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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

ANOIDNTING 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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Times October 26, 2025

By all signs, the Pharisee is a laudable person. He fasts, he gives alms, he visits the temple and prays. In other words, he practices the three traditional works of the faith. But his self-righteous attitude puts him in the wrong relationship with God. He has no sense of needing God for anything. He doesn't thank God for the grace to be a good person, but with disdain for people who sin. That the Pharisee "spoke this prayer to himself" could merely mean he is not speaking it aloud, but it's also the case that he's addressing himself more than God (Luke 18:11). He seems to be patting himself on the back more than thanking God with sincere gratitude. When we become too full of ourselves, too convinced that we are the reason for our own goodness, we forget our own humanity. We forget that we are flawed creatures in need of forgiveness and mercy.

In general, tax collectors at this time were regarded as collaborators and thieves. They collected taxes imposed by the Roman government and generally padded their income by extorting more than what their neighbors really owed. No wonder they were despised, especially by pious people like the Pharisee. But at least the tax collector in the parable is self-aware. He recognizes his sinfulness. He trusts that God's mercy is stronger than his sin. We are not told what he did once he returned home. Perhaps he stopped extorting his fellow citizens. Perhaps he paid back his ill-gotten gains. Perhaps he resigned his position. But Jesus tells us that just by virtue of his simple, honest plea to God, he became justified and would be exalted.

It is ironic that the Pharisee contrasted himself to "the rest of humanity" (Luke 18:11), for this is exactly whom Jesus came to save. In fact, it is for the sake of sinners that Jesus became poor, humbling himself to share in our humanity. The Pharisee's attitude leads him to place himself above God, unable to "pierce the clouds" with his prayer (Sirach 35:17).

Question of the Week: In what sense am I poor, in need of God's grace? Do I recognize this poverty when I pray?

DAILY READINGS:

Monday

October 27
Rom 8:12-17
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

October 28
St. Simon & Jude
Eph 2:19-22
Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday

October 29
Rom 8:26-30
Lk 13:22-30

Thursday

October 30
Rom 8:31b-39
Lk 13:31-35

Friday

October 31
Rom 9:1-5
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

November 1
All Saints Day
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

November 2
Wisdom 3:1-9
Romans 5:5-11
John 6:37-40

Mass Schedule

Father is gone until Nov. 23~ No daily Mass

Monday, October 27:

9:00 a.m.—Cup of Grace

Wednesday, October 29:

4:30 p.m.—RE grades K-8

7:00 p.m.—RE grades 9-10

7:00 p.m.—Choir

Saturday, November 1: - All Souls Candle Ceremony

4:30 p.m.— Reconciliation/Adoration

5:00 p.m.— Encounter Mass at SP

[Lenord Meaie, Scott Olson]

Sunday, November 2: - All Souls Candle Ceremony

8:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Bernie Klein]

10:30 a.m.—Mass at HT

[Carl, Betty & Craig Simonsen]

8:00 p.m.—11th/12th grade RE

Happy Birthday

26th - Amalia Kerkhoff

27th - Joanne Greving

John Meislahn

Matt Thielen

Sharon Weitl

28th - Cody Kommes

Grace Brand

29th - Leslie Sporrer

Rosemary Williamson

31st - Barb Friedrichsen



Happy Anniversary

Danny & Yvonne Wittrock

53 Yrs. ~ October 28, 1972

Remember Father Wayne and Deacon Fred in your prayers as they are dealing with some health issues.

Father Wayne
1620 Victoria St.
Harlan, IA 51537

Deacon Fred
1250 SW Magazine Rd.
Unit 206
Ankeny, IA 50023-2967



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.**

October 19 Giving

	St. Patrick's	Holy Trinity
Tithes	\$5,183.44	\$685.00
Plate	\$174.00	\$44.00
Missions	\$394.00	\$42.00
Building Fund	\$14,286.29	
Cemetery	\$1,200.00	
Total	\$21,237.73	\$771.00

2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



St. Pat's Goal:	\$32,292.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$30,223.75	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$29,398.75	57	76
Needed:	\$2,068.25		

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		

September 2025

	St. Patrick's	Holy Trinity
Income	\$48,734.34	\$2,347.63
Expenses	\$14,235.81	\$4,024.63
Total	\$34,498.53	(\$1,677.00)



Holy Trinity's goal \$40,000.00

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

All Souls' Day
November 2nd



BECOMING THE BEST DISCIPLE

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

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops" Proverb 3:9

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.

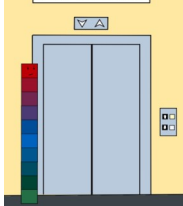


Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Exira is looking for an interested person to attend to duties at the Parish Hall located north of the Church. These duties include cleaning, stocking of some kitchen, utility and bathroom items, light duty maintenance and upkeep notifications of the Parish Hall. This person 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.



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!

ELEVATOR



St. Patrick's Elevator UPdate!

We are awaiting bids from interested contractors. Bids are due to Primus late October. **Building Fund balance to date = \$328,765.54**

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, Wade Wilson, Willie Madsen, Father Gubbels 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.



The Lions Club has a project to collect shoes for third world countries. It is called SOLES FOR SOULS.

They can be new, or slightly used, any type, any size. They will also accept high heels, sneakers, etc. Also, if you have only one shoe, that is ok too. There is a box in the basement north-west entrance for collection.

Sign up for The Catholic Mirror newsletter!

Sign up for The Catholic Mirror newsletter - a new bi-weekly digital newsletter launching this Advent.

Every issue will feature Catholic news & events from around the Diocese of Des Moines plus additional news stories out of the Vatican and USCCB.

Sign up today by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.dmdiocese.org/newsletter

SCAN ME TO SIGN UP



October 7, 2025 Corpus Christi Meeting Minutes

The Corpus Christi Council met on Tuesday, October 7th at St Patrick's. Council members present included Father David, Aaron K., Bob B., Brooke K., Susan O., and Cole B.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Council president, Aaron. Father David led the group in prayer.

The meeting's agenda was reviewed.

The council welcomed its newest member, Cole Bruch, who will be taking over Bob's position as Bob's term has concluded.

A copy of the August meeting minutes was provided and reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes and this was seconded by Susan.

Old Business:

Hispanic Outreach was discussed. Bob provided details from a Spanish Mass that he attended while in California. The group would like to continue personally welcoming and inviting members of the Hispanic community to our church and events.

Scholarship opportunities were reviewed. Current account and funds were discussed amongst the group. The group reviewed that the funds may be utilized for college scholarships, as well as to support attendance of NCYC and CYC events. Bob made a motion to continue to maintain scholarship account funds as well as maintaining the current process for reviewing scholarship requests. This motion was voted all in favor by the CCC members. There was one funding request for Catholic Youth Camp. The group voted all in favor of fulfilling the funding request for CYC.

The Eucharistic procession in Audubon was discussed. There were an estimated 200 people in attendance. Aaron informed the group that the Diocese was pleased with the event. The group discussed hosting future processions and the possibility of making it an annual event. In the future, it would be encouraged for members of the parish to invite a guest to join them in attending the procession.

Aaron updated the group on the process for high school students to obtain silver cord hours. There were several high school students that obtained hours by assisting with the Eucharistic procession. The group discussed the possibility of having students provide input and assistance with updating the current cemetery mapping. This would be discussed further if there was interest from students.

New Business:

Aaron completed a continuity book outlining the objectives of the Corpus Christi Council and the expectations for council members. The booklet also includes information about annual events that are sponsored by the CCC. A paper draft was distributed for review. The council decided that the reference booklet should also include information regarding the role of the director of evangelization.

Susan presented a request to the council regarding the order that the church announcements and the summary of mass are read. It was suggested that readers should present church announcements prior to reading the mass summary. The proposal aims to ensure that the announcements are presented first which then assists members of the congregation to direct their attention to the mass service following the summary of mass. The council discussed this change with Father David. A motion was made to make this change, and it was seconded by Bob. Aaron will send the update to the church office for printing and distribution to the reader.

No remarks were submitted in the comment boxes of either parish.

Father David will be out of the office from October 20th- November 20th as he travels home to Ghana. Daily mass will not be available during this time.

The next CCC meeting will be held at Holy Trinity on December 2nd.

Adoration mass will take place on November 1st.

With no further topics to discuss, council president Aaron adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

The group closed the meeting by reciting the Hail Mary.

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
Hugh Rossell

Corpus Christi Pastoral Council:

Cole Bruch	Jennifer Brabham
Aaron Kerkhoff	Ben Hansen
Brooke Klocke	Susan Osvald

St. Patrick's November Liturgy Schedule					
Date	Ushers	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	Servers
Sat., November 1 5:00 p.m.		Virginia Mennenoh	Jon & Alice Lauridsen Matt Wilder	Jo Beane Aaron Kerkhoff	Paxton Beane McKenna & Avery Wilder
Sun., November 2 8:30 a.m.	YOUTH	YOUTH	April Brand Kathy Kerkhoff Volunteer	Linda Blomme Izik Sorensen	Marie, Mason & Grace Brand
Sat., November 8 5:00 p.m.		Nancy Wittrock	Darrell & Nancy Wittrock Aaron Kerkhoff	Gary Keller Rosemary Williamson	Alex Henkle Brylynn Petersen Claire Kerkhoff
Sun., November 9 10:30 a.m.		Virginia Mennenoh	Tom Chambers Sara Kerkhoff Volunteer	Tom Mennenoh	Izik, Jocelyn, & Jordyn Sorensen
Sat., November 15 5:00 p.m.		Volunteer	Volunteers	Gary Keller Aaron Kerkhoff	Camden & Trinden Sporrer Huxley Gross
Sun., November 16 8:30 a.m.		Lisa Sorensen	Joanne Greving April Brand Volunteer	Blane Kerkhoff	Karleigh & Wyatt Henkle Marie Brand
Sat., November 22 5:00 p.m.		Ann Carter	Jon & Alice Lauridsen Kalli Wilder	Gary Keller Rosemary Williamson	Lucy & Ella Stanerson Brayden Sporrer
Sun., November 23 10:30 a.m.		April Brand	Kathy Kerkhoff Tom Chambers Volunteer	Linda Blomme Blane Kerkhoff	Marie, Mason & Grace Brand
Sat., November 29 5:00 p.m.		Aaron Kerkhoff	Volunteers	Deanna Kerkhoff	Autumn & Kara Klocke Claire Kerkhoff
Sun., November 30 8:30 a.m.		Jennifer Mosinski	Don & Jennifer Mosinski Virginia Mennenoh	Tom Mennenoh	Kaleb & Evan Nelson Gavin Carter
Sacristans: Saturday—Alice Lauridsen Sunday—Scott Hansen					

Holy Trinity's November Liturgy Schedule						
Date	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	ECC	Song Leader	Servers
Sun., November 2 10:30 a.m.	Vernie Venteicher Weston Rasmussen	Jenny Brabham	Mike Bintner	Jenny Brabham	Judy Bintner	Brooklyn Brabham Zoey Rasmussen
Sun., November 9 8:30 a.m.	Ben Hansen Volunteer	Riann Hansen	Vicki Richards	Mike Bintner	Jane Beckendorf	Jack Hansen Volunteer
Sun., November 16 10:30 a.m.	Leonard Hansen Volunteer	Russ Crawford	Jenny Brabham	Jenny Brabham	Jean Madsen	Gavin & Ryleigh Anthofer
Sun., November 23 8:30 a.m.	Joe & Weston Rasmussen	Susan Osvald	Paul Christensen	Julie Christensen	Jean Madsen	Skyla & Harper Rasmussen
Sun., November 30 10:30 a.m.	Leonard Hansen Joe Rasmussen	Joe Rasmussen	Ben Hansen	Judy Bintner	Riann Hansen	Jack Hansen Austin & Weston Rasmussen
ARS Committee for November: Susan Osvald, Jenny Brabham, Tracy Paulsen						

November 2025 St Patrick-Audubon and Holy Trinity-Exira

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 4:00p Reconciliation @ SP 4:30p Adoration @ SP 5:00p Encounter Night and Mass @ SP
2 Coffee & Rolls @ S.P. - Youth 8:30 Mass @ SP - Heaven Cent 10:30 Mass @ HT 8:00p 11th & 12th Grade RE	3 9:00 Cup of Grace	4 Father gone	5 Father gone 4:30p RE (K-8 grades) 7:00p Choir Practice 7:00p RE (9-12 grades)	6 Father gone	7 Father gone	8 4:30p Reconciliation @ SP 5:00p Mass @ SP
9 8:30 Mass @ HT - Heaven Cent 9:30 Coffee & Rolls @ HT 10:30 Mass @ SP 8:00p 11th & 12th Grade RE	10 9:00 Cup of Grace	11 Father gone	12 Father gone 4:30p RE (K-8 grades) 7:00p Choir Practice 7:00p RE (9-12 grades)	13 Father gone	14 Father gone	15 4:30p Reconciliation @ SP 5:00p Mass @ SP
16 8:30 Mass @ SP 9:30 SPCW Meeting 9:30 Coffee & Rolls @ SP 10:30 Mass @ HT 8:00p 11th & 12th Grade RE	17 9:00 Cup of Grace 7:30p Knights of Columbus Meeting	18 Father gone	19 Father gone 4:30p RE (K-8 grades) 7:00p Choir Practice 7:00p RE (9-12 grades)	20 Father gone	21 Father gone	22 4:30p Reconciliation @ SP 5:00p Mass @ SP
23 8:30 Mass @ HT 10:30 Mass @ SP 8:00p 11th & 12th Grade RE	24 9:00 Cup of Grace	25 Father gone	26 Father gone 4:30p RE (K-8 grades) 7:00p Choir Practice 7:00p RE (9-12 grades)	27 Father gone	28 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT	29 4:30p Reconciliation @ SP 5:00p Mass @ SP
30 1st Sunday in Advent 8:30 Mass at SP 9:30 KC breakfast at SP 10:30 Mass at HT 8:00p 11th & 12th Grade RE						