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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 PREPARATION 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 REMARRIED 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 PROCESS.

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



Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

“Here is my servant,” the LORD says through Isaiah of a chosen one, a Messiah, a Christ, who would bring justice and healing to the nations (Isaiah 42:1). Isaiah writes again and again in these chapters of the Messiah as a servant, someone who would act at God’s behest in the world. In this way, Isaiah foresees the character of the Messiah. The Messiah would serve God’s will. Therefore, when Jesus insists on John baptizing him, he says it is “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15). Righteousness is moral conduct in accordance with God’s will. Jesus was sent by the Father to save humankind. This is the service he was called to do and, in turn, the service Jesus now calls us to do. How do we do it? Jesus can be our model. Isaiah put it well when he wrote that the Messiah would bring justice, but not by shouting or violence, for he would not injure a bruised reed or extinguish a barely flickering flame. Jesus comes with tenderness and compassion. Moreover, he sticks to these ideals even when arousing the ire of the authorities (think of him forgiving the woman accused of adultery or healing the disabled man on the sabbath). This is the example he left us to follow.

One more aspect of this tender loving care is asserted by Peter in the second reading: “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34). This allowed Peter to enter the house of Cornelius, a Roman centurion, without considering himself to be unclean. Moreover, Peter realized that the Holy Spirit had been poured out on those gathered there and so these Gentiles should be baptized and welcomed into the flock. He recalled that John the Baptist preached that Jesus would baptize not with water, but with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, poured out on us in baptism, now guides us as we live a Christian life. As we pursue justice tenderly and lovingly, we are called to not discriminate among those in need.

Question of the Week: This coming week, in what way can I be a servant of the Lord with tenderness and compassion?

DAILY READINGS:

Monday

January 12

1 Sm 1:1-8

Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

January 13

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

January 14

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

January 15

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

Friday

January 16

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

January 17

St. Anthony
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Mk 2:13-17

**2nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

January 18

Is 49:3, 5-6

1 Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 12:

9:00 a.m.—Cup of Grace

Tuesday, January 13:

10:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Virgil Klever]

Wednesday, January 14:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Calvin Nelson]

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT

[Charles Wiskus & Carla James]

4:30 p.m.—RE (K-8th Grade)

7:00 p.m.—Choir Practice

7:00 p.m.—RE (9-10 Grade)

Thursday, January 15:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Paul & Darlene Bruch]

Friday, January 16:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Paul Irlmeier]

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [For The People]

Saturday, January 17:

4:30 p.m.—Reconciliation

5:00 p.m.— Mass at SP [Bernice Thobe]

Sunday, January 18:

8:30 a.m.— Mass at SP [Joan Bauer]

9:30 a.m.—SPCW Mtg./Coffee & Rolls

10:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [Darel Burns]

5:00 p.m.—KC Soup/Dessert Challenge

8:00 p.m.—RE 11-12 Grades

Liturgy Schedule

ST. PATRICK'S:

Saturday, January 17— 5:00 P.M.:

Ushers:

Reader: Judy Wagner

Eucharist Ministers: Kathy Kerkhoff, Volunteers

Music: Gary Keller, Blane Kerkhoff

Servers: Autumn & Kara Klocke, Gavin Carter

Sacristan: Darrell Wittrock

Sunday, January 18—8:30 A.M.:

Ushers:

Reader: Virginia Mennenoh

Eucharist Ministers: Ann Carter, Virginia Mennenoh,
Lora Anthofer

Music: Tom Mennenoh

Servers: Alex, Karleigh & Wyatt Henkle

Sacristan: Brian Klocke

HOLY TRINITY:

Sunday, January 18—10:30 A.M.

Ushers: Leonard Hansen, Volunteer

Reader: Susan Osvald

Eucharist Minister: Joe Rasmussen

E.C.C.: Jenny Brabham

Song Leader: Jane Beckendorf

Servers: Zoey & Harper Rasmussen

January 4 Giving		
	St. Patrick's	Holy Trinity
Tithes	\$3,375.00	\$4,180.00
Plate	\$116.00	\$53.00
Building Fund	\$2,750.00	
Christmas	\$20.00	
Holy Day	\$468.00	
Non-parishioner donation		\$670.00
Total	\$6,729.00	\$4,903.00



Sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of:

Barbara Dilliner, died December 31st,
Charles Griffith, died January 1st (father of

Roger Griffith)

Delores (Babe) Klever, died January 5th (mother of Tom Klever)

Mike Michalski, died January 5th.

May they have eternal peace.



Happy Birthday

12th - Jan Hilsabeck

15th - Tom Muhr

16th - Brady Nielsen

2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



St. Pat's Goal:	\$32,292.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$30,903.75	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$30,478.75	58	75
Needed:	\$1,138.25		
Holy Trinity's Goal:	\$9,138.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$9,182.25	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$9,182.25	20	20

GOAL MET!!

Holy Trinity's goal	\$40,000.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts	\$30,936.00	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd	\$26,435.98	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:

"One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things."

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.

How can fulfill MY baptismal promises?



Living out your baptism daily means intentionally embracing your new identity in Christ through prayer, serving others, renewing your vows, and aligning your actions with God's Word, recognizing it as a daily commitment to die to self and live for Him, often marked by small reminders like holy water or daily prayers to remember your cleansing and calling. It's about seeing everyday moments—like showering or eating—as opportunities to connect with God and live out your faith, not just a one-time event.

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This Sunday!!

Holy Trinity ARS Soup Dinner
January 11th • 11:30 a -1:00 p
Holy Trinity Hall

Soups, Sandwiches, Dessert & Beverage
Free Will offering



Heaven Cent Sunday

January 4, 2026 Heaven Cent donation = \$519.06!

We need \$105.27 more to reach our goal of 1 million pennies. 50% of funds go to local assistance for utility/grocery bills and 50% to Catholic Charities. Please be as generous as you are able. All donations are appreciated!

OCIA: If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the church office. You do not have to make a commitment to join the church in order to attend. We have just started a new group. We are also looking for more members on the OCIA team.



✠ 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, Jared Schliecher, Dawson Truitt, Lilly Hankemeier, Eleanor, Emilin & Enastatia Clark, Robbi Wittrock, Jenny Brabham, Oliver Turnbull, Vern Wagner, Ava Weiti, 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, Deacon Fred Cornwell, Wade Wilson, Father Gubbels, Helen Jorgensen, Dreva Rutherford, Marcia Hanson, Cindy Petersen, Scott Family 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.

Mass Stipends to increase from \$5 to \$10

Starting January 1, 2026

-Any Mass Intentions received before January 1, 2026 will be honored at the \$5.00 amount.

-If any Mass offerings of \$5.00 have been received but not assigned until after January 1, 2026, they will be honored at the \$5.00 amount.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Knights of Columbus Soup/Dessert Challenge

Sunday, January 18

5:00–7:00 p.m.

Adults \$6 • Kids \$(5-12) \$3 • under 5 free

Bring a crock pot of soup and/or dessert and get 2 free admissions. Voting is done by putting \$1 in the tip can by your favorite entry. Top 3 winners can take their tips home. Please plan to join us, this is for everyone even if you don't make soup or dessert!

If you choose to bring soup and/or dessert, please contact Steve Brinkman at 712-249-6525 or steve.brinkman@planterpioneer.com



SPCW Waffle Breakfast

Sunday, January 25

9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

"All You Care to Eat!"

DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLES

\$10.00/person 5 & under/Free

**SPCW members please sign up for a work shift and pick up your tickets at the back of church.

Why was Jesus baptized if he was without sin?

Matthew provides a familiar account of Jesus' baptism. Jesus seeks out John for baptism at the Jordan. John recognizes him and resists. The Baptist's logic is apparent: Jesus is sinless and therefore has no need of John's baptism of repentance. Instead, in Jesus' presence, John recognizes his own unworthiness. From John's perspective, it would be proper if Jesus were to baptize him. As John stated a few verses before this passage, such a baptism would result in him sharing in the Holy Spirit and fire (Matthew 3:11).

Despite John's resistance, Jesus declares it fitting for him to be baptized by John. Jesus' baptism, we learn, aims to fulfill righteousness. The language of righteousness here recalls the definitive purpose of the law, which was also to produce obedience to God. In sum, Jesus highlights the worthiness of John's baptism and its integral role in God's broader plan of salvation.

As Jesus emerges from the water, the fittingness of the event is made plain. Through his baptism, Jesus demonstrates his obedience to the Father's plan and his perfect union with both the Spirit and the Father. The Spirit symbolically descends on him in the form of a dove while the Father proclaims delight in him. Therefore, we can identify Jesus with the servant anticipated by Isaiah. But he is more than a delight-inducing servant of God. Jesus is God's beloved Son who renders God intimately present and accessible. Our baptism, which entails entry into Christ's life, also draws us into the life of God.

Taken from Workbook for Lectors, E.W.

ST. PATRICK'S RAFFLE:

WIN \$1,000.00

All collected donations should be placed in your envelope. Once your calendar is complete, please submit it to the church office. Envelopes can be obtained at the church office if you need another or did not receive one. Please note that purchasers must be at least 18 years of age to participate.

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 15TH. Be sure to have your envelope turned into the church office prior to that date to be eligible to win.



We continue to collect coats that we no longer wear for those who could use them. Coats may be left in the box in the west entrance of St. Patrick's basement.

Married Couples. Married Couples.

Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming experiences are February 13-15 in Dubuque, April 10-12 in Marshalltown and October 9-11 in Epworth.



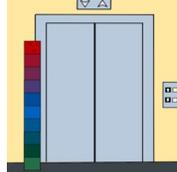
Questions God won't ask you when you get to Heaven:

- God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- God won't ask the square footage of your house. He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet. He'll ask how many people you helped clothe.
- God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived. He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.



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

ELEVATOR



St. Patrick's Building Project UPDATE!

Reminder: this project includes solving a long-standing water issue on the west side of the church building, plus removal of the crumbling north steps/landscaping as well as an elevator/interior stairs.

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.

St. Patrick's Finance Council :

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