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Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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ST. PATRICK'S / HOLY TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT

To share the good news of Jesus in word and deed; to gather in prayer, worship, and the celebration of the Eucharist; to facilitate life-long faith formation; to serve the larger community especially the poor and marginalized; and to sustain parish ministry through the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

ST. PATRICK'S:

4:30 PM SATURDAYS

HOLY TRINITY:

8:00-8:15 AM

2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS

ALSO BY APPOINTMENT

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

CALL THE OFFICE IF POSSIBLE
WHEN HOSPITALIZED.

BAPTISM

CALL THE OFFICE DURING
PREGNANCY FOR PREPARA-
TION CLASS.

MARRIAGE

CALL THE OFFICE AT LEAST
NINE MONTHS TO ONE YEAR
AHEAD TO PLAN MARRIAGE
PREPARATION. WEDDING
DATE SHOULD NOT BE SET
UNTIL PREPARATIONS HAVE
BEGUN.

ANNULMENT/

MARRIAGE VALIDATION

CALL THE OFFICE TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT THIS PROCESS
WITH DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL IF
YOU ARE DIVORCED AND RE-
MARRIED OR NEVER MARRIED
IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

RCIA

CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN LEARNING
MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH OR THE RCIA PRO-
CESS.

MEMBERSHIP/

REGISTRATION

IF YOU ARE NEW, WELCOME
TO OUR PARISH. PLEASE
REGISTER BY CALLING THE
OFFICE. IF YOU ARE MOVING
AWAY, PLEASE CONTACT THE
OFFICE TO NOTIFY US BEFORE
MOVING.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY NOON

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024

The strictures announced in the first reading were sensible for their time, for even then people realized that the skin disease they referred to as leprosy was quite contagious. If a person with symptoms ate, socialized, and lived with others, the whole community was at risk. Because the scabs and sores were both obvious and unsightly, people concluded that those with the disease were being punished by God. Therefore, they must be sinful and impure. Between contagion and impurity, they were best kept outside the community. Because they were being punished by God (or so they believed), only God could heal them.

This brings us to the leper in today's Gospel. The leper recognized Jesus for more than a healer, for a healer could only cure an illness. The leper, recall, specifically asked to be made clean. He wanted God's punishment to be removed. He wanted the barrier between him and the community to be removed. Jesus removed that barrier the moment he touched him, bridging the gap between community and outcast, even before healing him. In touching the man, Jesus would have been considered to have made himself impure. But far from making himself less than whole, he is making the community whole by restoring the leper to it.

Jesus challenges us to do the same, to break down the barriers that keep us apart, that keep some excluded from the community. He challenges us to be unafraid of reaching out to those whom we feel uncomfortable coming in contact with. Paul called upon the Corinthians to imitate him, as he imitates Christ. Though he was Jewish, Paul reached out to Gentiles from Jerusalem to the ends of the known world, bringing all of them into this new religion as full members. This is the inclusivity we are called to imitate in our families, our communities, our nation, and our world.

Question of the Week: Who can I reach out to in order to help make my family/community/world whole? How can I go about doing so?

DAILY READINGS:

Monday

February 12

Jas 1:1-11

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

February 13

Jas 1:12-18

Mk 8:14-21

Ash Wednesday

February 14

Jl 2:12-18

2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

February 15

Dt 30:15-20

Lk 9:22-25

Friday

February 16

Is 58:1-9a

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

February 17

Is 58:9b-14

Lk 5:27-32

1st Sunday of Lent

February 18

Gn 9:8-15

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15

Mass Schedule

Monday, February 12:

9:00 a.m.—Cup of Grace
7:00 p.m.—Bible Study (Basement of SP)

Tuesday, February 13:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Marjorie Schultes]
7:00 p.m.—SP Finance Council Meeting

Ash Wednesday, February 14:

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [Peggy Venteicher]
4:15 p.m.—RE grades K-8th
4:30 p.m.—Mass at SP [Howard Weitz]
7:00 p.m.—Mass at SP [Ed, Donna, Francis Madsen]

Thursday, February 15:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Briggs Family]

Friday, February 16:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Special Intentions SVN]
8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT
[Lawrence & Marjorie Schultes & Mary Kay Chambers]
followed by Stations of the Cross

5:00 p.m.—Fish Fry

Saturday, February 17:

4:30 p.m.—Reconciliation
5:00 p.m.—Mass at SP [Eileen O'Brien]

1st Sunday in Lent, February 18:

Healing & Reconciliation Service during both masses

8:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Sally Kerwin]
9:30 a.m.—SPCW Meeting
9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Rolls at SP
10:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [Sivinski Family]



February 4 Giving

	St. Patrick's	Holy Trinity
Tithes	\$2,429.00	\$2,745.00
Plate	\$124.50	\$21.00
Building Fund	\$2,595.00	
Total	\$5,148.50	\$2,766.00



2023 ADA CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

St. Pat's Goal:	\$28,820.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$30,920.00	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$30,920.00	63	69
GOAL MET!!!	GOAL MET!!!		

Holy Trinity's Goal:	\$ 8,290.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$ 6,781.38	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$ 6,481.38	18	22
Needed:	\$ 1,508.62		

Liturgy Schedule

ST. PATRICK'S:

Ash Wednesday, February 14—7:00 p.m.

Usher: Volunteers
Reader: Lora Anthofer
Eucharist Minister: Alice Lauridsen
Music: Linda Blomme, Rosemary Williamson
Servers: Emma and Marie Brand
Saturday, February 17—5:00 P.M.:
Usher: Volunteers
Reader: Nancy Wittrock
Eucharist Minister: Darrell Wittrock, Linda Kerkhoff
volunteer

Music: Rosemary Williamson
Servers: Kaleb & Evan Nelson and Brylynn Petersen
Sacristan: Darrell Wittrock

Sunday, February 18—8:30 A.M.:

Usher: Volunteers
Reader: Danny Wittrock
Eucharist Minister: Lora Anthofer, April Brand,
Virginia Mennenoh

Music: Tom Mennenoh
Servers: Lucy & Ella Stanerson, Gavin Carter
Sacristan: Brian Klocke

HOLY TRINITY:

Ash Wednesday, February 14—8:30 a.m.

Usher:
Reader: Susan Osvald
Eucharist Minister: volunteers
Music: Jean Madsen
Servers: volunteers

Sunday, February 18—10:30 A.M.:

Usher: Vernie Venteicher, Gary Rasmussen
Reader: Russ Crawford
Eucharist Minister: Gary Smouse
E.C.C.: Jenny Brabham
Music: Jean Madsen
Servers: Brooklyn Brabham, volunteer



Happy Birthday

13th -	Joann McCuen
14th -	Dale Huegerich Jaxtyn Sorensen
15th -	Sarah Christensen Sharon Winterboer
16th -	Hannah Tigges Margaret Stoberl
17th -	Vern Venteicher
19th -	Avery Wilder Gary Macke



Holy Trinity's goal \$40,000.00

Pledges & Gifts	\$30,936.00	Donor	Yet to
Payments Rec'd	\$21,936.00	Households	Donate
		19	21
Needed	\$9,064.00		

BECOMING THE BEST DISCIPLE

The quote for this week that also appears on the whiteboard in the front of the church is:

“What if... Jesus was only as committed to you as you were to him?”

Take time this week to sit quietly, or perhaps as you drive to your destination, to reflect on this message.

REMEMBER TO LISTEN FOR GOD'S RESPONSE.



Are you ready for Lent?

This year instead of just *surviving* Lent, lean in and *live it!*

- Make a Lenten plan for prayer, fasting, & almsgiving (individually & as a family)
- Follow along with weekly Lenten reflections
- Engage in faith conversations as a family, using our faith conversation starters
- Find fun, faith activities for kids of all ages
- And so much more!

Find all our Lent resources at:
dmdiocese.org/living-lent



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.



WHOLE 40
Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

WITH DR. BEN AKERS & DR. ELIZABETH KLEIN

Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

Simply follow the instructions, using zip code **51401** or **“St John Paul II Parish”**.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  SPACIOUS program



✠All those involved in serving our country in any capacity. May they be kept free of harm and know our prayers are with them.

✠Special prayers to those on our prayer chain:
Caleb Deist, Kellen Hemmingsen, Darrell Shoesmith, LeAnn Hoffman, Ivan Blocker, Bill Ryan, Clete Anthofer, Tina Madsen, Mirra Wolff, Cathy Szynskie, Janet Baumhover, Ellie Bennett, Lucille Wittrock, Jim Arnold, Kenny Hess, Rosemary Hess, Joe Schulte, Lauren Bock, Larry Petersen, Jared Schliecher, Kris Pilcher, Lois Zimmerman, Brian Boock, Dawson Truitt, Lilly Hankemeier, Peggy Sowden, Amber, Eleanor, Emilin & Enastatia Clark, Robbi Wittrock, Jenny Brabham, Oliver Turnbull, Vern Wagner, Ava Weitl, Mark Broich, Fred Miller, Dash Burr, Al Meiners and all those who are facing very difficult situations and suffer in silence. All those who are suffering and their families remain in our thoughts and prayers. Please contact the office if your loved one's status changes.



Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw Contest

February 25th

(Those who advance from local contest)

Audubon High School Gym

Warm Ups at 12:30 pm ~ Shooting at 1:00 pm

Any available Knights, please come help!



Please look for a
**Mass in March that you
can usher!**



MARCH

Don Mosinski	Bob Nelson	Dane Nielsen
Paul Nielsen	Kenny Petersen	Steve Schmitz
Duane Schulte	Paul Schultz	Doug Sorensen
Brad Sporrer	Brian Sporrer	Quentin Stanerson
Bryan Svoboda	Paul Thomas	Vern Wagner
Doug Weston	Matt Wilder	Danny Wittrock
Darrell Wittrock	Kevin Wittrock	Gavin Yager

Marriage is a journey!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. For more information call contact Denise and Greg – 563-920-9419 or to register go to wwme.org.

Upcoming dates: February 16-18 in Marshalltown, April 12-14, 2024 in Epworth, September 27-29 in Dubuque and November 8-10 in Holstein, IA.

St. Patrick's Finance Council :

Tom Chambers	Charlotte Fett
Michelle Griffith	Marty Hanson
Don Mosinski	Doug Sorensen
Kevin Wittrock	

Holy Trinity Finance Council:

Judy Bintner
Jean Madsen
Mark Richards
Hugh Rossell
Vernie Venteicher

Corpus Christi Pastoral Council:

Bob Blomme	Jean Madsen
Aaron Kerkhoff	Lynda Best
Alice Lauridsen	

Things to Give Up for Lent—Dynamic Catholic

When was the last time you had a really memorable Lent? Or even a life-changing Lent? So often we just give up something like chocolate like we always have, without giving it much thought. And we don't really stick to it. Or if we do manage to get to Easter without eating said chocolate, we realize we haven't really grown spiritually since the beginning of Lent. And isn't that actually the point?

The point of giving something up, of [fasting](#), is to cultivate the inner life. When we fast, we realize how truly dependent on God we are. We open our hearts, our minds, and our bodies to God's love in our lives. We look at the ways that we need to grow, and dedicate ourselves to becoming a-better-version-of-ourselves. And when we make ourselves available to God, incredible things can happen. That's what can make Lent so powerful.

But you can take it one step further. Don't just give something up. There is also great value in doing something for Lent. It's the perfect time not only to abandon self-destructive habits, but also to form new life-giving habits, habits that can extend beyond the 40 days of Lent. Give something up, eliminate a bad habit from your life, and then fill that gap intentionally. Look at how you can become a-better-version-of-yourself, and commit to a new good habit. Below are two lists. One is a list of things to give up for Lent, and the other is a list of life-giving habits. I invite you this Lent to pick one from each list. Just one from each list. Give something up, then fill the gap.

Don't interrupt people. We could probably all do well to spend more time listening, and less time interjecting.

Stop complaining. Have you ever stopped to think about how many times a day you complain about something? What if, instead, you find constructive ways to talk about your difficulties? What if you look for the good in people instead of focusing on any inconvenience we experience?

Don't waste downtime.

You don't have to give up social media or the like entirely, but you can be intentional about not using it during specific times. Take that time instead to pray, to breathe, to reach out to someone around you. You'll be amazed at the difference it can make in your day.

Fish Fry Work Schedule for February 16th:

4:30-6:30

Linda Blomme, Heather Chambers,
Carolyn Cunningham, Mary Hacker, Roxane Hansen,
Katie Johnson, Kate Lebeck, Mykel Muhr,
Patty Svoboda, Sharon Winterboer

Kids: Sydney & Shelby Jonson, Lauryn Beymer

6:30—Clean-Up

Jan Andersen, Carolyn Boehm, Lexy Campbell,
Ann Carter, Marilyn Ditsworth, Marcia Hanson,
Karli Kerkhoff, Linda Kerkhoff, Melanie Nielsen,
Jane Schmitz

Kids: Easton Kerkhoff, Wyatt Sweat, Olivia, Vince & Gavin Carter.

SPCW January 2024 Meeting Minutes

St. Patrick's Catholic Women met Sunday January 21, 2024, after Mass in the church basement. Twenty-two members attended and President Linda K. called the meeting to order at 9:35 all members recited the "Hail Mary." Alice L. read the minutes from the December meeting, Joan B. motioned, and Peggy B. seconded the minutes were approved. Ann C. read the treasurers report with a balance of \$2,160.50, Candy moved, and Maxine seconded the treasurers report was approved. Correspondence was received from Father David and The Children's Nest thanking us for gifts.

Old business: The welcome packets are getting in place, maybe ready by Ash Wednesday. Deanna's bible study materials were lost in the mail and will start when these are received.

New Business: Sunday February 4th is our waffle breakfast, workers sign up sheet was passed around and will be in back of church for continued sign up. Ann will order milk and orange juice to be used that day.

Fish fries are coming up February 16th, we will be making desserts again this year and if it is your night to work, we ask you to bring a dessert. April will coordinate with Linda K. on the work schedule to get kids signed up to work the fries. Yvonne informed the group she will not be working at the fish fries this year and we need to find a person to help in the afternoon on Friday making coleslaw. Maxine reported her morning crew would be there again this year.

April requested we think about replacing the two chalices we use as they are becoming pitted, and they have been replated once before. Prices will be looked into for this before the next meeting.

Discussion was held on other ideas they would like to see happening at church, such as families bringing up communion, suggestion box in church for those without email, and getting greeters back to Masses, Alice will take these matters to the CCC meeting.

Dates to remember: Confirmation April 14th, First Communion April 7th, we have three seniors this year.

April said we will need a new Christmas tree next year as the one on the altar was falling to pieces.

Linda thanked all the chair people for coming to help with coffee and rolls for our meeting mornings. Prayers were offered for the Sorensen family, Ava Weitzl, all on our prayer chain list and those in need of our prayers.

We closed the meeting with "Our Father."

Submitted by Alice Lauridsen

SPCW

➤ Thanks to everyone who worked and attended the waffle breakfast!

➤ Meeting February 21st.

Chairpersons are: April Brand, Joanne Greving and Peggy Bauer. Please check if you are on this committee and help with coffee and rolls in February March and April.

➤ Work lists are out for Fish Fries starting February 16th. Extra lists are in back of church. If you cannot work please find someone to take your place!