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GREETINGS.

As you know, the election season has begun. Even though the next general election will not be until November, the campaigns are in full swing. This year, our diocese will be participating in an initiative developed by the Catholic Bishops Conference called "Civilize It." The goal of this program is to encourage more civility, compassion, and clarity in our political and social discourse.

You may have heard the term "cancel culture" used recently. This is the idea that when some people encounter an attitude, action, or opinion they don't agree with, they simply "cancel" the person(s) who put it forth. That is, they simply delete those people from their lives and consciousness rather than seeking an honest dialogue and trying to find some common ground. We are not being asked to change our beliefs, but rather, we are asked to be willing to at least discuss civilly those issues that will be so important in our next election cycle. We are still being called to act in accord with our well-formed conscience, even as we listen to the ideas of others with whom we may disagree. We are called to treat all with compassion and civility: to recognize the dignity of all and be clear about our own beliefs even though we may disagree about some of the issues of our day.

This initiative can help to remind us that as we consider our choices in upcoming elections, we are not likely to find a "perfect" candidate. But, as informed citizens we are called to elect our government officials. Our church and diocese will provide more information as the year continues. I encourage us all to read and reflect on it as we consider our choices and seek the choices that best align with our beliefs and our faith formed consciences.

Have a good week.

FR. Manh



NOTES FROM THE CHURCH FEB 2 2020

HT CENTENNIAL UPDATE

The Centennial Committee has been meeting to plan this exciting and historic vear of events! The Archive Committee has been busy researching and documenting Holy Trinity's history...so many fascinating stories of past religious & parishioners! They look forward to sharing these treasures with you. The committees for the big June 6th & 7th events are busy planning wonderful food & entertainment as well as carnival activities. Look for more information at an upcoming Coffee & Donuts hosted by Centennial Committee volunteers. If you would like to donate to the Centennial Event weekend, place your donation in the mail or collection basket(mark "Centennial" in the memo or on the envelope) If your business is interested in an ad space in the centennial program, please reach out to us at parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org. Space is limited.

GIRL SCOUTS COFFEE & DONUTS

Girl Scout Juniors (5th grade) and Brownies (2nd grade) are excited to host coffee and donuts after 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses on Sunday, February 9th. The girls will also have on hand all of your favorite Girl Scout cookies: Thin Mints, Caramel Delights, Peanut Butter Patties, etc. for \$4 a box. We will also have our gluten free Caramel Chocolate Chip Cookie at \$5 a bag. Our cookie sales help fund activities for our young ladies such as horseback riding and cabin sleepovers, but we also donate each year to a charity. This past year we donated baby supplies to the Des Moines Young Women's Resource Center.





ALTAR SERVER TRAINING-AFTER 10:30 MASS FEB 9

For all Holy Trinity Parish Students in grades 4th through 7th grades: if you would like to serve your Parish by altar serving at the Masses, please sign up by contacting the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext. 128 or

parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org. Thank You!

MAN-UP WEST POWER LUNCH, FEB (CATHOLIC

FELLOWSHIP FOR MEN) Fri, Feb 14 Noon/St. Francis WDM

The Love that Satisfies St. John Paul II said man cannot live without love, and that our lives are meaningless until we encounter love, experience it and make it our own. On Valentine's Day there is a lot of talk about love, and at our power lunch Adam Storey, Director of the Marriage and Family Life Office, will explore what love really means, how to identify counterfeits of love, and concrete ways to respond more fully to God's invitation to love found in our marriages, families, and homes. Wives, girlfriends and mothers are invited to join us (at this meeting only) for this special event. Lunch served from Chick-fil-A/Program: High Noon, St. Francis 7075 Ashworth Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50266 Please register all who plan to attend this event at

https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF JAN 19 2019

Budget - July 2019 - June 2020 YTD Budget through Jan 19, 2019 YTD Actual tithing through Jan 19, 2019 \$1,008,000 \$585,508 \$562,357 YTD Overage (Deficit)
Tithing for the week ending Jan 19
Number of Donations Received

(\$23,151) \$4,648

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NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL FEB 2 2020

ENROLLING NOW!

Holy Trinity Catholic School is enrolling new students for the 2020-2021 school year starting 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 all designed to challenge students and provide 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.

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 diocesean 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 to submit your name and get more information.

THANK YOU!

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We invite all parishioners to pray for Holy Trinity, the success of Catholic education throughout our community and the students we serve. Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support. To learn more about Catholic education in the Diocese of Des Moines, please visit https://www.dmdiocese.org/catholic-schools.





NOTES FROM THE PARISH FEB 2 2020



Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace: A Prayer for Civility

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where uncivil words prevail, show me how to model love.

Help me remember the God-given dignity of all and invite others to do the same.

Show me how to build bridges and not walls

and see first what unites us rather than how we diverge.

Let me seek to understand before asking to be understood.

Give me a listening heart filled with empathy and compassion.

May I be clear in sharing my own position and respectful and civil in describing those of others.

Let me never tolerate hateful ideas.

May I invite all to charity and love.

Lord, help me to imitate your compassion and mercy.

Make me an instrument of your peace.

Amen.

Inspired by Nine Rules for Civility from the Catholic Tradition, Bishop Zubik



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Find this pledge and other resources and prayers at civilizeit.org.





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WORLD MARRIAGE DAY Come celebrate love, faith and the commitment to the sacrament of holy matrimony. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family and salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. This special Mass will be held at 2 PM Feb 9 at the Basilica of St. Francis Xavier in Dyersville. Reception w with refreshments provided by Worldwide Marriage Encounter follows in the church hall.

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BE RADIX

IF YOU KNOW A HIGH-SCHOOL SENIOR THAT COULD USE A RELAXING WEEKEND OF RETREAT TO FOCUS ON STAYING ROOTED IN THEIR FAITH AFTER GRADUATION, BE SURE TO GET THEM SIGNED UP FOR A RADIX RETREAT TODAY!

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WWW.DMDTOCESE.ORG/ADDX FOR MORE INFORMATION.



The Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque are seeking volunteers for a service trip to Honduras with the Sister Water Project July 17-25, 2020. Sister Water Project service team members will help make potable water accessible to people in the rural village of Mejocote, near the town of Gracias in Lempira, Honduras.

Team members must be 18 years old (16 years old if accompanied by a parent/guardian) and physically healthy and strong enough to perform strenuous activity at higher altitudes. Fees for the trip are \$1,100 which includes ground/air travel from the USA to Honduras, food, and lodging.

To apply for the Sister Water Project service trip to Honduras, visit our website at www.osfdbq.org, or email Stacy Francois at francoiss@osfdbq.org for an application. Applications are due by April 10.

For more information:
Sister Kathy Knipper, OSF
(563) 583-9786 or knipperk@osfdbp.org



SISTER WATER PROJECT Please consider being a volunteer and/or sharing the invitation with those who may be interested in participating in the Sister Water Project (SWP) Service Trip to Honduras July 17-25, 2020 sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis, Dubuque, IA. For more info about the service trip and its application, see www.osfdbq.org and click on the SWP tab.

IOWA CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE Men young and old are invited to this year's lowa Catholic Men's Conference, to be held at the Downtown Embassy Suites in Des Moines on February 22nd. MC'd by Jon Leonetti, and keynoted by Matt Campbell (ISU head football coach) and Joe Stopulos (host of "Man Up"), this will be a morning of encouraging and challenging men to boldly proclaim the Kingdom of God, the truths of the Catholic faith, and to live a virtuous life within their families and society. Get your tickets and more INFO at www.iowacatholicmensconference today!

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BRING THE GOSPEL HOME FEB 2 2020

READING I: Malachi 3:1-4

PSALM: 24:7-10

READING II: Hebrews 2:14

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40





SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, c. early 4th Century

Bishop Blaise (sometimes spelled Blase) was martyred around 316 by order of Governor Agricolaus in Sebastea, Armenia, during Licinius' persecution of Christians. That is the only certain knowledge that we have about this saint.

According to legend, Blaise was born in Armenia to wealthy Christian parents and was made a bishop in his youth. He was known as a good bishop who encouraged the spiritual and physical health of his people. When the persecution of Christians began in Armenia, Blaise was forced to flee. He went to live as a hermit in the back country, where he cured wild animals that were sick or wounded.

One day, while seeking animals for the amphitheater, a group of hunters, came across Blaise kneeling in prayer in a cave surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions, and bears. Recognizing him as a Christian, the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison. On the way there, a mother came to him with her young son who was choking to death on a fish bone caught in his throat. Blaise cured the boy; thus, he later became the patron and protector of throats.

Blaise's message today: All of God's creatures, great and small, are entitled to our care and compassion. There are many people, young and old, who may not be able to look after their own needs. It is up to us to help them in whatever way we can. Are you aware of the needs in your own community? What can you do to alleviate the suffering of others?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Question for Children: What do you want to tell others about Jesus?

Question for Youth: Simeon said that Jesus would be a "light to all nations." When, where or how do you see the light of Jesus?

Question for Adults: Mary and Joseph took their faith seriously enough to make a return to the Lord of the most precious thing in their lives, their son, whom they presented to God in the Temple. How do you return to God that which is most precious to you?



PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF FEB 2 2020

	SUNDAY 2/2	MONDAY 2/3	TUESDAY 2/4	WEDNESDAY 2/5	THURSDAY 2/6	FRIDAY 2/7	SATURDAY 2/8
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		\$1 Jeans Day Hosted by the 1st Grade Artist In Residence —		Early Dismissal 1PM Kids Connection Open		Middle School Dance 7PM SR	
FAITH FORMATION		Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CH 5PM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CH 4PM	Faith Formation & Edge & Lifeteen Classes 6:30PM			Reconciliation 3-4PM
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM	Comm Srvce 8AM Men's Bible Study 8:30PM RM105	Mass 8AM NO RCIA CLASS	Mass 8AM Faith & Friendship Group RM105 7:30PM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-10PM	Mass 8:30AM Hosted by 4 th Grade	Mass 4:30PM Sun Reading Men's MC 7:30AM Women's DC 7:30AM
MORE	Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet after 10:30AM Mass			Schola CH 7:30PM	Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Media Center		

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

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE Sunday, Feb 2	E AND INTENTIONS	NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS Saturday, Feb 8 4:30PM			
8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass	Kay Cooper For the Parish	Altar Server Lectors EMHC	St Luke Shirley Hurley & Dave Bunkers Team 2		
Monday, Feb 3 8:00 AM Mass	Communion Service (Comm Srvce)	Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner		
Tuesday, Feb 4 8 AM Mass	Bev Poncin	Sunday, Feb 9 8:30 AM Altar Server Lectors	St Rose Josh Visnapuu & Mike Glynn		
Wednesday, Feb 5 8:00 AM Mass Ruth & Jim Wright		EMHC Children's Liturgy Musical Coordinator	Team 2 Team A		
Thursday, Feb 6 8 AM Mass			Tom Quiner I St Andrew		
Friday, Feb 7 8:30 AM Mass w/School	Bonnie Fitzgerald	Altar Server Lectors EMHC	Matt Connolly & Marsha Szymczuk Team 4		
Saturday, Feb 8 4:30 PM Mass	Reconciliation 3-4PM For the Parish	Children's Liturgy Musical Coordinator	Team 2 Dr. Kevin Allemagne		
Sunday, Feb 9 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass	Geri Tilton Pihart Family	WEEKDAY COMMUNION	1:30PM / Sun 8:30 & 10:30AM N SERVICE Mon 8:00AM Thurs 8:00AM / Fri 8:30AM w/School		



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