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Mar 22 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Faith Service Respect



*"I was blind
and now I see."
John 9:1-41*



ALL PUBLIC MASSES CANCELED – WATCH ONLINE [HERE](#)



FROM FATHER MARK MAR 22 2020

Dear Holy Trinity parishioners,

I want to share with our Holy Trinity community some information regarding our procedures during this very difficult time.

To begin, all Masses, weekday and Sunday, will be suspended until further notice. The church will be open for prayer 8 am-4:30 pm for those who wish to come pray. There should not be more than 10 people at one time in the church. This is so that we can be consistent with the most recent guidelines from health experts. Please enter and exit through the west door of the church.

I will be recording weekday and Sunday Mass for those who wish to participate in Mass in this way. For recorded Mass go to <https://holytrinitydm.org/church/worship/mass-at-ht>.

Those who are encouraged to stay home as much as possible, especially those 60 years and over as well as those with underlying health conditions, should do so. This is for your own health and safety and the health and safety of all. We should all try to stay home as much as we are able to until this situation can be stabilized.

Non-essential parish activities will also be suspended....this includes all parish meetings, groups and committee meetings. We will also suspend stations of the cross, fish fries, and all previously scheduled meetings and activities for this time period.

For now, the parish office will remain open during regular hours. But please call ahead if you need to come in person. Our number is 255-3162

The above are in addition to previous encouragements to practice social distance and stay home as much as possible. I know this is difficult, but we can still keep in touch by phone and social media. Please continue to check in with family, friends and neighbors so that we can all support one another. If this can't be done in person, please do so by phone, social media, etc.

At the direction of the governor, Holy Trinity School (and schools statewide) are closed until April 14. Our students will be engaged in remote learning, which they prepared for before school was canceled. For more information about the school please check the school website at <https://holytrinitydm.org/school>. Our parish faith formation programs are also canceled until April 14. We will send updates as they are available.

We will also be working to develop alternate plans for First Communion and for The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) candidates. When these plans are finalized, they will be shared. Thank you for your patience

We will continue providing updates as they become available.

In closing, Holy Trinity has been here for 100 years. We are still here and we will continue to be here. We will come through this, but we need to work together and support one another. We are in uncharted territory. I ask that we all work together for the common good; here at the parish and in our community.

Take care and may God bless you all and may God bless Holy Trinity parish and all of His people.

God bless and stay healthy,

Fr. Mark Neal
Pastor
Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School



NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MAR 22 2020

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS FROM THE DIOCESE AND BISHOP JOENSON

- ALL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DIOCESE ARE CLOSING UNTIL APRIL 14
- All weekend Masses in the Diocese of Des Moines are cancelled until further notice. Catholics are relieved of their Sunday obligation. The CDC is asking for no gatherings of more than 10 people.
- COVID-19: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW Here's some basic information from [MercyOne](#) about what this coronavirus is and precautionary measures to take.

PRAYER RESOURCES

[Prayer for the Sick](#) (English & Spanish)
[Prayer for Spiritual Communion](#) (English & Spanish)
[Liturgy of the Hours](#) (USCCB)
[Daily Readings](#) [Lecturas del Dia](#)
[Daily Reflection Video](#)

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 9

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 10

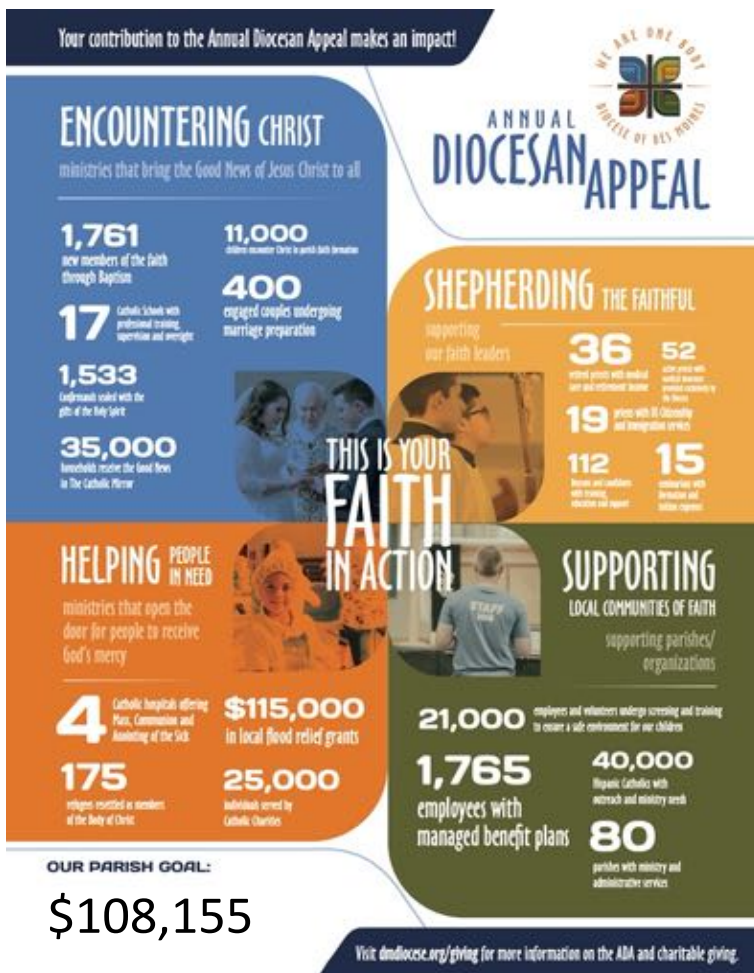
7:00 PM Proclamation of the Lord's Passion /
Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday-April 11

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 12

8:30 & 10:30 AM Mass of
the Resurrection of the Lord



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED...

Sandy Stumpf

Sister of Kurt(Ellen) Stumpf of our Parish



Also all those who have died of the Coronavirus

Please pray for them

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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF MAR 8 2020

Budget - July 2019 - June 2020	\$1,008,000	YTD Overage (Deficit)	(\$1712)
YTD Budget through Mar 8	\$720,624	Tithing for the week ending Mar 8	\$36,439
YTD Actual tithing through Mar 8	\$718,912	Number of Donations Received	330

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



NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL MAR 22 2020

ENROLLING NOW

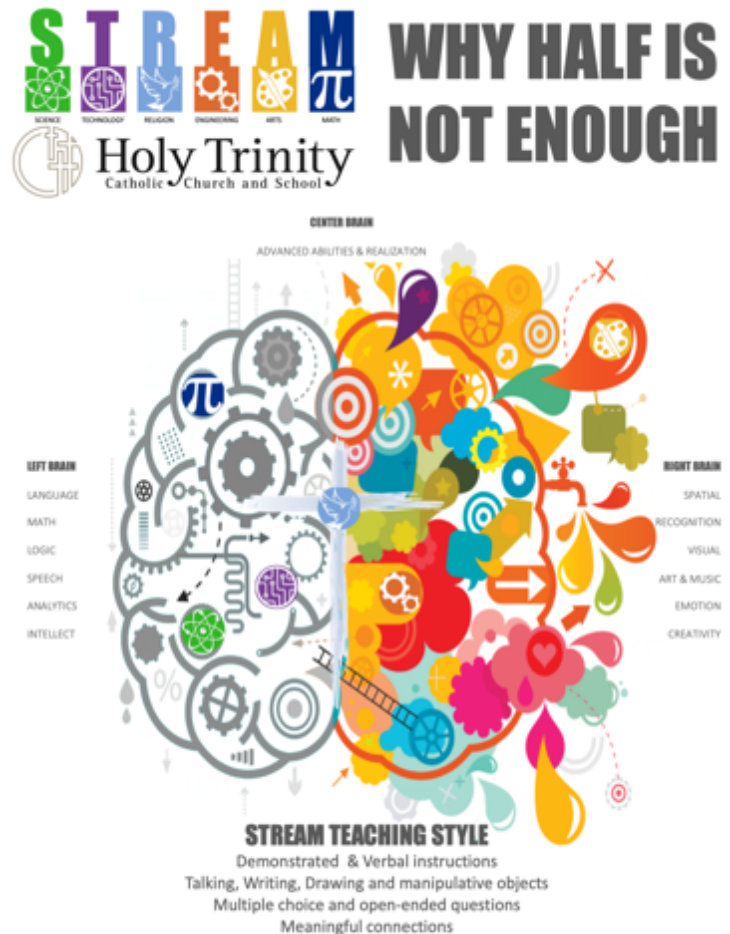
Holy Trinity Catholic School is enrolling new students for the 2020-2021 school year right now. We invite all families to visit our school and discover the Holy Trinity Catholic school difference. Our students experience a robust curriculum that includes religion, reading, language arts, handwriting,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

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL OFFERS S.T.R.E.A.M.!

Did you know that Holy Trinity offers integrated S.T.R.E.A.M. education (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math) for students in PS-8 grade? Partnerships with local, state and national STEM, Religion and Arts programs further enhance the S.T.R.E.A.M. experience for our students. This project-based learning balances right brain and left brain learning offering your student a more balanced approach to education for all types of learners.

Holy Trinity Catholic school's research-based teaching strategies and innovative applications of technology guide instruction with the help of desktop computers, laptops, iPads, tablets, interactive whiteboards, and other technology integrated into the classroom.

Want your child to experience the benefits of an integrated S.T.R.E.A.M. education at Holy Trinity Catholic School? Visit holytrinitydm.org/enroll to learn more and schedule your school tour today! Contact us at dlynch@htschool.org



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CTO helps finance Catholic Education with 20%-50% Tuition Assistance for families who meet income guidelines. Find out more at ctodsmdiocese.org.

Mark Your Calendars!

APRIL 3 - Application deadline for round 1. If application and documentation are complete, you will be notified by mid-May if you received an award. Please apply FAIRapp.com

JULY 31 – Application deadline for round 2

DEC 15 – Requested due date for contributions

DEC 31– donations must be postmarked to be included as a current year contribution

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COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak,
Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus are
cancelling our remaining scheduled
Lenten Fish Dinners and wishes you
health and peace in these times.



Mark your calendars now for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society's
2020 Chip in Fore Charity Golf Fundraiser.
Join us Thursday, May 21, 2020 at Copper Creek Golf Club.
Registration & details on our website www.svdpsdm.org

BOY SCOUT CAN SHED CLOSED

Troop 77 has temporarily closed the Can Shed to donations due to the current state of emergency around coronavirus. It will re-open sometime after an "all clear" is given and conditions are deemed safe for the Scouts to resume collecting and sorting cans and bottles.

The Scouts appreciate Holy Trinity's continued support and donations to the Can Shed. After re-opening, we will hold a can drive to collect any cans and bottles that parishioners and community members may be building up over the upcoming weeks. Thank you again for your support of Troop 77.

CATHOLIC PEACE MINISTRY EVENT CANCELED

With the coronavirus outbreak Catholic Peace Ministry has decided to postpone our Bishop Dingman Peace Award and Social event, that was scheduled for March 28, until a later time. Please let your congregations know that it has been postponed. If anyone has sent a donation or purchased tickets, they can be refunded. People can contact the CPM office at 515-803-1152 or email catholicpeaceministry@gmail.com.

CONNECTION CAFÉ

Holy Trinity will be providing and serving lunch to the homeless at the Connection Cafe on Thursday, March 26th. We will need 4 people to help serve lunch at St. John's Lutheran (6600 6th St.) from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. that day. To keep everyone safe from coronavirus, we would like the servers to not be in a high risk category. We will be preparing sack lunches, beginning at 11:30 am, which will include pre-made meat and cheese sandwiches, chips, fruit and cookie. We'll distribute the lunches to 5 people at a time. Please sign up [HERE](#) to donate items or help serve. If you'd like to make arrangements to drop off food items in advance, please contact Rob Hoover at theconnectioncafe@hotmail.com or call or text 515-77101481. Thank you for your support!



SPIRITUALITY OF THE READING

Jesus makes clay on the Sabbath, with his own spittle (what an earthy detail!). He sends the man who was born blind to wash in the “*Pool of Siloam*.”

The man comes back, now able to see, but Jesus had moved on. Where is he? The man admits, “I do not know.” Neighbors wonder if sighted person could be that blind fellow who used to sit and beg? No, it cannot be him. But it looks like him. And so on.

Unbelieving Pharisees join in.

They quote the law,

“Thou shall keep the Sabbath holy.”

“This fellow tried to work a miracle on the Sabbath day and therefore he is a sinner and cannot be from God.”

“Therefore he could not possibly work a miracle.”

“If the man can now see, then he was never blind in the first place!”

An easy conclusion.

They summon this man’s parents, who say honestly that, in fact, their son had actually been blind from birth! Someone must have cured him! But the rulers are resolved not to recognize Jesus as a miracle worker. They bring the man back and ask a cynical question, as if they were believers: “How did he open your eyes?”

The man replied,

I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too? ([Gospel](#))

A tart and humorous reply. The Pharisees are of course outraged and they start to insult the formerly blind man. They have not listened and are themselves blinded by what might happen if they admit the truth—like losing their seat of power and influence.*

In our [Gospel](#) account, the truth was simple:

Jesus gave depth of sight to a man born blind.

Our lesson? That the works of God were made visible through this blind man. Jesus says that is the purpose of the blindness in the first place.

The man who was blind puts it this way:

“I do believe, Lord.”

It is not just his physical eyesight that was at stake. His heart had been healed.

You can see why this reading is cited during Lent. Easter will present us with the greatest healing in history, and we need to prepare for it. Jesus himself will suffer from the blindness of the world and will die. By his death the world will be healed from its hatred and fear, its suffering and evil, cured by an event that is as quiet as blindness. He will descend into the unseeing darkness of death and by doing this he will prove that *love is stronger than death*.

Who can see or understand such an event? Not you or me if we are like the story’s Pharisees. We will be distracted by our need for whatever is driving us at the moment: need to control others, to be in charge. What if they had seen this blind man through unclouded eyes? With wonder and awe? Couldn’t they have beheld the miracle?

Well, so can we.

Let us be like the blind man. Let us admit that we cannot see. Then pray to have our eyes opened.

Maybe we will glimpse God’s answer to blindness and suffering and sin!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Start a new chapter in your marriage by attending one of these upcoming weekends. April 24-26th @ Ankeny; May 29-31st @ Dubuque; Nov 6-8th @ Coralville. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwwme.org or call 563-608-3305.

PAYROLL CLERK WANTED

The Diocese of Des Moines has an exciting opportunity for an experienced payroll clerk. For more information on the duties and expectations for this position, please visit our website.

Qualified candidates can send their cover letter and resume by April 1, 2020 to Hr@dmdiocese.org



BRING THE GOSPEL HOME MAR 22 2020

READING I: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

PSALM: 23:1-6

READING II: Ephesians 5:8-14

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: What are the things that Jesus wants you to do as his friend?

Question for Youth: Jesus helped a blind man see—and he helps each of us see the world differently. How do you see differently because you believe?

Question for Adults: Share how you, as a child of the light, in the power of Christ, produce goodness, justice, and truth for the world. What specific actions do you take to do this?



Isidore of Seville, Bishop and Doctor, 560-636

Isidore received a very strict but firm grounding and later became known as the most learned man of his time and a strong supporter for good education. (Incidentally, Leander and another brother, Fulgentius, also became bishops and saints and a sister, Florentia, founder and abbess of several convents, became a saint as well.) Isidore worked as an assistant to Leander, who had become bishop of Seville. Upon Leander's death in about 599, Isidore succeeded him in this post. As bishop, Isidore accomplished much. He completed the conversion of the Goths from Arianism to Catholicism and adapted a missal and breviary for them, both tasks having been started by his brother. Isidore was responsible for establishing seminaries or church schools in every diocese of Spain. These schools did not teach merely the liberal arts and the classical languages, but had medicine, law, the sciences and Aristotelian philosophy as part of their curriculum. Isidore presided over two Church councils in Spain during his episcopate, the second Council of Seville in 619 and the fourth Council of Toledo in 633. Isidore was a prolific writer with many books to his credit on topics ranging from astronomy to theology. One book, written about the Goths, provides the only source of information available on a period of history of that people. Another, called the *Etymologies or Origins*, was a virtual encyclopedia of all the knowledge of his age. Alban Butler, in his *Lives of the Saints*, tells us that it was used as a textbook until the middle of the sixteenth century. Throughout his years, Isidore lived an austere life taking very little for himself and giving away what he did have. In the last six months of his life, he even increased his charities. The poor crowded his house daily to share his generosity. When he was near death, Isidore invited other bishops to visit him. At his request, they clothed him in sackcloth and ashes and he prayed for forgiveness of his sins. After receiving the last rites, Isidore distributed all his remaining worldly goods to the poor, forgave those indebted to him and then returned to his house where he died.

Isidore's message today: God endows each of us with many gifts. Isidore had a strong drive to spread education throughout Spain at a time when, generally, only the aristocracy and priests were educated. He managed to do all of this while still living an austere life and tending to the needs of the poor.

How well do you put to work the gifts which God has given you? Are you helping those who have less than you, whether materially or spiritually?

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