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Dec 15 2019 Third Sunday of Advent

Faith Service Respect



GREETINGS

Just a reminder that the season of Advent is the time for prayer and reflection. Another part of the season is the joy of giving. That is why we are reaching out to gently remind you of the importance of your tithing support which gives so much back to our community, our families and our children every year. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

I know finances are tight for many and there are many responsibilities when it comes to your monetary resources. It is the same here at the parish.

I am asking that all parishioners please pray, reflect and let us know your tithing intention for the coming year. It is important for us to manage our financial obligations and be able to offer the many ministries, fellowship and education in the coming year.

You can mail your intention card in or bring it to Mass. This information helps us to develop a realistic budget and better know what we will be able to offer in 2020. Please know that all pledges and gifts are greatly appreciated.

Finally, remember the real reason for the season: His Presence...and yours! We hope to see you for Christmas Mass as we celebrate the coming of God into our world as one of us.

Glad tidings of great joy to you and your family.

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Toy "Enter Zion singing crowned with everlasting Joy" Isaiah: 35:1-10



HELP FEED THE HOMELESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Thank you all for your continued support of The Connection Cafe this past year. We will continue to serve sloppy joe sandwiches and sides. We'll also serve the day after Christmas on Thursday, Dec 26. Please use the sign up link below to sign up to bring food items or to help serve. These are great opportunities for students to earn service hours while they're on break. Thank you again for your help with this mission, especially as the weather turns cold. If you have questions or need to make arrangements to drop off food in advance, please call or text 515-771-1481 Rob Hoover or email him at theconnectioncafe@hotmail.com. The sign up link is https://signup.com/go/OpVAyFb or you can find it at on our website: holytrinitydm.org.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We will be setting up for these seasons on this date: **CHRISTMAS – December 22 following the 10:30 mass** These are great opportunities to give back to the entire parish. We encourage everyone to find some time to give to preparing the church. You do not need to stay for the entire set-up. You will meet other parishioners and get a chance to be a part of preparing our church for these celebrations. Service hours are available.

CHRISTMAS DESSERTS NEEDED The HT Knights of Columbus Thank You for the over 57 desserts you donated for the Thanksgiving Dinner for the families at St. Joseph's and for the shut-ins who are unable to come to the church. We plan to do the same or <u>more</u> for Christmas! Please plan on bringing cookies, pies, cakes, or bars to the Parish Office on December 24th anytime before Noon. Questions, please call Bob Scheetz at 991-3823. Thanks for your help in making Christmas more special for those less fortunate.



ADVENT GIVING TREE

Holy Trinity will again be doing our annual Advent Giving Tree. Please stop by the Christmas Tree located in the front of the sanctuary near the baptismal font and take an ornament to help make someone's Christmas just a little brighter. Each ornament will have a gift someone needs during this Advent season. All gifts can be brought back and placed beneath the tree at any mass. Gifts can also be dropped off through the parish office. This year we will support St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Charities, CFUM (Children & Family Urban Movement) and Connection Cafe. There will be two Christmas stockings hanging from the tree for any Gift Cards or bus tokens people purchase. Questions? Contact John Mertes, Director of Faith Formation at johnm@holytrinitydm.org, or via phone at (515)-255-3162, extension 224. Thank you for your help!

WE ARE TURNING 100!

We are excited to announce the Holy Trinity Parish Centennial Celebration in 2020.

Next year will be an exciting year for our parish, as we celebrate 100 years of worship, community, and faith.

The year will be filled with many events celebrating our 100 years. Our year begins with Catholic Schools Week, then continues with the Gala Auction, **the June Centennial Celebration**, the Beaverdale Fall Fest and the Beaverdale Holiday Boutique. We will end the year with a Mass blessing the next 100 years. We look forward to celebrating with all of you! Save the dates and cheers to 100 years of Holy Trinity!



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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF DEC 1 2019

Budget - July 2019 - June 2020
YTD Budget through Dec 1, 2019
YTD Actual tithing through Dec 1, 2019

\$1,008,000 \$437,214 \$421,755

YTD Overage (Deficit) Tithing for the week ending Dec 1 Number of Donations Received LOOK FOR OUR MANY GIFTS, ONE NATION DAY OF GIVING coming up Jan 28 where we will kick off our new Centennial Scholarship program to help fund students for the next 100 years. Click here to find out more: <u>MANYGIFTS</u> CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SEEKING SHORT TERM SCHOOL NURSE Holy Trinity is seeking an individual to cover maternity leave for our school nurse around March 23 to May 8. Hours are Mon-Fri 9AM to 2PM. Candidates must possess a current RN or ARNP license with the Iowa Board of Nursing and current CPR certification. Contact <u>afranklin@htschool.org</u> to apply

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EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS-PLEASE GIVE TODAY!



Have you ever wondered: "How does CTO work?"

To Donate:

An example: \$10,000 gift to CTO \$6,500 Iowa tax credit (65% of gift) \$3,500 federal tax deduction (35% of gift) Ask your tax advisor about the tax benefits of donating to the Catholic Tuition Organization

www.CTOlowa.org

PLEDGE TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR TAX CREDITS! www.CTOlowa.org

To Receive Tuition Assistance:

- Apply for 2020/21 School year beginning February 1
 including your 2019 tax return and
- Find out by May 31 the amount of your tuition assistance!
- Kindergarten 12th grade Assistance Available

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The bottom line? It's for the kids... and their futures!

DOWLING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INCOMING FRESHMAN PLACEMENT TEST Saturday, January 11, 2019 7:45AM - 12 NOON

Students interested in enrolling at Dowling Catholic should take the test. The test does not determine admissions but is used to identify the level of classes that will allow the student to be successful in high school. Parochial school students are automatically signed up to take the test. Nonparochial school students should contact the Admissions Office by January 6 to register for the exam. Students unable to take the exam should contact the Admissions Office to register for the make-up.

PART-TIME SERVERS AT DOWLING CATHOLIC

Dowling Catholic High School has immediate openings for part-time servers. Hours:10:00 am to 2:30 pm, Monday-Friday. Student tuition and activities discounts available. If interested, please contact Molly Ryan @ mryan@dowlingcatholic.org or 222-1028.

OUR NEXT BAPTISM CLASS WILL BE MON DEC 16TH If you are wanting your child baptized at Holy Trinity, a Baptism Class is required. Sign up for our next Baptism Class by calling the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext.128

1 HOUR, 1 PRIEST, EACH WEEK, 1 HEART OF PRAYER

We are forming a Seven Sisters Apostolate group for the Bishop of Des Moines. Your commitment is to pray one holy hour for the bishop each week on a specific day. The commitment is for a year. The group begins when we have seven women and each day of the week covered.

If you are interested in this ministry, contact Carolyn Krafka at <u>krafkacm@aol.com</u>, or 515-418-3033.

For more information on the apostolate, go to <u>https://sevensistersapostolate.org/home</u>.



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED... SHEILA GOODE, Member of Holy Trinity, wife to John, mother to Alyssa, Luke, Chelsea and nana to 6 grandkids including Andrea and Cameron of our School

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SUNDAY, DEC 22, 3:00 PM, ST. AMBROSE CATHEDRAL

Umeri, a choir of young Drake University alumni conducted by Aimee Beckmann-Collier, will present *The Lessons*, *Reflections, and Carols of Christmas*, a concert featuring Scripture readings, reflections written by Dr. Charles Anthony Silvestri, choral music, and carol singing by the audience. There is no admission charge. A freewill offering will be taken. For more information, contact aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu.

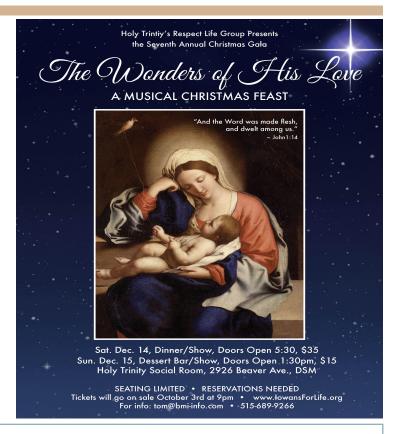
CHRISTMAS GALA! The Holy Trinity Respect Life Group's 7th annual Christmas gala: THE WONDERS OF HIS LOVE is Saturday, Dec 14, 5:30PM. Includes a lovely sit-down \$280 per table; or \$35 dinner: per person. 15th, Sunday matinee: December 2PM, \$15 per person or \$50 per family. Includes dessert bar only. The show stars Gina Gedler backed by the 20 voice Fire and Mercy choir and an 18 piece orchestra. Questions? Call Tom or Karen Quiner: 515-276-9266.

THANK YOU FROM THE PATCH COMMITTEE December 2019

Thanks to the generosity of Holy Trinity parishioners, the PATCH committee helped two homeless families this past year. We greatly appreciate all the donations of time, furniture, clothing, housewares and money that allow us to support these transitioning families. It is truly inspiring to witness that whenever we have a need arise for a homeless family, that Holy Trinity is able to provide.

Since mid-June, we have been helping a young mother with two young boys. This family has needed our help and support more than any other family we have helped in the 10+ years that I have been involved in PATCH. The 3-year old son become very ill one night in early August and died suddenly in his sleep. The 1-year old son also became very ill for a few weeks in August, but has since recovered. Mom has struggled to find employment and is still looking for work. This Christmas, through support of parishioners, we will be able to provide this family 1-2 months of additional rent support, gifts and lovely food basket from St. Vincent de Paul. Please keep this family in your prayers this holiday season. The mom really needs some good news so that she can become more proud, stable and self-sufficient.

We rely on donations to cover the monthly expenses of the PATCH apartment. While the family is in the program, typically for up to 6 months, Holy Trinity pays their monthly rent and utilities. The expenses are about \$1,000 per month. We are very grateful to a number of people who help support PATCH throughout the year with monthly donations by using the blue envelopes or an automatic payment. We are also extremely grateful to those who generously donate at Christmas time.



Help PATCH this Holiday Season

You probably have people on your gift list who already "have everything." You can honor them by giving a holiday card with a donation in their name to the PATCH program. Be assured that every penny donated is used for the PATCH. There is no overhead whatsoever.

The PATCH alternative gift cards (shown) will be available in the back of the church. Several parishioners took advantage of this opportunity for alternative giving in the past, and we hope you will consider PATCH in your holiday giving again this year.

Please put your donation in the weekly offering basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Please indicate that your donation is for the PATCH.

If you would like more information about how you can help or become involved with PATCH, please email <u>htpatch@gmail.com</u>. Updates on PATCH can also be found on Facebook.com/htpatch.

Thank you for all your support and God bless you.

Molly Pigneri PATCH Committee Chair 515-778-0185









2019 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS LITURGY PREVIEW

HANGING OF THE GREENS Sunday Dec 22 after 10:30 AM Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES Tuesday, December 24 4PM 6PM 10PM Wednesday, December 25 9AM Thursday, December 26th No Mass Friday, December 27th No Mass

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY MASSES December 28 & 29 Regular Mass Schedule

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Wednesday, January 1 9AM

HOLY TRINITY RECONCILIATION TIMES Saturdays at 3:00-4:00PM Wednesday, December 18th at 6-7PM Thursday, December 19th at 5:30-6:30PM No reconciliation on December 28th

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Dec. 14	10 AM
Dec. 15	1 PM
Dec. 15	2 PM
Dec. 16	7 PM
Dec. 16	7 PM
Dec. 17	6:30 PM
Dec. 21	9 AM
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6 PM Sundays - December 15, 22

Join us this Advent season for Taize, an ecumenical prayer service that invites us to find a quiet place of peace in the middle of the busy Christmas season. Taize is a meditative prayer service that incorporates scripture, song and periods of silence in an atmosphere of soft lighting. Taize will be held on December 15th and 22nd at 6 PM at Holy Trinity and will last about 45 minutes. We hope you can join us.

PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF DEC 15 2019

	SUNDAY 12/15	MONDAY 12/16	TUESDAY 12/17	WEDNESDAY 12/18	THURSDAY 12/19	FRIDAY 12/20	SATURDAY 12/21
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		SCRIP Jeans Day for those who bought in Nov	K-2 Music Concert 7PM			Last Day of School before Christmas Break	
FAITH FORMATION	3rd Sunday of Advent	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CH 5PM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CH 4PM	Faith Formation & Edge Classes 6:30PM NO LIFETEEN			Reconciliation 3-4PM
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM Taize Service 6PM	Comm Srvce 8AM Men's Bible Study RM 105 8:30PM	Mass 8AM RCIA CH 6:30PM	Mass 8AM Faith & Friendship Group RM105 7:30PM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-10PM	All School Mass Hosted by 5th Grade 8:30AM	Mass 4:30PM Sun Reading Men's MC 7:30AM Women's DC 7:30AM
MORE	Respect Life Christmas Show & Dessert SR 1:30 PM	Hope & Healing MC 6PM Baptism Class MC 7PM		Advent Reconciliation 6-7PM Schola Church 7:30PM	Advent Reconciliation 5:30-6:30PM		

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

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE A	ND INTENTIONS	NEXT WEEK LITURGICA	L MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS		
Sunday, Dec 15	Third Sunday of Advent	Saturday, Dec 21 4:30PM			
8:30 AM Mass	Bonnie Fitzgerald	Altar Server	St Matthew		
10:30 AM Mass	Ron Nielsen	Lectors	Steph Zenti & Lauren Zenti		
6PM Taize Service		EMHC	Team 1		
Monday, Dec 16	Communion Service	Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner		
8:00 AM Mass	(Comm Srvce)	Sunday, Dec 22 8:30 AM			
Tuesday, Dec 17		Altar Server	St John the Baptist		
8:00 AM Mass	Margaret Hawkins	Lectors	Warren Riedesel & Tom Henderson		
	-	EMHC	Team 1		
Wednesday, Dec 18	Reconciliation 6-7PM	Children's Liturgy	Team F		
8:00 AM Mass	Margaret Gannon	Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner		
Thursday, Dec 19	Reconciliation 5:30-6:30PM	Sunday, Dec 22 10:30 AM			
8:00 AM Mass	For the Parish	Altar Server	St Agnes		
Friday, Dec 20		Lectors	Peggy Jones & Margaret Toomey		
8:30 AM Mass	Delpha McCormick	EMHC	Team 1		
	•	Children's Liturgy	Team 2		
Saturday, Dec 21	Reconciliation 3-4 PM	Musical Coordinator	Mary Keck		
4:30 PM Mass	Barbara Fath	Sunday, Dec 22 Taize 6 PM			
Sunday, Dec 22 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass 6PM Taize Service	Fourth Sunday of Advent Sharon Kurns Larry & Margaret Gannon	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			



BRING THE GOSPEL HOME DEC 15 2019

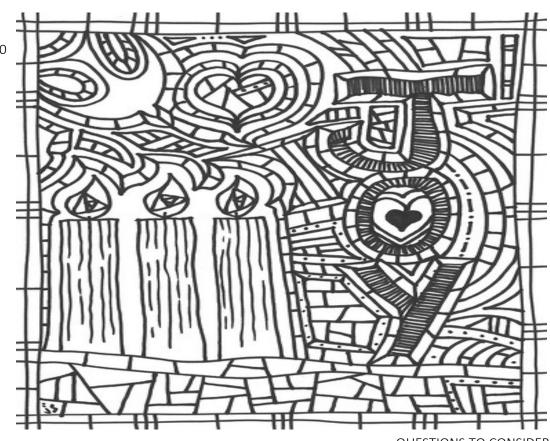
READING I: Isaiah 35:1-6A. 10

PSALM: 146:6-10

READING II: James 5:7-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11





SAINT OF THE WEEK

Barbara, Virgin and Martyr, Fourth Century

The story of Barbara is that she was the daughter of a pagan official in the time of the Emperor Maximian. The girl was so beautiful that her father built a tower for her to live in to isolate her from the world. Many princes came to woo her, but she resisted her father's efforts to have her marry one of them, choosing instead to dedicate her life to Christ. While her father was away on a long sojourn, Barbara came down from her tower to inspect a bath house which he was having built. When she saw that they were only putting two windows into the building, she ordered them to install a third window. When her father returned from his journey, he questioned why there were now three windows in his bath house. The workmen told him that Barbara had ordered it. The father angrily confronted Barbara, who explained that the three windows were like the Holy Trinity, bringing light into the world. Furious, her father took Barbara to the top of a mountain where he killed her. On coming down from the mountain, Barbara's father was consumed by a fire so intense that only ashes from his body could be found.

Barbara's message today: While most parents would not treat their children as harshly as did Barbara's father, many of us do not consider the strong and lasting effects of our words on our children. Gentle guidance, understanding, and prayers can often accomplish much more than harsh words.

When you have a disagreement with one of your children, do you try to resolve it with arguments and anger? Or do you try to talk out the problem, with kindness and understanding as your guide?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Question for Children: Why is Christmas such a time of happiness for people?

Question for Youth: God speaks to you every day: Isaiah tells us our ears and eyes will be opened in Christ to hear God's voice. What do you hear God saying to you?

Question for Adults:

What is there in this promise from the Prophet Isaiah that gives you hope? How have you seen this promise fulfilled in Christ?

