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FROM FATHER MARK APR 26 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 continue to conduct parish business and to the best of abilities carry out the programs and ministries of Holy Trinity Parish. Our staff continues to do an excellent job under unprecedented circumstances. Thanks to all who continue to tithe and support our parish. Your generosity is extraordinary and deeply appreciated! Thanks also to all those who have contributed to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. With regard to the Annual Appeal, we are currently at \$73,725 in gifts and outstanding pledges. Our assessment this year is \$108,155. Thank you to all those who have been so generous thus far! I will keep you updated on our progress.

As I mentioned last week, we are pursuing some government relief programs to assist us here at Holy Trinity. We have received word that we have been approved for the Paycheck Protection Program. This is a loan program through the Small Business Administration and is just what it sounds like. These funds will allow us to continue employing and paying our employees, even as our income has dropped. We are trying to do what we can for our parish employees and this will be a big help. As of this writing, we have received these funds and will begin using them. A big THANK YOU to our business manager Mary Gisler for coordinating this process. A very important part of this program is the provision that the loan can be forgiven if we use it to pay salaries. This is what we intend to use these funds for here at Holy Trinity. I will keep the parish updated on this. We are also looking into some possibilities for relief through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration).

As you know, this is the time of year when we normally have our annual gala/auction. As we cannot have this as originally planned on the 25th of this month, our plan at this time is to have an online auction May 7th, 8th and 9th. More information will be coming soon. I hope you will be able to participate. This year's auction will look different, but we will do our best. At this time, we are also planning to have a formal dinner in December commemorating both our Auction and Centennial events. With regard to our Centennial celebration, we are still hoping for a summer or fall centennial picnic, as we do want to commemorate Holy Trinity's 100th year of spreading the Gospel message. Our celebrations may not look like we had originally planned; again, we will tryour best. It will all depend on how our current situation evolves. There will be more details to come on both events.

As would be expected in our current situation, we are seeing some decreases in our income. As our Kids Connection program is not functioning, there is no income from this program at present. Kids Connection is normally a strong profit maker for the parish. As you know, our spring garage sale did not happen. The garage sales typically bring in around \$12,000-13,000 each. We do not yet know if the August sale will happen either.

Some further decreases in income have resulted from the fact that with no public Masses, our weekend collections are down. Also, our Annual Appeal effort is a work in progress and it is not possible to say at this time how we will do in the end. If we come up short, any shortfall would have to be made-up out of our operating income.

However, due to the generosity of the people of Holy Trinity, tithing continues to come in via ACH. Thanks also to those who continue to mail in or drop off tithing checks and donations. With regard to the Diocesan Appeal, at present, we have 160 pledges and gifts to our Annual Appeal effort. Thanks so much for the generosity that is being displayed by so many! Thanks also to our school families who continue to make tuition payments. This is so important as we continue to provide a quality education for all of our students. As we now know, we will be continuing our distance learning for the remainder of this school year. So, your support and perseverance is very important. Our faculty and school administration is working hard each day. Holy Trinity is truly a shining example among our Catholic Schools. Thank you for your continued support!

Overall, at present, our parish finances are stable. It is through continued tithing and tuition payments that we are able to continue providing the ministries and programs of Holy Trinity church and school. Thank you for all your do! Take care and God bless us all and God Bless Holy Trinity.

FR. Mank

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NOTES FROM THE CHURCH APR 26 2020



Q & A WITH FATHER MARK STARTS WED APR 22 7PM Please join us as Fr. Mark hosts a Facebook LIVE meeting to answer your questions about our parish, Church, faith, religion and more. You can email your questions to fmneal@holytrinitydm.org) or the parish office parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org. Our FACEBOOK page is public - no account required.

CORONAVIRUS: FROM THE DIOCESE AND BISHOP JOENSON

- ALL CATHOLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS CLOSED
- All PUBLIC Masses in the Diocese of Des Moines are cancelled until further notice. 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.

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DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE? Please call the Parish Office at 255-3162 x124 or email parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org if you are an individual that could use assistance.

- · We have volunteers ready to make deliveries of groceries or essentials for parishioners who should not be exposed to this virus at the stores.
- We also have volunteers available to pray with parishioners or just chat on the phone or by Facetime...whichever you prefer. This is a way for our community to catch up and stay close
- If you are a parishioner that would like a pen pal, we have families that are looking to connect. So many wonderful stories have been shared.

You can always go to our website https://holytrinitydm.org/coronavirus-updates for more information. Again, thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!

MASS INTENTIONS

Chris Crawford/For the Parish Sunday Apr 26 Monday Apr 27 For all those lost to Coronavirus Tuesday Apr 28 Joe Oertli Wednesday Apr 29 Tim McDonald Thursday Apr 30 Bill Hicks Friday May 1 Dorothy Lacona Saturday May 2 Linda Hummel Kimbro Sunday May 3 Vicki Smith/For the Parish

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED...

Mary Steinke, parishioner of Holy Trinity Don Kelly, husband of Mary Kelly of our Parish Joe Oertli, husband of Laverne Oertli of our Parish

And, all those who have died of the Coronavirus

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF APR 12 2020

Budget - July 2019 - June 2020 \$1,008,000 YTD Overage (Deficit) \$(13,985) YTD Budget through Apr 12 \$807,253 Tithing for the week ending Apr 12 \$6,710 YTD Actual Tithing through Apr 12 \$793,268 Number of Donations Received 274



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 If you prefer, the link is

https://stmarysdsm.org/employment

HELLO FROM CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP!

We've been fielding questions about our upcoming summer, spring schedule, and the status of non-refundable deposits. For your ease, we've compiled this handy <u>FAQ</u> to help you better know what's going on and what you can expect this summer. Should you have questions, don't hesitate to email us at <u>office@stmcenter.com</u> or call us at <u>515-309-1936</u>. Every day, we look forward to praying with you, celebrating Jesus with you, and rediscovering the silly, loud, and messy fun that can only be found at Catholic Youth Camp!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE

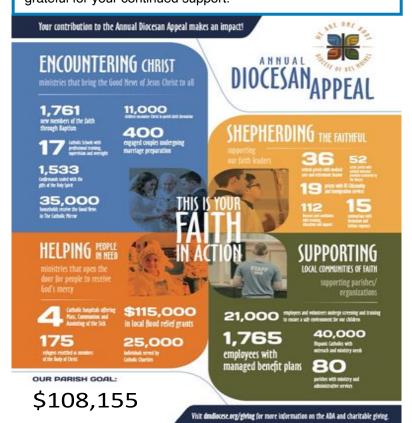


FOOD PANTRIES ARE OPEN BUT NEED YOUR HELP!!

We have established a protocol allowing us to continue providing pantry essentials to those in need. Both pantries are open for business by appointment only. Pantry appointments and pickup times are Monday-Friday, 9AM – 5PM As needs run high, supplies run low. We would like to ask that as a friend of SVdP that you participate in our **#foodpantrychallenge**.

Donations can be made at www.svdpdsm.org.

If you know someone in need, appointments can be scheduled by calling the numbers below: 1426 6th Avenue: 515-282-8327 Ext. 14 520 SW Army Post Road: 515-282-8328 Ext. 30 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.





NOTES ON THE MASS APR 26 2020

There Is a Way

Suppose you and I are strolling along in the countryside and a stranger starts to stroll with us.

"What are you discussing as you walked along?" he asks, a little too boldly.

We stop. We are tempted to admit that we were worrying about the 2020 pandemic. Plus so much else.

One of us—maybe you—says to him, "Are you the only person in the world who does not know what things have happened during these years and these centuries?" He replies, "What sorts of things?"

The human heart can say Yes to God and mean it.

You stammer these words, "we had promised to continue Christ's works, to revere his presence, to preserve his love so it could overflow through us to everyone." You look away. "But the Church is fragmented. So many bad things are happening. "Bad things?" the visitor asks. "Yes," you say. A number of our own priests have gone against the very mission they swore to preach. Some have been predators! So few are entering the priesthood now—how are we going to have sacraments when the virus won't allow us to?

I give you a "calm down" signal, but you go right on, now louder.

We are crucifying Christ all over again! Oh, we were hoping that he would make the whole world come right! What can we do?

Jesus says quietly, "you are slow of heart. Don't you know it is necessary that Christ should suffer and so bring the world into his glory?"

Silence.

Then you reply.

What do you mean—why should the Christ keep suffering? And worse, why would he let all these horrors happen through the world? This virus, for one thing. And remember Nazi Germany? And Sri Lanka, and Indonesia and Bosnia and Rwanda and Iraq and Afghanistan? So he begins to tell us the things that referred to him in scripture, beginning with Moses and all the prophets. His voice is calm. He shows how God had long sought a loving relationship with his people, and how they would enter into it for a while but then would turn their backs on him and walk away.

Battles and wars, belief and unbelief, rich versus poor—and worst of all, the sick, the very ones who are aching for love. Is there no way?

He tells us that there is a way the human heart can say Yes to God and mean it.

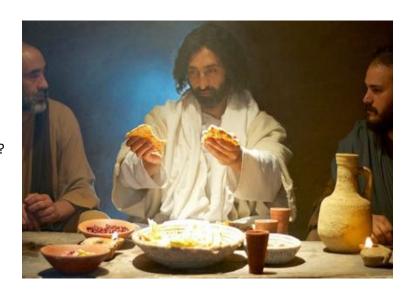
One human being has done it on behalf of us all, one who is human to the core and yet even so will not stop trusting God—though trapped like the rest of us in mindless suffering and death. As often as you and the others, your brothers and sisters, join with me in human faithfulness and love, the world will be changed.

He walks with us further.

And stays with us. His love is so gently strong that we can always count on it, even if we are sinners. It sends us out to others. It is in fact, God's love for people.

You have now become calm. So have I. "Maybe the resurrection did happen," you are whispering so that the stranger cannot hear it. We both nod. We have recognized him. We have seen him in the breaking of the bread. We see him in the breaking bones of the world.

John Foley, SJ





BRING THE GOSPEL HOME APR 26 2020

READING I: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

PSALM: 16:1-2, 5, 7-11

READING II: 1 Peter 1:17-21

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

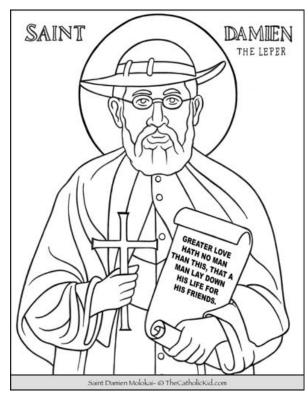
Question for Children: What is your favorite time

to share a meal with your family?

Question for Youth: The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. How have you experienced Jesus at Mass, in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread? How have you experienced Jesus at meals and with friends and family? Question for Adults: Share about great meals you've been part of, ones which are still memorable to you.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Damien, Priest, 1840-1889



Joseph De Veuster was born in Belgium. As a boy, Joseph worked on his father's farm where he learned not only farming skills but carpentry and, from his devout mother, a love for God. At the age of eighteen, Joseph followed his brother, Pamphile, into the Sacred Heart order. Late in 1863, Pamphile was selected to be among a group of Sacred Heart priests and religious to go to the order's missions in Hawaii. Weeks before the scheduled sailing, Pamphile came down with typhus. While he would recover, it was not to be before the planned departure date. Damien, not yet ordained, was given permission to sail in the place of his brother. Arriving in Hawaii in the Spring of 1864, Damien, after a short period of study, was ordained a priest and began his missionary work in the islands. Assigned to the big island of Hawaii, Father Damien spent the next nine years covering a remote territory as large as 1,000 square miles. Leprosy, a debilitating contagious disease, which, decays the flesh and organs of its victims, was introduced to the Hawaiian Islands by the first Europeans to visit in the 1840s. With no known cure at the time, those who suffered from this disease were isolated from the rest of the population. In Hawaii, a leper colony was established on the remote island of Molokai for these outcasts. Recognizing that Catholics in the colony had no priest except for an occasional visitor, it was suggested that several priests rotate to the island, each staying a few weeks or months at a time. Fr. Damien volunteered to be the first. In the Spring of 1873, accompanied by his bishop, Damien arrived at Kalawao, the leper colony on Molokai, with little more than his breviary. When the bishop introduced their new parish priest, the people of Molokai were elated. No priest had ever come to them for more than a few days at a time. Fr. Damien asked his superior how long he could stay at the leper colony. The reply overjoyed him; "You may stay as long as your devotion dictates...." That devotion lasted through the next sixteen years until Fr. Damien himself succumbed to the disease that had killed many thousands of afflicted that he had ministered to. But during those years, much was accomplished. In addition to ministering to the spiritual needs of his parish, he took major steps to improve their quality of life. He had materials brought in and coordinated the construction of homes for the people who had been living on mats under the shelter of trees. The church was enlarged and a choir organized. Farming and raising cattle began. Even athletic events were carried on. Damien's message today: Leprosy (Hanson's Disease) is curable and no longer the scourge that it was in the nineteenth century. Today, there are other sufferings that afflict the human race: hostilities, hunger, and, in our country, homelessness to name but a few. Each of us is called upon to do whatever we can do to alleviate the pain of others.

What are you doing to ease the hurting in your family? ...your town? ...your world?



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Silent Bidding will start Thursday May 7 at 5PM and close at 6PM on Saturday May 9.

Next up on Saturday May 9 at 6:30PM, two special guest hosts will kick off the NIGHT OF THE CENTURY with a LIVESTREAM on Facebook.

They will show off the LIVE Auction items, pop in with pithy remarks as the **bidding** goes LIVE from 7-9PM and finally wrap up the night with an update on how we did with... Taking This Journey Together.

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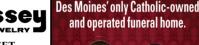
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