlegacy #HTmanygifts

Interested in learning more about the Holy Trinity Alumni Association, joining our committee, or getting in touch with past classmates? Connect with us!

Join our Facebook Group (Holy Trinity Catholic Grade School Alumni): https://www.facebook.com/groups/11364211932/

Update your Info <a href="http://bit.ly/HTAlum">http://bit.ly/HTAlum</a> Email us alumni@htschool.org

Weblink https://holytrinitydm.org/school/get-involved/alumni/

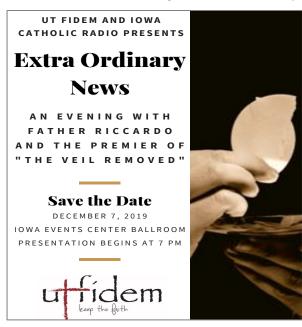
We hope you enjoy the holidays here back here at "home". And that you help us continue to give that gift to others. Look for our Many Gifts, One Nation Day of giving coming up Jan 28 where will kick off our new Centennial Scholarship program to help fund students for the next 100 years. Click here to find out more MANYGIFTS Look for more details @holytrinitydm on Facebook and at our website holytrinitydm.org as the day draws closer.

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DOWLING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INCOMING FRESHMAN PLACEMENT TEST

Saturday, January 11, 2019 7:45AM - 12 NOON

Dowling Catholic High School will be administering the Incoming Freshman Placement Test on Sat, Jan 11, 2019, from 7:45 a.m. - 12 Noon. Students interested in enrolling at Dowling Catholic should take the test. The test does not determine admissions, but is used to identify the level of classes that will allow the student to be successful in high school. Parochial school students are automatically signed up to take the test. Non-parochial school students should contact the Admissions Office by January 6 to register for the exam. Students unable to take the exam should contact the Admissions Office to register for the make-up.



SEEKING SHORT TERM SCHOOL NURSE Holy Trinity is seeking an individual to cover maternity leave for our school nurse around March 23 to May 8. Hours are Mon-Fri 9AM to 2PM. Candidates must possess a current RN or ARNP license with the Iowa Board of Nursing and current CPR certification. Contact afranklin@htschool.org to apply

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED...

Janet Drake Dorothy Lacona

Holy Trinity Parishioner Wife of Tom Drake of our Parish Helen Byington

Mother of Karly(Randy) Beavers of our Parish





# DIOCESAN | PARISH | COMMUNITY DEC 1 2019

MAN-UP WEST POWER LUNCH, DECEMBER (CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR MEN)

Fri, Dec 13 Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish, WDM

# The Veil Removed:

## Stories behind the Creation of the Film

According to the Pew Foundation only 1/3 of Catholics believe in the True Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist (transubstantiation) as taught by Catholic teaching. Even among "regular" Catholic Church attendees only 63% believe that Jesus is truly present in the consecrated host. The Magruder family has been instrumental in creating "The Veil Removed", a short film on the True Presence. Joel Magruder will join us, show the film and enlighten us on the idea behind it, the effort in the production of the film and what we can do to educate and inform our brothers and sisters on this Amazing Sacrament so few really understand. Lunch from Chick-fil-A/Fellowship/Program: High Noon, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church- 7075 Ashworth Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50266. Register for this event at

### https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events

**Save the Date!** "Men of Christ" Catholic Men's Conference, February 22nd, 2020. Mass with Bishop William Joensen. Featured Speaker: ISU Football Coach Matt Campbell.

#### WIDOWED, DIVORCED, OR SEPARATED?

The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce, or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. Many people who have suffered this loss feel uncertain about their futures. Beginning Experience® is a program intended for those suffering the loss of a love relationship who are ready to come to terms with that loss and begin to move forward with their lives. The program is presented by a team of people who are willing to share their own experiences to help others. The weekend program is held at St. Thomas More Center on Jan. 17-19. To learn more about Beginning Experience, come to one of our open houses on Dec. 13, Dec. 20, and Jan. 3 from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Augustin Catholic Church in Des Moines or contact Father Bob Schoemann at 515-418-1938, Daryl Stahl at 515-480-6617, or Dana Reed at 515-975-3745.

#### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA DSM

Seeking a part-time Business Mgr. Position includes financial and facility management responsibilities. Accounting experience essential. Job posted: <a href="https://stcatherinedrake.org/business-manager-position-opening/">https://stcatherinedrake.org/business-manager-position-opening/</a> Send cover letter, resume and references to office@stcatherinedrake.org.

#### CHRISTMAS GALA TICKETS ON SALE!

The Holy Trinity Respect Life Group's 7th annual Christmas gala: THE WONDERS OF HIS LOVE is set for Saturday, Dec 14, 5:30PM. Includes a lovely sit-down dinner: \$280 per table; or \$35 per person. Sunday matinee: December 15th, 2PM, \$15 per person or \$50 per family. Includes dessert bar only. The show stars Gina Gedler backed by the 20 voice Fire and Mercy choir and an 18 piece orchestra. Online tickets on sale <a href="https://www.HolyTrinityRespectLife.com">www.HolyTrinityRespectLife.com</a>. Questions? Call Tom or Karen Quiner: 515-276-9266.

### CHIP IN--HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

About 815 million people worldwide are fighting hunger each day. 341,890 are right here in Iowa. We want to help as many people as we can to give them the nourishment they need to survive. As a group of 8th graders working on a service project, our goal is to fulfill the Corporal Work of Mercy, "Feed the Hungry". Please join us in the cafeteria on Sunday, December 8th, after 10:30 mass. We will be serving cookies and hot chocolate. There will be a basket for free-will donations. All proceeds will go to Meals from the Heartland. Meals from the Heartland is a nonprofit organization. Their mission is to feed the malnourished here in Iowa, across the United States, and around the world. We would like to help them in their mission by not only raising money, but also by volunteering. Please consider coming to one of these events. Your donations will help feed many hungry people across the world and right around the corner. Thank you! Charlie Leto, Lucas Hilligas, Danny Tran, Anthony Heger, and Graham Hynnek

# 2019 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS LITURGY PREVIEW

2019 VENT

Advent will begin on Saturday Nov 30 and Sunday Dec 1 this year with our regular Mass schedule

# 2019 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS LITURGY PREVIEW

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday Dec 9 9AM

HANGING OF THE GREENS
Sunday Dec 22 after 10:30 AM Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
Tuesday, December 24 4PM 6PM 10PM
Wednesday, December 25 9AM
Thursday, December 26th No Mass

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY MASSES

December 28 & 29 Regular Mass Schedule

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Wednesday, January 1 9AM

# **ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES**

St. John the Apostle, Norwalk	Dec. 1	1 PM
St. Francis of Assisi, WDM	Dec. 3	7 PM
St. Augustin, DSM	Dec. 4	6 PM
St. Catherine of Siena, DSM	Dec. 5	6-8 PM
Our Lady's, Ankeny	Dec. 7	9 AM
St. Boniface, Waukee	Dec. 8	1 PM
Assumption, Granger	Dec. 11	6:30 PM
St. Pius, Urbandale	Dec. 12	7 PM
Basilica of St. John, DSM	Dec. 14	10 AM
St. Mary's, Elkhart	Dec. 15	1 PM
All Saints, DSM	Dec. 15	2 PM
SS John and Paul, Altoona	Dec. 16	7 PM
St. Theresa, DSM	Dec. 16	7 PM
St. Joseph, DSM	Dec. 17	6:30 PM
St. Anthony, DSM	Dec. 21	9 AM



## TAIZE SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY

# 6 PM Sundays - December 8, 15, 22

Join us this Advent season for Taize, an ecumenical prayer service that invites us to find a quiet place of peace in the middle of the busy Christmas season. Taize is a meditative prayer service that incorporates scripture, song and periods of silence in an atmosphere of soft lighting. Taize will be held on December 8th, 15th and 22nd at 6 PM at Holy Trinity and will last about 45 minutes. We hope you can join us.



# PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF DEC 1 2019

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	SUNDAY 12/1	MONDAY 12/2	TUESDAY 12/3	WEDNESDAY 12/4	THURSDAY 12/5	FRIDAY 12/6	SATURDAY 12/7
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL				Early Out 1PM		\$1 Jeans Day Hosted by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	
FAITH FORMATION	Advent Begins	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CH <b>5PM</b>	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CH <b>4PM</b>	Faith Formation & Edge Classes 6:30PM			3-4PM Reconciliation
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM	Comm Srvce 8AM Men's Bible Study RM 105 8:30PM	Mass <b>8AM</b> RCIA CH <b>6:30PM</b>	Faith & Friendship Group RM105 <b>7:30PM</b>	Mass <b>8AM</b> Adoration <b>2-10PM</b>	All School Mass Hosted by 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade <b>8:30AM</b>	Mass 4:30PM  Sunday Reading Men's MC 7:30AM Women's DC 7:30AM
MORE	Xmas Musical Practice CH <b>2PM</b>	Hope & Healing MC <b>6PM</b>		9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Session SR <b>6:30PM</b>	Knights of Columbus Meeting MC <b>7PM</b>		

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

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS		NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS			
Sunday, Dec 1	First Sunday of Advent	of Advent Saturday, Dec 7 4:30PM			
8:30 AM Mass	For the Parish	Altar Server	St Catherine		
10:30 AM Mass	Don & Monica Waters	Lectors	Gary Thull & Matt Kiernan		
Monday, Dec 2 8:00 AM	Communion Service (Comm Srvce)	EMHC	Team 2		
		Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner		
Tuesday, Dec 3		Sunday, Dec 8 8:30 AM			
8:00 AM Mass	Mary Crawford	Altar Server	St Thomas		
8.00 AIVI IVIASS	ivially Clawfold	Lectors	Mark McAndrews & Jean Severson		
Wednesday, Dec 4		EMHC	Team 2		
8:00 AM Mass	Teresa Heger	Children's Liturgy	Team C		
Thursday, Dec 5		Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner		
8:00 AM Mass	Bonnie Fitzgerald	Sunday, Dec 8 10:30 AM			
Friday, Dec 6		Altar Server	St Maria		
8:30 AM Mass	Margaret Gannon	Lectors	Marsha Szymczuk & Lisa Rea		
6.50 AIVI IVIA55		EMHC	Team 3		
Saturday, Dec 7		Children's Liturgy	Team 6		
3-4 PM Reconciliation		Musical Coordinator	Mary Keck		
4:30 PM Mass	Barbara Fath	Sunday, Dec 8 Taize 6 PM			
Sunday, Dec 8 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass	Second Sunday of Advent Mary Ann Renze Margaret Hawkins	WEEKEND MASSES Sat 4:30PM / Sun 8:30 & 10:30AM WEEKDAY COMMUNION SERVICE Mon 8:00AM WEEKDAY MASSES Tue-Thurs 8:00AM / Fri 8:30AM w/School			



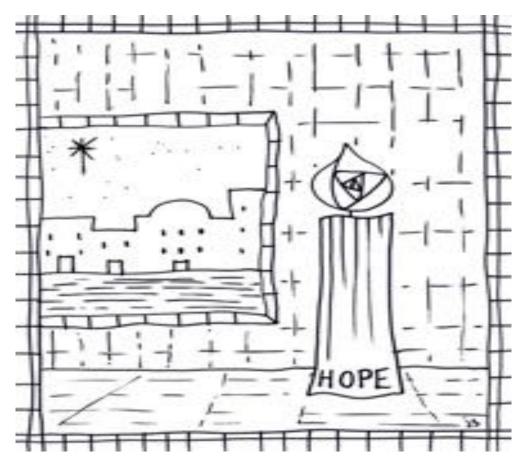
# BRING THE GOSPEL HOME DEC 1 2019

READING I: Isaiah 2:1-5

PSALM: 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

READING II: Romans 13:11-14

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44





SAINT OF THE WEEK

# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

#### Francis Xavier, Priest, 1506-1552

Wherever he went, Francis lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and their living conditions and ministering to the poor and the sick, especially to lepers. He traveled thousands of miles to the most inaccessible of places under the most harrowing conditions, and converted hundreds of thousands. His missionary impact in the East has endured for centuries. When missionaries returned to Japan in the nineteenth century after a gap of several hundred years, they found many Christians who were descendants of St. Francis' converts. Indeed, with the possible exception of St. Paul, St. Francis Xavier was the greatest of all Christian missionaries.

Francis' message today: Although we are most likely not called to become missionaries in foreign lands, we can try to bring one person to Christ through our prayers and our example. We can also help the missions by financially contributing to the work of the priests, religious, and laypeople who are evangelizing throughout the world.

Have you contributed in some way to the support of the missions? Also, pray that you might be a strong and good influence on one person's life?

**Question for Children:** What can you do to be ready for God to come into your heart and your life?

Question for Youth: The Gospel tells us we don't know when the Son of Man will return. If he were to arrive today, would you be ready for him? What is one thing you can do during Advent to prepare for his coming?

Question for Adults: As you prepare to re-welcome Christ into your heart while you prepare for Christmas, what does Isaiah call you to do? What does Isaiah call us as a people to do?



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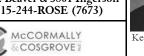
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