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May 29 & 30, 2021

The Solemnity OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:19

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

The Memorial Day Mass will be held here at St. Theresa at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 31st. Bishop William Joensen will celebrate the Mass.

COMING IN JUNE….

Coffee & Donuts returns **June 6** with some adjustments for COVID precautions. Social distanced seating limited to 60 people at a time and fewer donut choices, but lots of friendly folks.

St. Theresa Catholic School is participating in the USDA Summer Food Service Program, which will allow for a safe and streamlined service of nutritious meals. Meals will be provided to ALL Children without charge. FREE meals will be provided at St. Theresa Catholic School from June 1, 2021 to August 13, 2021, Monday thru Friday. Both lunch and breakfast can be picked up daily from 11:30-12:30pm in the teacher parking lot. Equal Opportunity. Refer all Questions to Kenneth Seymour at kseymour@stsdsm.com

CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER & SERVICES MEAL (CISS)

Through the incredible generosity of St. Theresa parishioners, we have continued to collected funds to meet our monthly shelter meal commitment during the pandemic. With these funds, we provided a generous fried chicken meal, complete with sides and desserts. And due to the generosity of parishioners during this last year our parish will continue to provide the monthly meal. Many thanks to all who have donated as we move forward into the remainder of the year with Valley West HyVee and our meal providers.

In conversation with our regular meal providers, we are going to resume providing the CISS meal using a hybrid method. Meal providers can choose between providing a salad, supplies, or a cash donation to purchase the entrée. We will continue to have Valley West HyVee provide the fried chicken. On the 8th of the month, we will have an abbreviated intake from 4:00 pm -5:30 pm for providers to bring their salad/supplies using a contactless drop-off at the church kitchen. Intake workers will provide carts for curbside drop off at the church carport entrance for all donated items. Intake workers will continue to follow the CDC/Diocese of DSM guidelines for COVID safety.

Please join our team of meal providers as we continue to feed those in shelter in our community. Contact Joanne Lenox lenoxde@msn.com via email if you are interested in joining this ongoing monthly ministry through bringing supplies, food or transport/server for the homeless meal at CISS.

Donations to purchase the entrée can be mailed, dropped off at the church office or made on-line at https://giving/parishsoft.com/app/giving/stgiving and select the fund “Central Iowa Shelter Services Meal”. Contact John McMichael at the church office with questions about donating.

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Food Pantry Hours - M - W - 10am-1:45pm

Stewardship Gifts
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Month of April Tithing
$ 82,983.40

April Budget
$ 75,564.00

Monthly Difference
$ 7,419.40

YTD Cumulative Difference
$ (25,784.80)

Average Weekly Contributors
131

Holy Land - $1,456.10
Food Pantry - $1,158.00
Office Food Pantry - $280.00
Building Fund - $ 2,060.00
First Fruits - $3,298.00
CISS Meals - $840
Rice Bowl - $1,147.02
Catholic Charities - 683.00

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Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled for parishioners after the pre-baptism requirements are fulfilled. Baptism classes are held every other month. Call the church office to register.

Marriage

Please call the church office at least nine months prior to the desired wedding date.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation - Saturdays from 8:30am to 9:30am, or by appointment .

Saturday Mass - 4:30pm
Sunday Mass - 8:30am, 10:30am, 4:30pm

COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Catholic Charities has licensed, professional therapists working with clients of all faiths and backgrounds who are addressing depression, anxiety, stress, marital issues, relationship problems, child behavior problems, trauma, abuse and more. Therapy is available in Council Bluffs, Des Moines, and Ankeny. Set up an appointment by emailing sfister@catholiccharitiesdm.org or calling 515-237-5045 or 712-328-3086.

Mass Intentions

Monday,	**May 31**
10:00 am	Mass
Tuesday,	**June 1**
6:30 am	† Bill Cross
Wednesday,	**June 2**
6:30 am	† Elroy Wingers
Thursday,	**June 3**
6:30 am	† Betty Pittman
Friday,	**June 4**
6:30 am	† Benno Loch
Saturday	**June 5**
4:30 pm	† Cheryl Tingleff
4:30 pm	† Vi Gill
Sunday,	**June 6**
8:30 am	† Loras Hanten
8:30 am	† Edie Humpal
10:30 am	† Cindy Green
10:30 am	† Geri Mitchell
4:30 pm	† People of the Parish

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal	**$124,979.00**
Gifts/Pledges	**$115,115.00**
Remaining on Goal	**$9,864.00**
Percentage of Goal Met	**92.1%**
No. of Gifts/Pledges	**258**
Average Gift	**$446.18**

A prayer for parents

O glorious St. Joseph, to you God committed the care of His only begotten Son amid the many dangers of this world. We come to you and ask you to take under your special protection the children God has given us. Through holy baptism they became children of God and members of His holy Church. We consecrate them to you today, that through this consecration they may become your foster children. Guard them, guide their steps in life, form their hearts after the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

St. Joseph, who felt the tribulation and worry of a parent when the child Jesus was lost, protect our dear children for time and eternity. May you be their father and counsellor. Let them, like Jesus, grow in age as well as in wisdom and grace before God and men. Preserve them from the corruption of his world, and give us the grace one day to be united with them in Heaven forever. Amen.

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of May 30, 2021

Sunday:	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
Monday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday:	Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday:	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

A Vision for Excellence in Catholic Education

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Dear St. Theresa Parishioners,

As we close the 2020-2021 school year please know how grateful we are for your many prayers throughout the pandemic! When we started classes on August 24 we had no idea how long we would be able to remain in person. We did not miss one day due to COVID. We did have our 4th grade online for weeks in September but we were able to remain in person due to the diligence of our staff, students and parents. Our faith led us through this year and showed us how we can achieve great things when we work together! Thank you for your part in this! The gifts of faith, hope and love remain strong at St. Theresa! #sttheresastrong!

We congratulate the STCS Class of 2021! This is an amazing group of very talented young people with great faith, hearts and minds! They are going to change the world! We wish them all the best and will miss them! Well done!

MORE THAN A GREAT LEARNING ENVIRONMENT Walk the halls of St. Theresa Catholic School and you'll discover not just a great learning environment, but also an opportunity to form lifelong friendships with students and families who have the same values, aspirations and desires to advance the common good. There is still time to register for the 2021-2022 school year. Expect more. Explore Catholic education at St. Theresa Catholic School. Schedule your visit today at dmdiocese.org/visit.

A huge thank you to Megs Howes, Janet Peter and Deacon David Schmidt for taking student temperatures before school all school year! Thank you to Barb Woods for beautiful music during our three school Masses this school year! It does take a village!

Thank you to Matt Widen for being our athletic director for 5th - 8th grade athletics this school year! Matt spends a tremendous amount of time planning and organizing the parish teams!

STCS CLASS OF 2021

Ajoung Machor Ajoung, Bryce Aaron Avise, Kartikeyan Ganesh Bashiyam, Mariel Sandra Evangeline Becicka, Alma Anzoda Drazi, Terra Marie Duerksen, Nathan Paul Faber, Aghawer Gai, Pedro Jesus Garcia, Steven Ivan Gutierrez-Suazo, Piper Noelle Harrington, Jonathan Stanley Ingamells, Wyatt Alexander Jones, Dylan James Klier, Adam John Klocke, John Deng Margthek, Hien Vu Nguyen, Lucas David Paoli, Delaney Rose Platt, Natalie Marie Salazar, Keaton V Schwager, Bella Lee Simons, Kale Matthew Smith, Thomas John Sweeney, Rachel Noelle Talley, Teresa Keji Ume

P R E P A R E - CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Megs Howes, Youth Minister
Cell (515) -720-4060
mhowes@saintttheresaiowa.org Website: www.saintttheresaiowa.org/ (Under Faith Formation Tab)

2021-2022 6th –12th Graders-Remember to bring a friend! Forms are required for offsite events. Check out the website for more details, contact Megs with questions.

June 9	Youth Event at St. Theresa or parish in DSM area
June 12	Matt Maher in concert
June 23	Youth Event at St. Theresa or parish in DSM area
June 25	MS/HS Trip to the Grotto In West Bend
June 28	Adventureland
June 23	Youth Event at St. Theresa or parish in DSM area
June 30	Youth Event at St. Theresa or parish in DSM area
July 7-9	MS/HS STAYCATION Mission Trip (6th-12th) (24 Hours service)
July 12	Tie Blanket-Service
July 14	Youth Event at St. Theresa or parish in DSM area
July 20	Connection Café -Service
July 21	Youth Event at St. Theresa or parish in DSM area
Aug 17	Connection Café -Service

Calling all College Students and Adults

We are looking for some college students and adults to help with our summer youth ministry events. **For offsite events, we will pay the admission fee for college students and adults so you can participate too!** A meal is provided at most events, if interested contact Megs at mhowes@stsdsm.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Philippians 4:6-7 *do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*.

During this pandemic, there have been many prayer requests! Our Prayer Warriors have been busy and many prayers have been answered! If you would like to join our Prayer Warriors, let Barb Woods know at 515-210-6649 or bwoods@stsdsm.com. Emails will be sent as requests come in. All you do is take a moment from time to time to pray for the special intention presented. If updates are received, we will let you know the outcome. There is great comfort in knowing people are offering up your loved ones in prayer.

Adult Faith Formation MOVIES!!!

During the summer the adult study groups take a break from intense study to participate in leisure study by watching Christian movies. Because of the COVID situation, we will continue our four group times: Monday 9:30 - 11:30am, 6:30 - 8:30pm and Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30am and 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The movies will be shown in the East Meeting Room unless the group size is too large. Watch the bulletin, the Friday email, or the church website for the movie titles. Join us for educational, but fun formation! Call Barb for info. (515-210-6649)

Welcome to RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Perhaps you or someone you know is considering becoming Catholic, but is unsure how to get started or needs some information about the process. Or, perhaps you feel God is calling you to help someone else consider Catholicism by being a sponsor. We invite you to consider the journey of faith provided to you by joining the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA). If you just want to know more about the process, please contact Barb Woods at 515-210-6649 or bwoods@stsdsm.com. No decisions have to be made right away. You might want to just come and see what it's all about!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word Returns June 13 to 10:30 Mass! Children ages 4-3rd grade are invited to hear the scriptures proclaimed at their own level. Prayer, discussion, and song are all part of the 20-minute program led by a catechist in the West Meeting Room. Parents welcome!

May 30 - Most Holy Trinity:

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity, we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

St. Theresa First Fruits Update

"what so ever you do to the least of my breather that you do unto me." Matthew 25:40

St. Theresa's First Fruits program is alive and well!
During this year of the pandemic and with all the illness and economic uncertainty, St. Theresa parishioners have stood tall and contributed $10,588 (excluding SVDP which is a stand alone entity) for the first 9 months of the Fiscal Year.
Below is a summary of donations and distributions for the first 9 months of this Fiscal Year.

Category	Donations	Distribution	to Organization
Pro-Life	2,375	2, 375	St Theresa Pro-Life Committee
Emergency Shelter*	2,036	1,586	St. Joseph Shelter
		450	Beacon of Life
Refugee Assistance*	720	795	St. Ambrose Refugee Program
Peace & Justice*	1,625	1,000	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
		80	Center for Social Ministry
		250	STCS Social Justice Week
		500	Catholic Circle-Habitat for Humanity
Community Outreach*	3,832	650	Urbandale Comm Action Network Emergency Fund
		100	St. Theresa House
		500	Connection Café
		1,500	Family Promise Shelter
		500	Team Tough
		1,000	Catholic Circle-Habitat for Humanity
		250	Beacon of Life
		500	St Theresa Togo Project
		250	St Ambrose Refugee Program

**Disbursements more than donations due to previous year carryover of income.*

COUPLES WORKSHOPS

Meet some great people while spending some time with your spouse at The Third Option. This is a program for couples that are hurting and for couples that want to make a good thing better! We go through 14 skill-based workshops that help couples develop better understanding, sensitivity and trust. We meet each second and fourth Monday of the month, from 7-9 p.m. at All Saints Church in Des Moines, 650 NE 52nd Ave.

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