



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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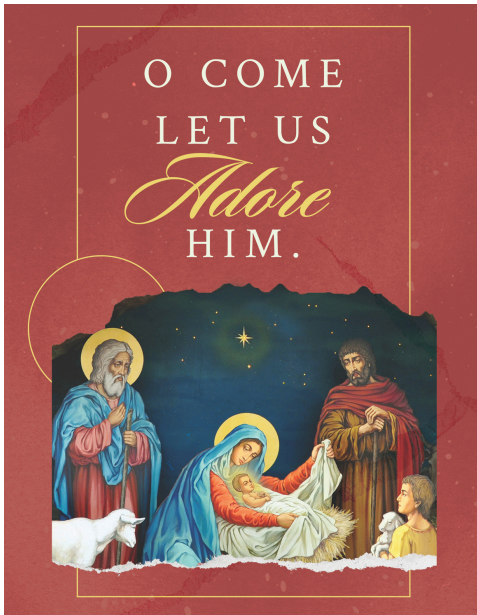
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**Join us on Wednesday,
December 17, at 6:00 pm
for this years**

**K-8 Faith Formation
Christmas Program
"A Journey to Bethlehem:
Scripture & Song"**

All parishioners, family, and
friends are welcome to attend
to hear the Nativity story
through scripture and song. A
cookie and lemonade reception
will follow in the Parish Hall.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 20, 2025 4:30

Lector: Brenda Anderson, Marsha Fisher

Eucharist: Pat Jacobs, Lisa Wilkerson, Ed Anderson

Server: Blayne Schneider, Ronan Clausen, Autry & Matthew Gage

Usher: Susan Waltz, Karen & Dennis Boger, Jim Hanes

December 21, 2025 8:30

Lector: Audrey Downey, Donna Wright

Eucharist: Patty Origer, Mike Wright, Michelle Streit

Server: Olivia Stanton, Gunner Bieker, Mason & Max Storm

Usher: Mark Bieker, Mike Yanacheak, Bob Johnson, Marilyn Leinen

December 21, 2025 11:00

Lector: Laura Krejchi, Angela Oberreuter

Eucharist: Gabriela & James Finnegan, Gina Nunez

Server: Andrea & Annabelle Nunez, Yvonne Sweers, Tommy Tasler

Usher: Pat Finnegan, Ann Heitz, **Not Filled, Not Filled**

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Holy Trinity has an opening for Director of HS Youth Ministry.

This position will be 25-30 hours
per week year-round, and is
responsible for implementing the
Parish's pastoral plan for youth in
a framework that promotes
lifelong formation in faith.

Candidates must be Catholics in
good standing and be able to
pass a background check.

For a full job description click
HERE. Resume and cover letter
should be sent to the attention of
Father Neal at
fmneal@holyltrinitydm.org.

Open Enrollment in Catholic Schools

Priority enrollment for active,
registered parishioners in the Des
Moines metro is now open, and
enrollment will be opened to
everyone on Jan. 10. Saint Albert,
St. Malachy, St. Patrick, and
Shelby County Catholic Schools
will open enrollment to everyone
during Catholic Schools Week
(Jan. 25-31), so schedule a tour
at your school of choice and start
your application today! Address
questions to the Catholic Schools
Office at dmdiocese.org/schools.

Nourish for Caregivers

The Nourish for Caregivers
general support group will not
meet in December. The next
meeting is Monday, Jan. 12 at
Holy Trinity Parish in Des Moines
from 6- 7:30 p.m.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Join us 30 minutes before **every Mass** to pray the Rosary.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God. If you wish peace to reign in your homes, pray the family Rosary. If you wish for the conversion of sinners, offer the Rosary. It is the chain that links heaven and earth, binding hearts to the heart of the Immaculate. By this holy prayer, Mary protects the Church and her children, even in the darkest of times."

-Pope St. Pius X

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Thursday from 9-10:00 AM after 8:30 AM Mass in the parent lounge. ANY adult is welcome to join us in reading scripture. Come when you can! Please bring your Bible.

MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ENCOUNTER NIGHT

Join us the 2nd Tuesday of every month following 5:30 pm Mass. The hour of Adoration includes prayer, music, meditation and time for silent reflection. A small meal will be served in the parish hall after Adoration. **Plan to attend on January 13th.**

Adult Faith

FIRE-UP

The first Wednesday evening of the Adult Faith Formation's FIRE-UP Your Faith & Fellowship meeting was held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ed Anderson presented in-depth about Advent, including ways that people celebrate Advent. While this evening time was requested by parents who had children in Faith Formation class, the sessions are open to anyone interested in growing their faith. Join us for ongoing sessions the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month (except April) starting with a light meal at 5:30 and discussion from 5:45-6:30 p.m. Upcoming topics include:

- January 7th—"Catholic Parenting Tips". A panel of three couples will share information about raising children in the Catholic faith.
- February 4th—"Season of Lent."
- March 4th—"The Mass"
- May 6th—"Mary and the Saints"



ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Advent is a busy time when many people feel rushed by all that needs to be done or impatiently waiting for Christ's coming. A group of 13 people met on Dec 4th to refocus, engage, and "wait well" together with prayer, reflections, and fellowship based on Waiting Well by Father Mike Schmitz. The Adult Faith Formation continues to host this book study on Dec 11th and 18th from 6-7 p.m. at St. John's.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY-THE BOOK OF ROMANS

A Thursday Evening Adult Bible Study on the Book of Romans begins on January 15th and extends through March 19th. Materials will be provided by the group leader, but you should bring your bible. The study group will meet every Thursday from 7-8 pm. in the lower level conference room. Registration is required by Dec. 29th. You can register by signing up in the church gathering space or by scanning the QR code.

