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Dec 8 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

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GREETINGS

It's hard to believe it's that time again, but we have begun a new church year with the season of Advent. I want to encourage us all to use the time for prayer and reflection. Advent is when we prepare for the coming of God into our lives as one of us. The question is, will I allow God into my life, will I be changed by his presence?

I also want to thank Brad Rea and his team for the Advent decorations in our church. Brad organizes and decorates our church throughout the year in each liturgical season. I am regularly approached by visitors who tell me how beautiful they have found our parish church to be. Please let Brad and his team know how much they are appreciated.

December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This is ordinarily a holy day of obligation. However as it falls on a Sunday this year, the feast is moved to the 9th and while still a holy day, is not a day of obligation this year. We will still have Mass at 9AM on Monday, December 9.

Have a good week

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Prepare "The one who is coming after me is mightier than 1..."

Matthew 3:1-12



NOTES FROM THE CHURCH DEC 8 2019

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.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS are just around the corner. We will be setting up for these seasons on this date:

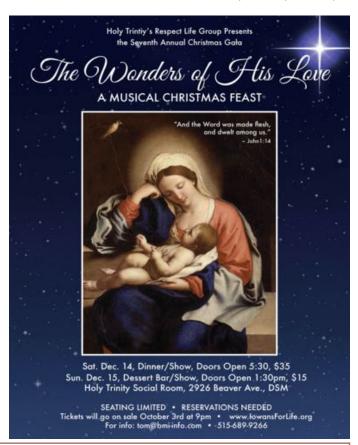
■ CHRISTMAS – December 22 following the 10:30 mass These are great opportunities to give back to the entire parish. We encourage everyone to find some time to give to preparing the church. You do not need to stay for the entire set-up. You will meet other parishioners and get a chance to be a part of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

CHRISTMAS GALA TICKETS ON SALE!

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

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!



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF NOV 24 2019

Budget - July 2019 - June 2020\$1,008,000YTD Overage (Deficit)(\$1,026)YTD Budget through Nov 24, 2019\$415,310Tithing for the week ending Nov 24\$31,803YTD Actual tithing through Nov 24, 2019\$414,284Number of Donations Received123



NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL DEC 8 2019

THE GREATEST GIFT YOU CAN GIVE YOUR CHILDREN IS A CATHOLIC EDUCATION Please pray about sending your children to Holy Trinity Catholic School. Registration starts Jan 26. PS/Kindergarten Round Up is 11:15-11:30. Open House is 11:30-1PM with enrollment computers onsite!



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: MANYGIFTS Look for more details @holytrinitydm on Facebook and at our website holytrinitydm.org as the day draws closer.

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 lowa Board of Nursing and current CPR certification. Contact afranklin@htschool.org to apply

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including Andrea and Cameron of our School

DOWLING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
INCOMING FRESHMAN PLACEMENT TEST

Saturday, January 11, 2019 7:45AM - 12 NOON

Dowling Catholic High School will be administering the Incoming Freshman Placement Test on Sat, Jan 11, 2019, from 7:45 a.m. – 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. Non-parochial 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.





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MAN-UP WEST POWER LUNCH, DECEMBER

Fri, Dec 13 Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish, WDM

The Veil Removed: Stories behind the Film

According to the Pew Foundation, even among "regular" Catholic Church attendees only 63% believe that Jesus is truly present in the consecrated host. The Magruder family has been instrumental in creating "The Veil Removed", a short film on the True Presence. Joel Magruder will join us, show the film and enlighten us on the idea behind it, the effort in the production of the film and what we can do to educate and inform our brothers and sisters on this Amazing Sacrament so few really understand. Lunch from Chick-fil-A/Fellowship/Program: High Noon, St. Francis 7075 Ashworth Rd, WDMIA 50266. Register at https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events

Save the Date! "Men of Christ" Catholic Men's Conference, Feb 22nd, 2020. Mass with Bishop William Joensen. Speaker: ISU Football Coach Matt Campbell.

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The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce, or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. Many people who have suffered this loss feel uncertain about their futures. Beginning Experience® is a program intended for those suffering the loss of a love relationship who are ready to come to terms with that loss and begin to move forward with their lives. The program is presented by a team of people who are willing to share their own experiences to help others. The weekend program is held at St. Thomas More Center on Jan. 17-19. To learn more about Beginning Experience, come to one of our open houses on Dec. 13, Dec. 20, and Jan. 3 from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Augustin Catholic Church in Des Moines or contact Father Bob Schoemann at 515-418-1938, Daryl Stahl at 515-480-6617, or Dana Reed at 515-975-3745.

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THANK YOU FROM THE PATCH COMMITTEE

December 2019



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 <a href="https://https://https://html.com/htpatch.com/htpatc

Thank you for all your support and God bless you.

Molly Pigneri PATCH Committee Chair 515-778-0185

CHIP IN--HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

As a group of 8th graders working on a service project, our goal is to fulfill the Corporal Work of Mercy, "Feed the Hungry". Please join us in the cafeteria on Sunday, December 8th, after 10:30 mass for cookies and hot chocolate. There will be a basket for free-will donations. All proceeds will go to Meals from the Heartland. Their mission is to feed the malnourished here in Iowa, across the United States, and around the world. Your donations will help feed many hungry people across the world and right around the corner. Thank you! Charlie Leto, Lucas Hilligas, Danny Tran, Anthony Heger, and Graham Hynnek

2019 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS LITURGY PREVIEW

2019 VENT

Advent will begin on Saturday Nov 30 and Sunday Dec 1 this year with our regular Mass schedule

2019 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS LITURGY PREVIEW

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday Dec 9 9AM

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY MASSES

December 28 & 29 Regular Mass Schedule

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

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

St. John the Apostle, Norwalk	Dec. 1	1 PM
St. Francis of Assisi, WDM	Dec. 3	7 PM
St. Augustin, DSM	Dec. 4	6 PM
St. Catherine of Siena, DSM	Dec. 5	6-8 PM
Our Lady's, Ankeny	Dec. 7	9 AM
St. Boniface, Waukee	Dec. 8	1 PM
Assumption, Granger	Dec. 11	6:30 PM
St. Pius, Urbandale	Dec. 12	7 PM
Basilica of St. John, DSM	Dec. 14	10 AM
St. Mary's, Elkhart	Dec. 15	1 PM
All Saints, DSM	Dec. 15	2 PM
SS John and Paul, Altoona	Dec. 16	7 PM
St. Theresa, DSM	Dec. 16	7 PM
St. Joseph, DSM	Dec. 17	6:30 PM
St. Anthony, DSM	Dec. 21	9 AM



TAIZE SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY

6 PM Sundays - December 8, 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 8th, 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 8 2019

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	SUNDAY 12/8	MONDAY 12/9	TUESDAY 12/10	WEDNESDAY 12/11	THURSDAY 12/12	FRIDAY 12/13	SATURDAY 12/14
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL		SCHOOL CLOSED KC Open		2 nd Grade First Reconciliation 6:30 PM CH	DK/PS Fun Night 5PM	\$1 Jeans Day Hosted by the 7 th Grade	Parent's Shopping Day Out Childcare Noon-4:15PM
FAITH FORMATION	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CH 5PM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CH 4PM	Faith Formation & Edge Classes 6:30PM			2 nd Grade First Reconciliation 10AM CH 3-4PM Reconciliation
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:30AM Taize Service 6PM	Mass for Feast of Immaculate Conception 9AM Men's Bible Study RM 105 8:30PM	Mass 8AM RCIA CH 6:30PM	Faith & Friendship Group RM105 7:30PM 10th Grade Confirmation Session 6:30PM	Mass 8AM No Adoration Today	All School Mass Hosted by 4 th Grade 8:30AM	Mass 4:30PM Sun Reading Men's MC 7:30AM Women's DC 7:30AM
MORE	Cookies & Cocoa After 10:30 Mass Xmas Musical Practice CH 1:30 PM	Hope & Healing MC 6PM	NO PARKING IN THE LODGE	Schola Church 7:30PM	Chess Club 7:15 AM MC 5-8 Band/Choir Concert 6:30PM CH	Lego Club 7:15 AM MC	Faith Sharing Grp 8:30AM DC Christmas Musical & Meal 5:30PM

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

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS		NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS			
Sunday, Dec 8	Second Sunday of Advent	Saturday, Dec 14 4:30PM			
8:30 AM Mass	Mary Ann Renze	Altar Server	St Luke		
10:30 AM Mass	Margaret Hawkins	Lectors	Lorriane Riseley & Aaron Zenti		
Monday, Dec 9 9:00 AM Mass	Mass for Feast of Immaculate Conception	EMHC Musical Coordinator	Team 3 Tom Quiner		
	Sheila Goode	Sunday, Dec 15 8:30 AN	1		
Tuesday, Dec 10		Altar Server	St Theresa		
8:00 AM Mass	For the Parish	Lectors	Mike Glynn & Josh Visnapuu		
Wednesday, Dec 11		EMHC	Team 3		
8:00 AM Mass	Joe & Barb McDermott	Children's Liturgy	Team E		
		Musical Coordinator	Tom Quiner		
Thursday, Dec 12	1 O M	Sunday, Dec 15 10:30 AM			
8:00 AM Mass	Larry & Margaret Gannon	Altar Server	St Andrew		
Friday, Dec 13		Lectors	Mary Ann Nielsen & Robert Nielsen		
8:30 AM Mass	Ruth Wright	EMHC	Team 4		
Saturday, Dec 14		Children's Liturgy	Team 1		
3-4 PM Reconciliation		Musical Coordinator	Mary Keck		
4:30 PM Mass	Ken Yamen	Sunday, Dec 15 Taize 6 PM			
Sunday, Dec 15	Third Sunday of Advent	WEEKEND MASSES Sat 4:30PM / Sun 8:30 & 10:30AM			
8:30 AM Mass	Bonnie Fitzgerald	WEEKDAY COMMUNION SERVICE Mon 8:00AM WEEKDAY MASSES Tue-Thurs 8:00AM / Fri 8:30AM w/School			
10:30 AM Mass	Ron Nielsen				



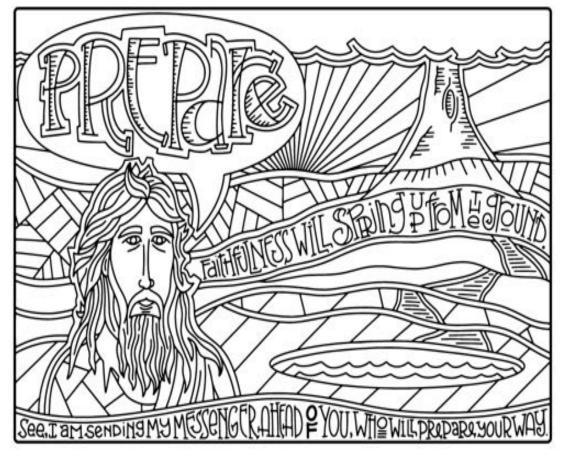
BRING THE GOSPEL HOME DEC 8 2019

READING I: Isaiah 11:1-10

PSALM: 72:1-2, 13, 17

READING II: Romans 15: 4-9

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12





SAINT OF THE WEEK

Juan Diego, Farmer, 1474-1548

He was a poor Aztec Indian and devout Christian who lived in the Mexican village. On the way to Mass on the Sunday following the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Juan followed his usual route. When he looked up, he saw a beautiful lady wearing a sky-blue veil and a dress the color of roses. Juan recognized at once that this was Mary, the Mother of God. Mary told Juan to go to the bishop of Mexico City and tell him that she wanted a chapel built on this hill for all who seek her aid. She told Juan to gather an armful of roses and bring the roses to the bishop, assuring him that he would be believed. Juan put the roses in his tilma (woolen cloak) and set off to see the bishop. When he unwrapped the roses, they fell to the floor as fresh with the morning dew as when they were picked. But this was not what caught the bishop's attention—on the tilma was the image of Our Lady just as Juan had seen her on the hill. When the chapel was built, his tilma was displayed there in a place of honor, where it remains to this day. A magnificent basilica now stands where the chapel was and after more than 400 years, the garment, with its vision of our Lady of Guadalupe, is as fresh and unmarred as it was on the day the bishop first saw it. Juan's message today: Although Juan was a man of very simple means, he was not afraid to speak to the bishop when emboldened by Mary's request. Our faith can help us to speak boldly as well, whether it be in the name of justice or simply to help someone in need.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Question for

Children: Beyond toys and other things, what do you hope will happen in your family this Christmas?

Question for Youth: What are the greatest challenges you face as a young person today in terms of allowing Christ to be your teacher and following him?

Question for Adults: Name the one thing in your life which you must "move out of the way" in order to make more room for Christ – a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling.

Who or what needs your boldly spoken words right now?



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