November 15

33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

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> ... All of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

> > 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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www.holytrinitydm.org Rev. Mark Neal, Pastor 515 255 3162 X126 www.virtualclassroom.net/ht



GREETINGS.

As we continue to see COVID cases rising dramatically, I ask that you do some very important things to help one another.

- Please take extreme caution with night and weekend activities--we can only control the layered mitigation strategies we have put in place within our buildings
- Wear a mask and social distance until a vaccine is available--wearing a mask and social distancing are the best things we can do to keep us all safe and healthy, especially those most vulnerable among us
- Practice Christian kindness--this is an incredibly difficult time for *everyone*--please act as an example to others

I understand that we are all experiencing pandemic fatigue and that tensions are high. I ask that you take a moment, as many moments as you need, to reflect, pray and then find a way to act in a way that improves the situation.

We can do this. We can get through this. We can take this journey together and come out better.

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet with trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." James 1:2-4

Be steadfast in your faith. Be steadfast in your belief. Be steadfast knowing that God will bless you and our Holy Trinity community.

In Christ,

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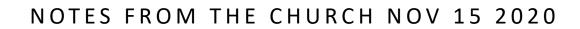
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Q & A WITH FATHER MARK <u>EVERY OTHER</u> WED AT 7PM— Father Mark Q&A LIVE on Facebook is now a pre-recorded video where he will be available to answer you in the comment section. Please look for that night's topic on Facebook and email your questions before the event to <u>fmneal@holytrinitydm.org</u> or <u>parishoffice@holytrinitydm.org</u>

WE STILL NEED HELP!! Ushers and cleaners needed for after the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday Masses. **Call Andy Negrete** 255-3162 ext. 129 or email him at andyn@holytrinitydm.org

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS PROJECT-WE NEED YOU TO SIGN UP EARLY! **If your family needs help with food or toys this Christmas, or if you know of a local family who needs help, please contact the Parish Office at 255-3162**. We provide a bountiful food basket and toys for the weekend before Christmas, but to do that we need lots of advance planning. Please let the Parish Office know now and be ready to provide contact info so we can get in touch.



NEXT BAPTISM CLASS – NOVEMBER 16TH! If you are planning on baptizing your child at Holy Trinity, a Baptism Class is required. Our next class is Monday, November 16. Please sign up for class by responding calling the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext. 128 by Friday, Nov 13.

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MUSICIANS' LITURGY, BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING

Musicians, liturgists, pastors and guests: Please join the Des Moines Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) on Sun, Nov 22, 2020, 2PM at St. Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High Street, Des Moines, IA, 50309. Come, "make a joyful noise" as we celebrate our second annual Musicians' Liturgy, Blessing and Commissioning. Pandemic protocols (masks & social distancing) required. Contact Dodie Bauman, Chapter Secretary, <u>dotesmuse@aol.com</u>, to RSVP or for more info





COVID ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED We have received permission to have 1 Altar Server at Weekend Masses. Servers are eligible if the students are <u>already</u> trained as an HT Altar Server and have Parental Permission. <u>Parents</u> -- we ask that you please email <u>carolynr@holytrinitydm.org</u> with student's name and Mass time availability. Monthly Server Schedule will be sent soon. We appreciate our servers and are excited to see them in church again.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED... Tom Jochum, husband of Amy of our Parish



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF NOV 8 2020

Budget - July 2020 - June 2021 YTD Actual Tithing through Nov 8 YTD Budget through Nov 8 \$1,008,000 \$349,025 \$351,440 YTD Overage (Deficit) Tithing for the week ending Nov 8 Number of Donations Received \$(2,415) \$34,236 281

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

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL NOV 15 2020



THE HOLY TRINITY SPIRIT STORE IS OPEN!! Holy Trinity gear makes great gifts this time of year! Based on your requests, we have new items for the season. Start shopping now: click the link <u>https://www.imagesolutionsdm.com/showroom/172346</u> for the Spirit Store. Questions? Contact Kari Rogers-Hensley at <u>krog810@gmail.com</u>

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE - EXPANDED COUNSELING SERVICES AT DICOESAN SCHOOLS Stress and anxiety are part of our daily lives, especially in the wake of COVID-19. Yet, many parents may not know where to turn for help when this stress and anxiety gets to be too much. To meet the health needs of our students and families, the Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools are pleased to announce expanded mental health and counseling services are now available through a partnership with Catholic Charities.

Visit <u>www.dmdiocese.org/filesimages/Schools/Mental%20Health%20Flyer%20Option%201.pdf</u> to learn more.

DESCUBRA LA DIFERENCIA - SERVICIOS AMPLIADOS DE ASESORÍA EN LAS ESCUELAS DIOCESANAS El estrés y la ansiedad son parte de nuestra vida diaria, especialmente a raíz del COVID-19. Sin embargo, es posible que muchos padres no sepan a quién acudir en busca de ayuda cuando el estrés y la ansiedad llegan a ser demasiado. Para satisfacer las necesidades de salud de nuestros estudiantes y familias, las Escuelas Católicas de la Diócesis de Des Moines se complacen en anunciar que los servicios ampliados de salud mental y consejería están disponibles a través de una asociación con Caridades Católicas.





\$1500 TUITION GRANT

Families with children enrolled in non-Catholic schools may be eligible for a tuition grant if they enroll at Holy Trinity for the 2020-2021 school year. Tuition grants are available for each child (grades 1 – 7) for the first two years of enrollment. Year one = \$1,000 discount on for each eligible student Year two = \$500 discount on for each eligible student



Current Families get a \$500 Bonus for each family that enrolls

Para obtener más información visite www.dmdiocese.org/filesimages/Schools/Mental%20Health%20Flyer%20Option%201.pdf.

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Serving twenty-three counties in Southwest Iowa	\$
Inte of the Church is directly linked to our ability to mitigate the risk of COVID infections; therefore, a mask requirement is prudent at this time. Moreover, simple charity obliges us to take into account the physical and phylogsope from Bishop: Upensions relatively safe and accessible to as many parishioners as possible. None of us wants to be the cause for someone else to withdraw or refrain from Mass attendance because certain members of a congregation fail to employ this basic means of protection for our neighbor.	FFICE of the BISHOP
This diocesan requirement applies to all those over the age of five, who do not have a medical or psychological condition prohibiting mask use. A personal preference opposed to mask use, or the belief that masks are not effective, does not qualify as a condition exempting one from mask use. If parishioners are unsure whether an exemption applies to them, they should consult with their pastor who can assist in discerment	
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consoled and revived in our belief that Jesus continues to meet us in the Eucharist; we continue to support each other as the family of God, and we remain in God's providential care. As Cardinal Robert Sarah has reminded us in his letter, *Let Us Return to the Eucharist with Joy*, "The Church will continue to cherish the human person as a whole. She bears witness to hope, invites us to trust in God, recalls that earthly existence is important, but much more important is eternal life: sharing the same life with God for eternity is our goal, our vocation."

The Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended. For those who are not able to attend Mass during the pandemic because of personal vulnerability, God's infinite grace and mercy remain abundantly available.

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Most Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D. Bishop of Des Moines

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Registration for Catholic Youth Camp 2021 opens at noon on Sunday Nov 15.



The staff at Catholic Youth Camp are busy planning to make summer 2021 the most amazing summer ever. Campers driving up to the St. Thomas More Center in Panora next June, July and August will find new cabins, a renovated Dingman Lodge and double the number of paid summer staff hired to ensure safety procedures are followed so everyone can have a safe experience. When you sign up early for CYC this summer you get:

- Your choice of any week before the most popular weeks fill up
- You can pay over 6 months (a good option for parents sending multiple kids)
- The knowledge that your son or daughter is about to experience the best week of their summer at Catholic Youth Camp

For information on how to register or apply for sponsorship, go to <u>stmcenter.com</u>

Reminder from the Diocese of indulgences available through December.

- 1. The Plenary Indulgence applicable for visiting a cemetery & praying for the dead between Nov 1-8 is extended through the entire month of Nov.
- 2. The Plenary Indulgence applicable for visiting a Church on All Souls Day and praying for the dead by recitation of the Lord's Prayer & Creed is extended through the entire month of November.
- 3. The aged, the sick, and those who cannot leave their homes, or those who do not wish to visit these places due to the practice of social distancing, may, instead of visiting these places, obtain these indulgences by praying in front of an sacred image in their homes, with the intent to fulfill the usual obligation for an indulgence as soon as possible, and reciting a prayer of their choice, reading from scripture, or offering their present sufferings to God as a spiritual sacrifice.

For those unfamiliar with indulgences, the word "indulgence" can make people feel a little uncomfortable. The reality is that the Church's practice of giving indulgences are a great gift to us and are spiritually backed. Basically, an indulgence is the grace we receive from the Treasury of the Church through performing a specific good act or praying specific prayers specified by the Church. The grace is specifically for the freeing of us from temporal punishment. Indulgences have been divided into two kinds: Partial - gives one a partial remission of temporal punishment Plenary – gives one a full remission of temporal punishment. In the past, the Church used to attach a number of days or years off purgatory to each partial indulgence. But now she wants us to understand that the amount of freedom we receive from temporal punishment is based on our own level of devotion. The more charity and devotion we have in prayer, the greater the remission we receive. For further research on indulgences, go to the Vatican Website.





SPIRITUALITYOF THE READING

The Fear Factor

The <u>Gospel</u> story is pretty simple. A wealthy man leaves his goods for each of three servants to care for while he is gone. He doesn't give them instructions, at least none that we are told of. When he returns, he sees that two of the three servants have invested the money and got back twice the amount. He is delighted.

So at this point the moral of the story would be: "Make the most of what you have."

God gives to us our own lives with all their rewards and catastrophes, and he says to us, *dive in*.

But we miss the most interesting part of all if we look just at the successful servants (as does the shortened version of the Gospel in the lectionary!!!). We miss the fascinating and puzzling story of the third servant. This poor soul did not invest the money at all. He buried it. Quite simply, he was afraid of investing it and losing it. He was right to be afraid, given the owner's attitude. He listened to the fearful servant's story and then had the man thrown into "the darkness outside," where there would be "wailing and grinding of teeth." Quite an overreaction, it seems. The poor guy just wanted to keep the owner's money safe!

Maybe the proprietor was simply a "demanding person," as the parable says. Dark spirited. But there is much more to it. The monetary unit "talent" in Jesus' time was not a small amount. Even one talent could be worth more than a laborer would earn in a lifetime. And the owner entrusted a lot more than just money to the servants—he left them all his possessions, everything he had. He took a great risk and he wanted them to do the same, not leave the investment moldering around somewhere.



Ok, now make the switch. Assume that the parable is about God. Maybe God entrusts an even greater amount to you and me! Life, abilities, the gift of love, the living breathing human beings around us, and every so often, real and open acts of unselfish love. God gives all this free of charge, gives to us our own lives with all their rewards and catastrophes, and he says to us, *dive in*. Have your life. Make whatever you will with it because you are my own beloved. It is wonderful. But then an awful question arises. Does God curse those who are afraid and who bury what they are given? Jesus at least seems to say so. To everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. (<u>Gospel</u>)

Ouch. That hurts.

Except that, in the realm of spirituality, there is one thing I know of that will go away if it is buried, but which gets greater if you use it.

Love.

If fear closes the door tightly against love, guess where the loveless one will be. In the darkness outside the door, wailing and gnashing those teeth. Without love.

Get this:

We are all frightened, and God always has compassion upon us. God waits for ages to see if we will not accept just a bit of the love he offers, and if we will even find just enough courage to invest some of it in other people. God is often disappointed in this risk he takes, and I'm sure he says, "oh no, not again" when we fail.

But this is the disappointment of someone who loves us very well. Let love in. Love casts out fear.

John Foley, SJ

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READING I: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

PSALM: 128:1-5

READING II: 1Thessalonians 5:1-6

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Question for Children: Name one talent or gift that God has given you and tell how you have used it.

Question for Youth: Name three talents that you have. How can you use these talents in the next week to make someone's life better?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how you are using your own gifts to enrich the reign of God.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Much of the knowledge about Cecilia is based on Tradition. Cecilia was born in Rome, the daughter of patrician parents, and was raised as a Christian. When of a suitable age, she was married against her will to Valerian. After their marriage, she converted Valerian and his brother, Tiburtius, to Christianity. Valerian and Tiburtius devoted themselves to good works until they were arrested by the Roman prefect, Almachius. They were martyred, together with Maximus, a Roman official, who had been so impressed by their witness to Christ that he too became a Christian. These three martyrs are also saints. Cecilia buried the three and was, in turn, arrested and called upon to renounce her faith. Instead she converted her persecutors. She was ultimately martyred for her faith and we honor her for that today. Saint Cecilia is the patroness of musicians and singers and is often portrayed with an organ or viola.

Cecilia's message today: Only a very strong faith could withstand the pressures and threats that faced Cecilia and the martyrs of her time. Instead of caving in to those pressures, Cecilia, her husband, and brother-in-law brought more converts into the Church. By word and by example, we too can both strengthen our faith and bring others to Christ.

Are you living your life in such a way as to draw others to Jesus?

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PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF NOV 15 2020

	SUNDAY 11/15	MONDAY 11/16	TUESDAY 11/17	WEDNESDAY 11/18	THURSDAY 11/19	FRIDAY 11/20	SATURDAY 11/21
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		NO SCHOOL/ KC OPEN					Boy Scout Can Drive 9AM-11AM
FAITH FORMATION				Faith Formation 6:30PM			
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM	No Communion Service Men's Bible Study 8PM	School Mass 8:30AM Grades K-2 RCIA 6:30PM CH	School Mass 8:30AM Hosted by 5H Grades 3-5	Mass 8 AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary at 4:15PM	School Mass 8:30AM Hosted by 8TH Grades 6-8	Sunday Reading Group MEN'S 7:30AM SR WOMEN'S 8:30AM CH Mass 4:30PM
AND MORE		Baptism Class 7PM					lowans for Life Christmas Gala 5:30PM

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

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE A Sunday Nov 15	ND INTENTIONS	NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS Saturday, Nov 21 4:30 PM Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		
8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass	Dolly Sullivan Ron Nielsen	Altar Server Lectors	Owen Wolfe Lorraine Riseley	
Monday Nov 16	NO Communion Service	EMHC Musical Coordinator	Team 3 Tom Quiner	
Tuesday Nov 17 8:30 AM Mass	Dorothy Lacona	Sunday, Nov 22 8:30 AM		
Wednesday Nov 18 8:30 AM Mass	Peggy Hawkins	Altar Server Lectors	Cody Heikes Guy Leman & Steve Stimmel	
Thursday Nov 19 2-9 PM Rosary at 4:15PM 8 AM Mass	Adoration Rose Mary Egan	EMHC Children's Liturgy Musical Coordinator	Team 2 No Children's Liturgy Tom Quiner	
Friday Nov 20 8:30 AM Mass	Helen Byington	Altar Server	1 Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Max Fahnlander	
Saturday Nov 21 3-4 PM 4:30 PM Mass	NO Reconciliation Robert Riordan	Lectors EMHC Children's Liturgy Musical Coordinator	Tom Green & Mary Ellen Winston Team 3 No Children's Liturgy Dr. Kevin Allemagne	
Sunday Nov 22 8:30 AM Mass	Ken Bratney		:30 PM / Sun 8:30 & 10:30 AM	
10:30 AM Mass	For the Parish	WEEKDAY MASSES Tue, Wed & Fri 8:30 AM / Thurs 8AM		

