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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

ANOIDTING 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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Times October 5, 2025

The lament of Habakkuk, given in the final days before the fall of Jerusalem, expresses both his distress and frustration. Strife and discord surround him and God seems to ignore his pleas. But no! Justice will come, will be fulfilled one day. Keep this in mind today. This era we live in may seem lengthy and momentous, but to God it is only the blink of an eye. Did Habakkuk live long enough to see Jerusalem restored? Probably not, but humankind did.

The mulberry tree is especially difficult to uproot, as it has an extensive root system. One can only imagine how difficult it would be two thousand years ago, without the excavating equipment we have available to us today. And yet the task is no match for a small amount of faith. We may have had an occasion ourselves to rely on as much faith as we can muster to cope with the grief of the loss of a loved one, to overcome an addiction, or to survive a tragedy in our lives. We probably did not know how strong our faith was until we put it to the test. These same apostles needed to do the same thing after the death of the Lord on the cross. We have the advantage of knowing that God is stronger than death, that Jesus is the resurrection and the life, and that the Holy Spirit is with us forever.

The scenario Jesus paints today with the servant seems rather heartless. The master is quite demanding, commanding the tired servant to work some more, then feeling entitled instead of grateful. Are we those "unprofitable servants" now (Luke 17:10), obligated to obey God's commands without expecting appreciation, let alone love? Perhaps we should look at those words separately. Recall that when Jesus told his disciples they must take up their cross, he asked, "What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?" (Luke 9:25). We should not look for profit in worldly accomplishments; in that sense we want to be unprofitable. Putting aside the negative connotations of servanthood, we believe that we are called to serve God. What we do in service of the gospel, which we are obligated to do by our baptism, fulfills our faith.

DAILY READINGS:

Monday

October 6

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11

Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

October 7

**Our Lady
of the Rosary**

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

October 8

Jon 4:1-11

Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

October 9

Mal 3:13-20b

Lk 11:5-13

Friday

October 10

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

October 11

Jl 4:12-21

Lk 11:27-28

28th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

October 12

2 Kgs 5:14-17

2 Tm 2:8-13

Lk 17:11-19

Question of the Week:

What can I do this week to be an "unprofitable servant" in God's eyes?



Mass Schedule

Monday, October 6:

9:00 a.m.—Cup of Grace

Tuesday, October 7:

10:30 a.m.—Mass at Friendship Home

[Joan Heller]

7:00 p.m.—Corpus Christi Council Meeting @SP

Wednesday, October 8:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Orville Kerkhoff]

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [For The People]

4:30 p.m.—RE grades K-8

7:00 p.m.—RE grades 9-10

7:00 p.m.—Choir Practice

Thursday, October 9:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Gary Simatovich]

9:30 a.m.—Mass at Care Center

[Bernice & Robert Robinson/Frank & Elizabeth Kommes]

Friday, October 10:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Gert Madsen]

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [_____]

Saturday, October 11:

4:30 p.m.— Reconciliation

5:00 p.m.—Mass at SP [JoAnn Wittrock]

Sunday, October 12:

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [Darel Burns] *Heaven Cent*

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Donuts at HT

9:30 a.m.—ARS Meeting

10:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Marjorie Schultes]

Liturgy Schedule

ST. PATRICK'S:

Saturday, October 11— 5:00 P.M.:

Ushers:

Reader: Volunteer

Eucharist Ministers: Ann Carter, Volunteers

Music: Gary Keller, Deanna Kerkhoff

Servers: Brylynn Petersen, Gavin Carter

Sacristan: Don Mosinski

Sunday, October 12—10:30 A.M.:

Ushers:

Reader: Nancy Wittrock

Eucharist Ministers: Darrell & Nancy Wittrock,
Virginia Mennenoh

Music: Tom Mennenoh

Servers: Marie Brand, Karleigh & Wyatt Henkle

Sacristan: Scott Hansen

HOLY TRINITY:

Sunday, October 12—8:30 A.M.

Ushers: Vernie Venteicher, volunteer

Reader: Russ Crawford

Eucharist Minister: Vicki Richards

E.C.C.: Mike Bintner

Song Leader: Jane Beckendorf

Servers: Gavin & Ryleigh Anthofer



Sympathy and prayers to Tom and Virginia Mennenoh & family on the passing of his father, Paul Mennenoh, who died October 1. May he rest in eternal peace.

Happy Anniversary

Jerry & Ann Carter

19 Yrs. ~ October 7, 2006

Scott & Teri Thielen

35 Yrs. ~ October 6, 1990



2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



St. Pat's Goal:	\$32,292.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$29,593.75	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$28,643.75	55	78
Needed:	\$2,698.25		

Holy Trinity's Goal:	\$9,138.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$7,682.25	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$7,682.25	18	21
Needed:	\$1,455.75		



Happy Birthday

5th - Cody Bruch
Michelle Griffith

6th - Tracy Paulsen

7th - Heather Griffith
Jane Beckendorf
Julie Hansen

8th - Steve Schmitz

10th - Quynon Sweat

September 21 Giving

	St. Patrick's	Holy Trinity
Tithes	\$935.00	\$380.00
Plate	\$152.00	\$55.00
Building Fund	\$140.00	
Gaza Relief	\$328.00	
Total	\$1,555.00	\$435.00

Holy Trinity's goal \$40,000.00



Pledges & Gifts	\$30,936.00	Donor	Yet to
Payments Rec'd	\$26,435.98	Households	Donate
		19	20
Needed	\$9,064.00		

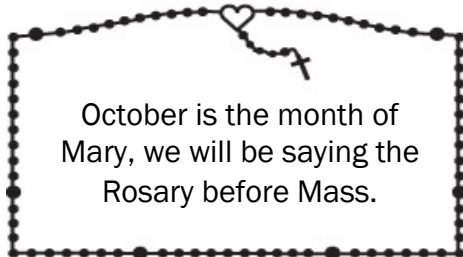
BECOMING THE BEST DISCIPLE

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

"Fall leaves are beautiful.

God's Blessings are Breath-taking."

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.



October is the month of Mary, we will be saying the Rosary before Mass.



October is the month for St Patrick's to donate to the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry. Items requested are cereals or oatmeal, canned soups and vegetables, applesauce or canned fruits (especially those packed in light syrup or fruit juice), pork and beans, mac and cheese, peanut butter, tuna, saltine crackers, barbecue sauce, catsup, mustard or mayo type salad dressing, sugar, flour, tissues, dish soap, laundry detergent and paper towels. Please be generous!

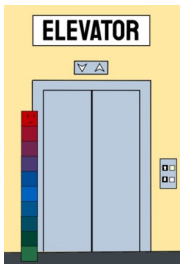


Religious Education

Passing on the faith to our youth is so important to them and the life of the church. **PLEASE** prayerfully consider sharing one hour a week for our kids! We still need a 4th grade teacher and possibly 1st and 8th grade.

Call April (712-304-4337) to volunteer.

**The 11th/12th grades are meeting on Sundays at 8:00-9:00 p.m. in the church basement this year.



St. Patrick's Elevator UPdate!

Bidding documents are close to being finalized! We appreciate Primus Companies for their efforts and attention to detail during this process. **Building Fund balance to date = \$306,988.02.**

When donating, please be sure to note on your donation that it is for "Building Fund" or "Elevator Project" (It's the same fund either way you label it). On the front of the yellow pew prayer cards, there is a QR code for super easy donations.



✠All those involved in serving our country in any capacity. Special prayers to those on our prayer chain: Caleb Deist, Kellen Hemmingsen, LeAnn Hoffman, Ivan Blocker, Bill Ryan, Tina Madsen, Ellie Bennett,

Rosemary Hess, Joe Schulte, Lauren Bock, Larry Petersen, Jared Schliecher, Dawson Truitt, Lilly Hankemeier, Eleanor, Emilin & Enastatia Clark, Robbi Wittrock, Jenny Brabham, Oliver Turnbull, Vern Wagner, Ava Weilt, Fred Miller, Dash Burr, Randy Clausen, Connie (Fox) Hawthorne, Sheri Jo Porsch, Don Heller, Leonard Baumhover, Larry O'Tool, Joey Wanninger, Fred Muhr, Nick Swanson, Linda Kerkhoff, Leon Ditto, Deacon Fred Cornwell, Shirley Sextro Robertson, Wade Wilson, Willie Madsen 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.



Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Exira is looking for an interested person to attend to duties at the Parish Hall located north of the Church. These duties include cleaning, stocking of some kitchen, utility and bathroom items, light duty maintenance and upkeep notifications of the Parish Hall. This person is also responsible for hall rental, opening the Hall on rental dates, regulating building temperature before and after rentals, collecting rental fees, light laundry duty of kitchen linens used and weekly trash removal. Position available immediately. Salary is currently set at fair price for duties involved but is negotiable and paid monthly by the Altar and Rosary Society. Contacts at 712-268-2219 or 712-268-2803.



If you wish to donate for Flowers for Mary, they are \$10/week and can be paid at Lori's Flowers.



PRAY FOR THEIR SERVICE:

Several of our members and relatives of members are currently serving in the military. Please pray for them and their families. We pray for their safety and when on a mission, their quick return home to

family and friends.

Chance McLaughlin
Hayden McLaughlin
Cole & Mary Turnbull
Taylor Kerkhoff
Mason Hjuler
Mark Otte

Daniel Buser
Rusty Dixon
Sara Kerkhoff
Robert Hjuler
Zachary Kirkpatrick
Madeline Bintner

*Please contact the office with any other names.

Audubon County CROP
Hunger Walk –
Let's Walk to
End Hunger!



Join us on **Sunday, October 12 at 12:30 PM** at
Albert the Bull Park for a meaningful walk to fight
hunger locally and globally.

Why Walk?

Because millions walk every day for food, water, and
hope. This walk is a symbol of solidarity—and a step
toward change.

Organized by: Fellowship of Christian Wheelers
Special Offering Sunday: October 5 – Checks payable
to **CWS/CROP**

Snacks & drinks provided

25% of funds stay in Audubon County!

Can't make it to the walk but still want to help?
Drop off donations at **Audubon High School (in care of
Fellowship of Christian Wheelers)** or at
Faith Community Church in Audubon.

Let's walk together—**one step at a time**—toward a
world without hunger.

#CROPHungerWalk #EndHunger #FaithInAction

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Each basket costs \$35 and contains all the fixings for a
Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner for six. With your help, the
Audubon Area Ministerial Association, in cooperation with
New Opportunities, will be distributing 45 baskets to families
who are in need of assistance. If you would like to donate,
make checks payable to the church and put "Thanksgiving
Baskets" on the memo line and drop off in the church office
or place in the offering plate. Any money
raised in excess of expenses will be donated
to our local food pantries.

*This is the information from last year,
we will update this message when we receive
more information.*



Prayers for a safe and
bountiful harvest.
Please watch for equipment
on the roads.



Fall is a beautiful season full of color
and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide
Marriage Encounter Experience is like
autumn because it's a weekend full of
fresh air, new beginnings and a time to
rejoice in the beauty of your mar-
riage. It's a great time to rekindle communication
and enjoy a weekend away. Dates of upcoming experi-
ences are a non-residential weekend November 7-9
in Ankeny and a residential weekend February 13-15
in Dubuque. For more information call
Greg and Denise - 563-920-9419

VIRTUES: HOPE vs. DESPAIR

Despair chooses Self over God. Despair believes that I am
worthless and hopeless, and God could never love me. A
person trapped in despair believes that they are so terrible
that there is no hope, and therefore no reason to even try to
grow in holiness. Believing "I am NOTHING" is a lie Satan
tells us.

We are not God, but we are far from worthless. Often des-
pair can be confused with the virtue of humility. Humility is
grounded in reality. The humble person never forgets that
they are a daughter or son of God. Sure, they know their
weaknesses, but they would never let that keep them from
seeking God.

Despair is so destructive because it traps us in our sins. We
are all sinners and even as we advance in our knowledge of
the faith and deepen our relationship with God, we will con-
tinue to sin. This can be sad and frustrating, but it should
never keep us from seeking forgiveness from God. Despair
believes that our sins and weaknesses are somehow bigger
than God himself.

Hope is God's answer to despair, but not hope as we might
use the word in our everyday lives. We say things like, "I
hope it doesn't rain" or "I hope I feel better in the morning."
Both of these phrases are more about wishing or remaining
optimistic. The virtue of hope is about trusting God and
keeping our eyes on heaven.

A virtuous person proclaims, "I hope in Jesus Christ alone!"
What does hope mean in this statement? To hope in Jesus
Christ means that I entrust everything—my past, present,
and future—completely into the hands of God. I know that
He is my father, that He is God, and that I am not God. I
know that he loves me and will forgive me, and therefore I
hope in His power alone.

Hope is also what connects us to heaven. Life on earth is a
struggle. We have pain and grief and frustrations, but this is
the way things are meant to be! We weren't created for this
world, we were created for heaven. We know that we can't
get to heaven on our own. It is only through Jesus Christ,
and the death He suffered for us, that we can hope for
heaven.

St. Patrick's Finance Council :

Annette Bruch	Charlotte Fett
Michelle Griffith	Marty Hanson
Alice Lauridsen	Don Mosinski
Kevin Wittrock	

Holy Trinity Finance Council:

Paul Christensen
Anita Hansen
Riann Hansen
Jean Madsen
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