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## FROM FATHER MARK APR 12 2020

#### **GREETINGS**

I wanted to provide another update. As we see on a daily basis, our current situation is very fluid and sometimes changes from one day to the next. But here is our most current update.

We have completed interviews for our school leadership positions and offered the positions which have been accepted. Our new Holy Trinity School principal will be Melissa Reder. Melissa is completing her 8<sup>th</sup> year as Catholic school principal and 17<sup>th</sup> year over all in education. Melissa is currently the principal of St. Mary School in Rome, Georgia (outside Atlanta). However, she is from the Des Moines area and is excited to return to her roots. She is an accomplished administrator and has numerous skills that I believe will be invaluable to Holy Trinity.

Our new Holy Trinity School assistant principal will be Monica Morrison. Monica comes to us from Christ the King School here in Des Moines where she currently serves as a Title 1 academic interventionist. Monica brings strong skills in helping students to improve both academically and behaviorally. Both Melissa and Monica have written an introduction in the "Notes from Our School" section of this week's Bulletin. Please join me in welcoming Melissa and Monica to our Holy Trinity team.

We continue to conduct parish business. Our parish staff continues to do an excellent job under unprecedented circumstances. Thanks to all who continue to tithe. Your generosity is extraordinary and deeply appreciated! Thanks also to all those who have contributed to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. I suspect we will still be responsible for this, so any help is appreciated.

As we are now in Holy Week, and approaching the Sacred Triduum, our services for the Triduum will be livestreamed on Facebook. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view these as they are posted on our Facebook feed <a href="https://www.facebook.com/htschooldm">https://www.facebook.com/htschooldm</a> which is open to the public. There is a link to follow on our website. Our Holy Thursday Mass will begin at 7PM. Our Good Friday service will begin at 3PM. Our Easter Vigil will begin at 8PM and our Easter Sunday Mass will be 8:30 AM. These livestreams will also be available for later viewing in the video section. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pg/htschooldm/videos">https://www.facebook.com/pg/htschooldm/videos</a>

As you know, school closures have now been extended to April 30. Here at Holy Trinity, we will continue to provide remote learning to our students. Thanks to Dr. Anne Franklin, Mrs. Jodi Safris and all of our teachers for making this happen. Our Holy Trinity school students are continuing to receive a quality education. Holy Trinity is a shining example in this regard. Thank you to all for such outstanding work!

Finally, rest assured, you continue to be in my prayers during this very difficult time and thanks to all who have passed along such kind and encouraging words.

May God bless us all and may God bless Holy Trinity.

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# NOTES FROM THE CHURCH APR 12 2020

# ALL LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK

#### **TRIDUUM**

#### Good Friday, April 10

3:00 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 AM Mass of

the Resurrection of the Lord

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- COVID-19: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW Here's some basic information from <u>MercyOne</u> about what this coronavirus is and precautionary measures to take.

#### **PRAYER RESOURCES**

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Liturgy of the Hours (USCCB)
Daily Reflection Video

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all those volunteers who have answered the call to pray, write, shop and deliver to their fellow parishioners in this uncertain time with the COVID-19 Virus. We still have need for additional Pastoral Care Volunteers to keep doing the items listed below:

- Written Correspondence: Offer to send personal notes and cards to those who are isolated.
- Shopping and Delivery Services: Physically shop for and deliver groceries or pharmaceuticals.
- Prayer Partners: Receive a fellow parishioner as a prayer partner. Pray together by phone, by FaceTime, or email. Prior to beginning prayer relationship, individuals will receive guidelines

If you would like to help -- go to our website at <a href="holytrinitydm.org">holytrinitydm.org</a> or call the Parish Office at 255-3162. Thank you for making a difference!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY APR 13

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Apr 12 John Mozga/For the Parish

Monday Apr 13 No Mass

Tuesday Apr 14 Teresa Schaefer Wednesday Apr 15 Janice Radosevich

Thursday Apr 16 For our School Teachers

Friday Apr 17 Tim McDonald Saturday Apr 18 Janet Gear Hermann

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED...

Tim McDonald, son of Marty and Lisa McDonald of our parish

Also all those who have died of the Coronavirus



#### **FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF MAR 29 2020**

Budget - July 2019 - June 2020\$1,008,000YTD Overage (Deficit)\$20YTD Budget through Mar 29\$769,467Tithing for the week ending Mar 29\$9,353YTD Actual tithing through Mar 29\$769,487Number of Donations Received33



# NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL APR 12 2020

#### MEET OUR NEW PRINCIPAL

I cannot begin to express how happy my family is to be a part of Holy Trinity Catholic School and Parish. Originally born in Des Moines, IA, it feels incredible to return home. I have had the awesome opportunity to serve as a Catholic school principal in Illinois and Georgia, totaling seven years. I received my BA from Eastern Illinois University and my MA from the University of Illinois. During my time as a classroom teacher, I worked closely with the University of Illinois to bring STREAM learning into my classroom. It is still a keen interest of mine.

I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to work alongside Father Mark. A strong relationship with the church and school is paramount for a strong Catholic Identity and ultimately will teach our children about the life of Jesus Christ.

Working together, we can continue Holy Trinity's greatness! Thank you so much for this delightful opportunity to serve your school community; I look forward to meeting all of you.

Melissa Reder

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#### MEET OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

My name is Monica Morrison, and I am so thrilled to be the new Assistant Principal for Holy Trinity School. I started my career seventeen years ago as a preschool teacher at Christ the King School and am currently the Title I Academic Interventionist and Student Support Service Coordinator. I grew up in the Des Moines area and graduated from Johnston Senior High School before pursuing a teaching degree from the University of Iowa. During my time at Christ the King, I attended Grandview University and earned endorsements in reading and special education. I will complete my master's degree in Teacher Leadership and Administration from Creighton University in May. I have two boys, David and Daniel, and a daughter named Evie. David is twelve years old, Daniel is almost eleven, and Evie is five. I look forward to getting to know each of you over the next few months and the summer. I feel so blessed to have already received such a warm welcome from your community.

God Bless, Monica Morrison

#### **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 <a href="https://holytrinitydm.org/school/enroll/enroll-now/">https://holytrinitydm.org/school/enroll/enroll-now/</a> or contact Delaney Lynch at <a href="mailto:dlynch@htschool.org">dlynch@htschool.org</a>.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL HAS KEPT STUDENTS IN 'SCHOOL' via eLearning Online Classes. **Distance Learning**Participation Out of our 404 students, only 13 are not showing any participation in distance learning. Nine of those 13 are in Preschool/PreK. Here are some amazing numbers:

SeeSaw Stats - Grades PS3-5th

All Time for Holy Trinity School

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All Time Posts Added
All Time Comments Made on Student

7,506

All Time Likes of Student World

745
All Time Visits by Family Members

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or contact Delaney Lynch at <a href="mailto:dlynch@htschool.org">dlynch@htschool.org</a>.

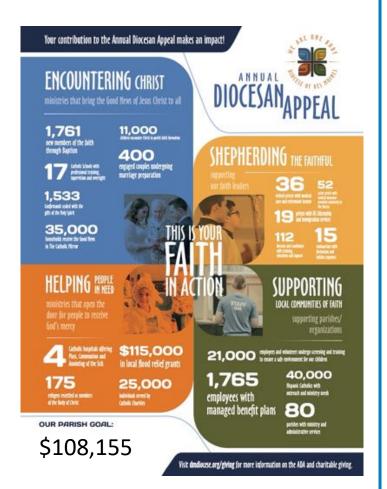
# SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED NOW THROUGH APRIL 30



# DIOCESAN | COMMUNITY | EVENTS APR 12 2020



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THANK YOU ALL WHO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE



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Donations can be made on our website at www.svdpdsm.org.

If you know someone in need, appointments can be scheduled by calling the numbers below:

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It is because of friends like you that we have been able to continue serving clients during this stressful time, and we are grateful for your continued support.

Can we count on you?



## NOTES ON THE MASS APR 12 2020

#### SPIRTUALITY OF THE READING HOLY THURSDAY/Good FRIDAY

#### **Open Your Ears**

The power of story. My dad used to tell special stories to us kids about Bruno the Bear. Bruno was just a cub (like us). We gloried in the secret stashes of honey, in angry bees, swimming in the dirty river, a little bear cleaning behind its ears at Momma's command—and so on.

With Bruno our imaginations burrowed safely into his comfy cave, with his bearish dad always just a few lumbering steps away, and of course our own dad's strong voice retelling all of this from the center of his dadly person. We mutated into stillness and wonder.

That was a long time ago, I know, but isn't it amazing that people's ears perk up immediately when a story begins, whether they are children or not. I wonder if you and I might feel that way on Thursday afternoon, Friday evening and Saturday night at Holy Week Triduum. Will we come to attention when the story of the last supper is read? What about the Passion reading of Good Friday? Or are they just a test of our endurance? If we get caught up in God's great story there will be no problem.

It was the night Jesus died. He took up some normal, coarse bread. He blessed it, broke off pieces and gave them to his disciples. The words he said have been remembered and retold throughout history. Eat this, it is my flesh. I am going to give up everything I am and have so that you can live. And this wine, it is my blood. I will shed it because I love you. Drink deep. He picked up a pail of water—smelly because it came up from a well. He took a rough cleaning cloth and did what nobody ever would have expected or even wanted in a million years. He washed their feet.

Peter takes our part: "Lord you will never wash my feet! Stop it!" Peter understands that Jesus is the Christ of God (Messiah), but Messiahship does not match the menial foot-washing that a servant would do.

"You are equal to God, act like it!" In the desert the devil had tempted Jesus in this fashion, one not too far removed from the present scene. Peter had tried previously to stop Jesus' humility too, remember, and Jesus answered with, "Get behind me, Satan!"

Jesus warns him again this time at the supper, and then goes ahead and washes his feet.

Why? And why do we memorialize it on Holy Thursday?

# SPIRTUALITY OF THE READING HOLY THURSDAY/GOOD FRIDAY (continued)

Because the entire relation of human beings to God is one of receiving love and giving it back, no matter what the cost. If Peter will not allow Jesus to love him in this very earthy way, he will be refusing the gift of God's labor on his behalf. "You can't love us in that way," he would be saying. Jesus replies, "I do not want to be Godly in the way you imagine. I want to show you that only humility can love and be loved. I want to show you that death is the most humble act of all."

On Good Friday he washes us again, but this time in the humble flow of his own blood.

Will we listen to his story?

Insofar as we do, we will receive and will be stilled. We will be emptied as he was, to receive.

#### SPIRTUALITY OF THE READING EASTER SUNDAY

#### **Soft Light**

Night's dark soul stirs. Chips of life tug at its ear. Just the smallest candle of light peeps through its shadows. This is the balance-point of time. Resurrection.

Good Friday had tempted us to guilt—about his wounds, about our sins. About his arms, branded by hurts. He uses them today to hold us, to enfold us. His wounds know somehow the shape of our small selves. Mothering Christ.

At Easter Vigil the cantor sings:

Oh truly necessary sin of Adam, blotted out by the death of Christ!

O blessed fault, which won so great a redeemer!

Singing in praise of sin? Even though Christ's death has taken their sin away, is it right to rejoice about sin? Original sin was not really a good or blessed event. Nor is our selfish penchant for misdeed. Yet we rejoice. Without sin the reason for Christ's coming would have been absent. With it, Christ's healed arms can sweep us up, comfort and absolve and hold us. So we are blessed beyond words. In its midst, night carries the promise of light. In their revolt, sins carry the pledge of forgiveness.

O truly blessed night,

in which earth is wedded to heaven, and humans to God!

The light is coming. Several rows of people have their candles lit. Over there, several more. Soon half the church awakens to Christ's gentle light. Then all. Morning has eased their faces into daylight, into the soft, humble glow.

Christ became the night. Christ is the light.



# BRING THE GOSPEL HOME APR 12 2020

READING I: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a-43

PSALM: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

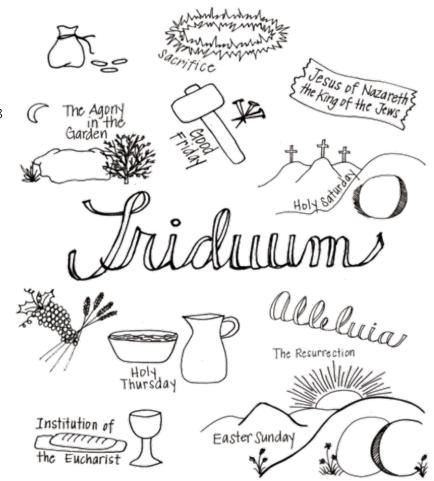
READING II: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

**Question for Children:** When have you seen someone do a good deed for someone else?

Question for Youth: Jesus' closest friends had trouble believing that the tomb was empty. Resurrection is surprising. What does Jesus' resurrection mean in your life?

Question for Adults: Name one way or time when you experience the presence of the Risen Christ? Is it at meals? With those whom you love? At other times?



#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

#### Mark, Evangelist, d. c. 74

Mark's Gospel is very likely the first one written (sometime between 60 and 70 while in Rome) and is the shortest of the four. He often goes into much more detail in describing Jesus' ministry than the other evangelists.

Mark apparently was writing for Gentiles who were unfamiliar with Jewish customs. Mark is not mentioned in any of the Gospels, though he may have been referring to himself when he wrote of the young man who attempted to follow Jesus after his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:51-52). Modern biblical scholars believe that Mark's Gospel provided Matthew and Luke with a common source for their Gospels.

In the Acts of the Apostles and the letters of Peter and Paul, Mark is mentioned several times. He was the son of Mary at whose house in Jerusalem Peter and the other Apostles stayed. He was a cousin of Barnabas. He accompanied Paul and Barnabas on Paul's first missionary journey, and he was with Paul in Rome during Paul's first imprisonment. Mark was evidently a disciple of Peter who refers to him as "Mark, my son." An early, though uncertain, tradition about Mark is that he was the first bishop of Alexandria.

Saint Mark is the patron saint of Venice. This city claims that his body was brought from Alexandria to Venice, where it now lies in Saint Mark's Cathedral. He is also the patron of notaries. We celebrate the feast day of this Evangelist on April 25.

**Mark's message today:** Imagine telling the story of Jesus' life to people who have never heard it before. Some of today's evangelists are the teachers of faith formation who tell Jesus' story to children.

Have you considered offering to teach or help in some way the Faith Formation program in your parish? Your help would be most appreciated.



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