



# Holy Trinity

Catholic Church and School

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Feb 16 2020 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith Service Respect

*"Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me,  
for you are my rock!"*

*Psalm 31:3-4*

## GREETINGS

This week I need to share an update regarding our parish staff. Our business manager, Regina Montgomery has decided to move on from Holy Trinity to new challenges. On behalf of the parish and entire staff, I want to thank Regina for her excellent work as our parish business manager these past 12 years. It is a difficult job, but Regina has done a great job for our parish; she will be missed. We wish her the very best in her new endeavors!

Also a reminder. Please save the dates March 4th and March 8th. These are the dates for our Generations of Faith sessions. As we will be in the season of Lent, our topic for the sessions will be prayer: one of the three pillars of Lent. More information to come. Please plan to join us for one of these evenings.

Have a good week

*FR. Mark*





# NOTES FROM THE CHURCH FEB 16 2020

## A MUSICAL ENCOUNTER WITH THE PASSION

Holy Trinity Parish and the Knights of Columbus, in collaboration with the Des Moines Diocese's Chapter of National Pastoral Musician (NPM), will be offering a musical presentation of the Passion on Friday, March 27, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m. This Passion is done entirely to music and narration, promoting a deeper understanding of Christ's suffering and Passion in a way only music can often facilitate. The Passion will be conducted by our Schola director, Dr. Kevin Allemagne. If you are a musician and interested in participating in the choir, please contact him at [drallemagne@tds.net](mailto:drallemagne@tds.net). Please prayerfully consider participating in this unique opportunity for discernment and reflection as part of your Lenten journey this year.

## LENT...IT'S CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!

Looking ahead, Ash Wednesday is coming up on February 26th. The season of Lent is an important stretch along the journey of faith, one that always takes us to some spiritual & sacred places. In six short weeks, Lent takes us into the desert of prayer and fasting, along the way of the cross, and ultimately ends with the glorious empty tomb at Easter. We will celebrate with services at 8:30 AM (with the school children) and 6:30 PM in the evening. NOTE: We are making accommodations for extra seating on the main level for parishioners & guests at the morning Mass. Plan to begin this journey with us on February 26th.



## NEXT BAPTISM CLASS-FEBRUARY 24TH

If you would like your child baptized at Holy Trinity, a Baptism Class is required. Our next Baptism Class will be on Monday, February 24th. If you would like to sign up for this class, please email the Parish Office at [parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org) or call 255-3162 ext. 128. Pre-registration is necessary. We look forward to celebrating this sacrament with your family!

KNIGHTS BREAKFAST AFTER BOTH MASSES ON SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 16 Join us for a delightful breakfast including fresh fruits, assorted pastries, breakfast burritos, & drinks on Sunday, February 16th after both Masses hosted by our own Knights of Columbus. A free will offering will be collected to benefit all the wonderful Knights' charitable causes. Come join us for a yummy breakfast, enjoy a visit with your fellow parishioners, & make a difference too!



## LENTEN GENERATIONS OF FAITH SAVE THE DATE

Holy Trinity's Faith Formation Department will be hosting two Lenten Generations of Faith evenings, with the theme being *The Practice of Prayer*. This is an opportunity for all members of our Holy Trinity parish family to come and learn more about their Catholic Faith when it comes to the rituals of our prayer. These two dates will be Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm, and Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. The presentation will be the same for both days so our parishioners can choose which option works best for them. We will begin both days with a simple soup supper. Please contact John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation at [johnm@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:johnm@holytrinitydm.org).

### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF FEB 2 2020

Budget - July 2019 - June 2020	\$1,008,000	YTD Overage (Deficit)	(\$12, 426)
YTD Budget through Feb 2, 2019	\$626, 316	Tithing for the week ending Feb 2	\$16,063
YTD Actual tithing through Feb 2, 2019	\$613, 890	Number of Donations Received	97



## NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL FEB 16 2020

### ENROLLING NOW!

Holy Trinity Catholic School is enrolling new students for the 2020-2021 school year right now. We invite all parishioners and religious education families to visit our school and discover the Catholic school difference. Our students experience a robust curriculum that includes religion, reading, language arts, handwriting, spelling, math, social studies, science, physical education, technology, art and library programs. For your child, Holy Trinity Catholic School provides an exceptional learning environment. **To enroll your student, please go to our website <https://holytrinitydm.org/school/enroll/enroll-now/> or contact Delaney Lynch at [dlynch@htschool.org](mailto:dlynch@htschool.org).**

SEEKING CANDIDATES – HOLY TRINITY BOARD OF EDUCATION for 2020-2021 The Board is a parish-wide board that oversees all educational programs for both the church and school, youth and adult. Members attend a monthly board meeting and additional sub-committee meetings throughout the year. We encourage all parishioners to consider serving to help ensure we have a variety of points of view on Parish Education serving on the Board. Due to a Diocesan change, members will no longer be elected but will be appointed by a committee after a discernment period. If you're interested in serving your parish in this capacity, please reach out to [boe@htschool.org](mailto:boe@htschool.org) to submit your name and get more information.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR Visit the Book Fair during Conferences Week with your student to join in the fun. The Fair will be held **Monday and Tuesday, February 17 & 18 from 3:15-7:30. It will also be open after school on Wednesday, February 19 from 3:15-4:30.** This year, one of our Book Fair goals is to ensure as many children as possible have access to and receive books. One of the ways we can do that is through the **All for Books** program. With your help, donations will purchase books for **YESS (Youth Emergency Services & Shelter)**, a local Non-Profit organization. **At the Book Fair, there will be an All For Books box at the checkout table. Please take a moment to donate \$1 or loose change, and sign a slip with your name or your child's name to be placed in a drawing for a basket of Scholastic books.**



SAVE THE DATE! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020  
MONDAY - FRIDAY JULY 20-24

Holy Trinity is excited to announce the dates for Vacation Bible School 2020. We will run the week of July 20th - 24th. The theme for this year will be *Rocky Railway: Jesus Pulls Us Through*. Applications will be available starting April 1st. Vacation Bible School is open to any child who will be entering Kindergarten - 5th grade in the fall of 2020. We will also be accepting leadership applications starting on April 1. We are in need of middle and high school students plus Adults who are willing to help lead throughout the week. All Adult volunteers must pass a Background check and complete Virtus training. If you have any questions with regards to Vacation Bible for this summer, please contact John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation at [johnm@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:johnm@holytrinitydm.org), or via telephone at (515) 255-3162, extension 224. Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss out!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to all who attended the omelet breakfast to kick off the celebration of Catholic Schools week. Together, we added several hundred dollars to the school endowment. A big thank you also goes out to the Boy Scouts and all of the parishioners who helped setup, prepare, cook, serve and clean up the breakfast. Your efforts are making a difference for our school.



# CIVILIZE IT



DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

2020

## What does it mean to form my conscience?

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: "Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one's] heart more specifically: do this, shun that" (*Gaudium et Spes* 16). However, our conscience doesn't just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

### How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

- 1) Begin by **being open to the truth** and what is right.
- 2) **Study Sacred Scripture** and the **teaching** of the Church.
- 3) **Examine the facts and background information** about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.
- 4) **Prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

Additionally, it is important to consider how

our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

- 1) Seek the **prudent advice and good example** of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
- 2) Learn about the **authoritative teaching** of the Church.
- 3) Pray for the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** to help us develop our conscience.
- 4) Regularly partake in an **examination of conscience** to hear God's voice in your life.<sup>1</sup>

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many church teachings that can help us in this important task. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. "Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling" about what we should or should not do. Rather, **conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart**, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil."<sup>2</sup>

Here are some questions for further reflection:

1. When has my conscience guided me to "do good and avoid evil"?
2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
3. Forming conscience is a "lifelong task." What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?



## St John the Apostle Catholic Church, Norwalk, IA to Host Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church will be serving a Fantastic Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, dinner rolls Coffee, Tea and Pie. Adults \$10.00, Ages 6-12 \$5.00, under 5 Free. Any questions contact St. John's Church office at 515-981-4855. Located at 720 Orchard Hills Drive, Norwalk, IA

## 2020 Iowa Catholic Men's Conference

Keynote Speaker:

**Matt Campbell, ISU Head Football Coach**

Saturday, February 22,

Embassy Suites by Hilton, 101 E Locust St, Downtown Des Moines

Mass at 7:30 am with Bishop Joensen

Registration 8-9

Conference from 9 am - 12 pm

Tickets: \$20

Register at [IowaCatholicRadio.com/events](http://IowaCatholicRadio.com/events)



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED...

**Helen Byington** Mother of Karly (Randy) Beavers  
of our parish



<sup>1</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2000, no. 1777

<sup>2</sup> USCCB. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17

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## HEALING PRAYER SERVICE WITH FATHER UBALD

Fr. Ubald was ordained a Catholic priest in the Cyangugu Diocese of Rwanda in 1984. During the 1994 Rwanda genocide, Fr. Ubald lost 80 members of his family and 45,000 parishioners. After the genocide he began preaching healing, forgiveness and reconciliation throughout the country. He not only preaches forgiveness, he is a living example of its healing powers – forgiving the man who killed his family and even adopting that man's children when there was no one to care for them. Through the grace of God, Fr. Ubald has been given a unique gift of healing. He communicates the living power of Jesus's healing wherever he preaches. Join us for a Mass with Healing Prayer while Fr. Ubald's in the Des Moines area in March.

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**St Pius X Catholic Church  
3663 66<sup>th</sup> St Urbandale, IA 50322**

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church  
510 E. First St. Ankeny, IA 50021**





DOWLING CATHOLIC BANDS PRESENTS THE 21ST ANNUAL DEEP MAROON SERENADE **Sun, Feb 16, 2020**  
A FREE performance of the Dowling Catholic Bands, Chamber Ensembles, Jazz Ensembles, and the Jazz Choir! Doors Open at 1:30PM **Show Starts at 2pm**  
**New Location!** Adventureland Palace Theatre  
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- Ability to use computer software such as ConnectNow, Excel, Word, ParishSoft
- High level of general accounting skills with knowledge of cash-flow management
- Excellent organizational skills w/ability to multi-task
- Strong detail orientation w/high degree of accuracy
- Self-Starter who can work effectively within a team
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Ability to communicate clearly verbally and in writing
- Salary commensurate with experience, full benefits

More info on the employment page of the website  
<https://holytrinitydm.org/church/explore-holy-trinity-church/employment-opportunities/>

Join LifeServe on February 29th to leap toward saving lives.  
**Make your extra day count.**  
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### Holy Trinity Catholic Church Blood Drive

**Saturday, February 29, 2020**  
**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Gym, 2926 Beaver Avenue



**Save time while saving lives with QuickPass!** You can now fill out your donor history questionnaire **the day of your donation** from the comfort of wherever you are on your phone, tablet or computer. [lifeservebloodcenter.org/quickpass](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org/quickpass)

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*YOU make a difference in YOUR community. Giving local matters. Your support matters.  
Please bring a valid form of identification, such as your donor ID card or driver's license.*

FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER DES MOINES ART RECEPTION You're invited to attend! This show features the special artwork of children and families helped by the Family Promise of Greater Des Moines and Holy Trinity Parish. Enjoy beverages and light snacks while viewing artwork, visiting with the artists, and touring the FPGD Day Center. This event will be on Sunday, February 16 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church - 4114 Allison Ave., Des Moines. **Please RSVP to Jai by calling 515.277.7051 or at [jsmith@familypromisedm.org](mailto:jsmith@familypromisedm.org)**

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READING I: Sirach 15:15-20

PSALM: 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

READING II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-37

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

**Question for Children:** Which rules cause you the most difficulty? Why?

**Question for Youth:** In your own words, describe what the spirit of God's law is.

**Question for Adults:** Have you considered that laws are made with love? Do you accept God's love through his laws?



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### **Cyril, Monk, 825-869 & Methodius, Bishop, 826-884**

Cyril and Methodius were brothers born at Thessalonika, Greece, of a senatorial family. Both brothers wanted to live out their lives in a monastery. In 861, however, Emperor Michael III sent them to convert the Khazars in Russia. The brothers learned the Khazar language and made many converts before returning to their monastery. In 863, Photius, now the patriarch of Constantinople sent the two brothers to Moravia, part of the Czech Republic, to convert the people. The brothers put their knowledge of the Slavonic language to good use. They invented an alphabet, based largely on Greek capital letters. (The Cyrillic alphabet attributed to Cyril was probably the work of his followers.) With the new alphabet, the brother began translating the liturgical books into Slavonic and began using the Slavonic tongue in their Church services. Because of this, and the fact that they were from Constantinople where heresy was abundant, they incurred the wrath of the German clergy and bishops.

Summoned to Rome in 869 to defend their positions, the brothers were received warmly by Pope Adrian II, who, convinced of their orthodoxy, approved their use of the Slavonic language in their liturgies and announced that they were to be consecrated bishops. But shortly after, Cyril died on February 14, 869. It is not known whether he ever was consecrated as a bishop. Methodius was consecrated, however, and returned to Moravia as bishop. He and Cyril are called the "Apostles of the Slavs" and to this day the liturgical language of the Russians, Serbs, Ukrainians, and Bulgars is that designed by Cyril and Methodius.

**Cyril and Methodius' message today:** These brothers recognized the needs of the people among whom they were working. Over a thousand years ago, Cyril and Methodius translated Scripture into their language and used the vernacular in their worship. Ministering to their people in this manner brought condemnation from others, but Cyril and Methodius persevered despite obstacles.

*Do you defend those principles that you know are right when others condemn them? Do you spend time studying the background so that you can apply persuasive arguments to your defense or do you just base your stand on a "feeling?"*



# PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF FEB 16 2020

	SUNDAY 2/16	MONDAY 2/17	TUESDAY 2/18	WEDNESDAY 2/19	THURSDAY 2/20	FRIDAY 2/21	SATURDAY 2/22
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		Parent Teacher Conferences <b>3:30-7:30PM</b>	Parent Teacher Conferences <b>3:30-7:30PM</b>		NO SCHOOL KC Open Parent Teacher Conferences <b>8-11AM</b>	NO SCHOOL KC Open	Basketball Tournament
FAITH FORMATION		Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CH <b>5PM</b>	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CH <b>4PM</b>	Faith Formation & Edge Classes <b>6:30PM</b>			Reconciliation <b>3-4PM</b>
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass <b>8:30AM</b>  Mass <b>10:30AM</b>	Comm Srvc <b>8AM</b>  Men's Bible Study <b>8:30PM RM105</b>	Mass <b>8AM</b>  <b>RCIA Class 6:30PM</b>	Mass <b>8AM</b>  Faith & Friendship Group RM105 <b>7:30PM</b>	Mass <b>8AM</b>  Adoration <b>2-10PM</b>	Mass <b>8:30AM</b>	Mass <b>4:30PM</b>  Sun Reading Men's MC <b>7:30AM</b> Women's DC <b>7:30AM</b>
MORE	Knights of Columbus Breakfast <b>after both Masses</b>	Scholastic Book Fair <b>3:30-7:30PM</b>	Scholastic Book Fair <b>3:30-7:30PM</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class MC <b>6:30PM</b>  Schola CH <b>7:30PM</b>	Finance Committee <b>MC 6:30 PM</b>		Rise with Christ Church <b>8:30AM</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

### Sunday, Feb 16

8:30 AM Mass For the Parish  
10:30 AM Mass Vicki Smith

### Monday, Feb 17

8:00 AM Mass Communion Service (Comm Srvc)

### Tuesday, Feb 18

8 AM Mass Janice Weast

### Wednesday, Feb 19

8:00 AM Mass Janice & Bob Bartusek

### Thursday, Feb 20

8 AM Mass Adoration  
Mary Scott

### Friday, Feb 21

8:30 AM Mass w/School Lucille Pechman

### Saturday, Feb 22

4:30 PM Mass Reconciliation 3-4PM  
For the Parish

### Sunday, Feb 23

8:30 AM Mass Don Hilbert  
10:30 AM Mass Virgil Hefner

## NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS

### Saturday, Feb 22 4:30PM

Altar Server St Benedict  
Lectors Chris Lang & Lorrienne Riseley  
EMHC Team 1  
Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

### Sunday, Feb 23 8:30 AM

Altar Server St Theresa  
Lectors Warren Riesdesel & Tom Henderson  
EMHC Team 1  
Children's Liturgy Team C  
Musical Coordinator Tom Quiner

### Sunday, Feb 23 10:30 AM

Altar Server St Anthony  
Lectors Mary Ann Nielsen & Robert Nielsen  
EMHC Team 2  
Children's Liturgy Team 4  
Musical Coordinator Dr. Kevin Allemagne

**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

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