



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

October 10, 2021

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www.saintfrancischurch.org

Parish Office hours: 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
Phone: 515-457-7167
www.sfawdm.org

PRAY WITH US

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday: 7:15 a.m.
Tuesday: Noon

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m.
Youth Mass: 4:30 p.m. | 3rd Sundays of month

Reconciliation

Wednesday: Noon-1 p.m.
Saturday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Or by appointment

Adoration

2nd & 4th Tuesday each month: 8 a.m.—8 p.m.
Adoration with Benediction: 2nd Tuesday at 8 p.m.

OUR CLERGY

Fr. Ray McHenry
Pastor | Ext. 109

Fr. John Kwaku Brobbey
Associate Pastor | Ext. 107

Deacon Bill Richer
Pastoral Associate | Ext. 110

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Twitter: @sfawdm | @SFASchool_WDM
YouTube

Welcome parishioners, newcomers and to those visiting!

I would like to acknowledge our staff, Knights of Columbus, Scouts, and the many volunteers who planned and worked to make our 30th Anniversary FrancisFest a success. Thank you for all your hard work and effort for our parish. Thank you as well to everyone who attended and enjoyed the day.

I also want to thank the Knights of Columbus for hosting the 30th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, October 2nd.

Our parish continues to put together and host many exciting events. You can always check the bulletin or our website for information on what's going on. Below are a few examples of what's coming up. I hope you will make plans to join us.

Oct. 16 at 11 a.m.: Our Lady of Fatima Rosary
Please join us on Saturday, October 16th at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we participate in this nationwide rosary prayer event. Teams across the country gather together on this day and time to pray for Our Blessed Virgin's intercession for our nation. For more information about America Needs Fatima, visit their website at www.ANF.org.

Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. & Oct. 17 at 1 p.m.: PRAY
In the new documentary, *PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON*, you will meet the extraordinary man who dedicated his life to reminding people that true peace comes from God and a relationship with Him. Father Peyton inspired millions of families around the world to discover how prayer would bring them together and transform their hearts. Join us as we watch *PRAY* together on Oct. 16th and 17th. Make it a date night or invite a friend. All are welcome. Sign up at <https://prayfilmsfa.eventbrite.com>.

Join the Diocese of Des Moines as we celebrate the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage! Bishop Joensen will be celebrating anniversary Masses this fall to pray with, bless, and honor couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. Certificates of blessing and reserved seating is available for couples celebrating 1, 10, 25, and 50+ years of marriage. A light reception will follow the Mass. See the back of the bulletin for times and locations. To register, call Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or email her at cgearhart@dmdioocese.org.

The Letter to the Hebrews instructs us of the power of the word of God. "Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword." Hebrews 4:12a

-Fr. Ray McHenry

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

Parish Contacts

Parish Office.....	515-223-4577
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St. Francis School	515-457-7167
Pre-School.....	515-223-4577, Ext. 116
Faith Formation Office.....	515-440-1030

Parish Staff

Director of Operations.....	Paula Courter
Director of Liturgy & Music	Emily Schmid
Parish Receptionist.....	Sue Kirkhart
Executive Assistant.....	Sheila Timmerman
Communications Coordinator.....	Katie Evans
Communications Assistant.....	(vacant)
Accountant (incl. ACH, Abundant & tithing)	Debbie Muse
Bookkeeper (incl. ACH, Abundant & tithing)	Pam Danzer
HR Coord (incl. IRA, matching gifts & stocks)	Monica Lihs
Newcomer & Volunteer Coordinator	(vacant)
Director of Facilities & Maintenance	Mario Lastro
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Youth Ministry Coordinator	Deacon Bill Richer
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IT Support	Dominic Muse

Parish Representatives

Pastoral Council.....	Rob Manning
Finance Council	Mike Brinker
Board of Education	Patrick White
Faith Formation Council	Kevin MacFerrin

MASS INTENTIONS

10-9	Sat.	4:30 p.m.	† Phil Kuhn
	Sun.	7:30 a.m.	† Don & Donna Hrubes
		9:30 a.m.	† Georgio Lalloni
		11:30 a.m.	For the parishioners of the parish
Mon.	7:15 a.m.	† Frank Ligouri	
Tues.	7:15 a.m.	† Deceased members VanTreeck family	
	Noon	† James & Agnes Smith	
Wed.	7:15 a.m.	† Judy Arguello	
		8:45 a.m.	† Vincent Vaccaro
Thur.	7:15 a.m.	† David Dorrian	
Fri.	7:15 a.m.	† Louis White	
10-16	Sat.	4:30 p.m.	† Carol McGuire
	Sun.	7:30 a.m.	For the parishioners of the parish
		9:30 a.m.	† Virginia Vaccaro Kistler
		11:30 a.m.	† Steve Volkert
		4:30 p.m.	† Ruth Pearson

SACRAMENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

Baptism

Congratulations on preparing to be baptized into the community of the Church! Baptisms are scheduled on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays of the month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass & the 4th Saturday of the month after the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

For more info, please call the Parish Office.

Next pre-baptism class: Oct. 23rd, 8:30 a.m. (Serra Room)

Becoming Catholic

If you or someone you know is thinking about joining the Catholic Church or is inquiring about the faith, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

First Communion

First Communion is celebrated in April. For more information, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

Confirmation

Confirmation is celebrated once a year for our high school sophomore students. If you have a student who'd like to be part of this, contact Christy Peletz at Ext. 103. For info regarding Adult Confirmation, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! We look forward to helping you prepare for life together. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Homebound Ministry

If you're unable to attend Mass & would like to receive communion, please email homebound@saintfrancischurch.org.

Hospital Visits

As hospital visits start to reopen during COVID-19, Fr. John will be happy to call and speak with you on the phone!

LIVING OUR FAITH CALENDAR

Saturday, October 9	9:45 a.m.: Mark Study
8 a.m.: Men's Faith Sharing	5:30 p.m.: EDGE
4:30 p.m.: Mass	6:30 p.m.: Youth Choir
	7:30 p.m.: FISH
Sunday, October 10	
7:30 a.m.: Mass	Thursday, October 14
9:30 a.m.: Mass*	6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
11:30 a.m.: Mass	7:15 a.m.: Mass
1 p.m.: Days for Girls	6:30 p.m.: Board of Education
7 p.m.: SoulCore	7 p.m.: Becoming Catholic
Monday, October 11	
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary	Friday, October 15
7:15 a.m.: Mass	6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7 p.m.: Rosary	7:15 a.m.: Mass
8 p.m.: Women's Faith Sharing	7:15 a.m.: School Chess Club
Tuesday, October 12	
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary	Saturday, October 16
7:15 a.m.: Mass	8 a.m.: Men's Faith Sharing
9 a.m.: You are Enough Study	11 a.m.: Our Lady of Fatima
9 a.m.: SoulCore	Rosary
Noon: Mass	4:30 p.m.: Mass
6:30 p.m.: Knights of Columbus	6 p.m.: PRAY Movie
7 p.m.: SFA Young Adults	Sunday, October 17
8 p.m.: Men's Faith Sharing	7:30 a.m.: Mass
Wednesday, October 13	9:30 a.m.: Mass*
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary	11:30 a.m.: Mass
6:30 a.m.: Men's Faith Sharing	1 p.m.: PRAY Movie
7:15 a.m.: Mass	4:30 p.m.: Youth Mass
8:45 a.m.: School Mass**	

*Streamed on YouTube

**School Mass not open to public

PARISH OFFICE UPDATES

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

***Bishop Joensen has restored the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation** within the diocese. You can read the full text of his announcement on the Safe & Secure Committee page of our parish website.

MASK MANDATE

***The Diocese of Des Moines is no longer requiring masks** at liturgies and parish events. Parishioners who are not yet fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a mask at Mass and other parish activities.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE BULLETIN

Subscribe to receive email notifications once new bulletins become available online.

- On the homepage of our website, scroll down and click on "View Bulletins" (next to Upcoming Events).
- Once you click "View Bulletins", click on "Subscribe" for St. Francis' bulletins and enter your email address.

LIVESTREAMING MASS

We continue to livestream the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on our **YouTube channel**. (This Mass is also interpreted in American Sign Language.)

Our YouTube channel is located at:

[youtube.com/StFrancisofAssisiCatholicChurchWDM](https://www.youtube.com/StFrancisofAssisiCatholicChurchWDM)

(Or go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and in the search box enter SFAWDM.)

**If you can't watch live on YouTube, the recording will stay posted to our channel after it is over. Make sure you subscribe to our channel to receive notifications when new videos are added and when we go live.*

ADORATION & ROSARY

St. Francis holds Adoration and Rosary Monday—Friday mornings beginning at 6 a.m. Tuesdays—Thursdays will be livestreamed on our Facebook page. Additionally, Eucharistic Adoration takes place every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 8 a.m.—8 p.m.

WELCOME TO ST. FRANCIS!

Thank you for joining us at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church! We're glad to have you as part of our family.

We offer various possibilities to grow in faith and love, from education, faith and social ministries, local and international outreach, to celebrating the word of God.

For more information regarding membership and new member activities, please contact the Parish Office. Stop by the Parish Office to pick up a parish registration card or register online!

If renting our Parish Hall, please contact Paula Courter at PCourter@saintfrancischurch.org.

Requests for reserving meeting rooms for parish-sponsored campus events should be sent to Sheila Timmerman at STimmerman@saintfrancischurch.org.

As always, make sure to check out our website at www.saintfrancischurch.org for a wealth of information to assist you.



LITURGY AND MUSIC

St. Francis needs ushers to help with our liturgies at all Masses, especially the 4:30 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Ushers are primarily responsible for welcoming, seating, and directing people during Masses.

Please contact Emily Schmid in the Parish Office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

REMEMBERING OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for those individuals who have passed away as well as their families.

Maria Luz Cabrera

Rudy Guara

Don Marean

Robert Wajda

Give them eternal rest, O Lord, and let them share in your unending glory.

WE WANT TO SHARE YOUR NEWS

Have something you need announced in the bulletin?

Send an email to Communications@saintfrancischurch.org.

Upcoming deadlines (by 9 a.m.) are as follows:

October 17th bulletin: October 11th

October 24th bulletin: October 18th

***Check out the communications page on our website**

for all the ways we can share your news & how to submit info.

<https://saintfrancischurch.org/our-parish/communications/>

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ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Your contribution to the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes an impact!

A big "Thank You" to everyone who continues to make gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Each and every person's gift is important. Remember, when we reach our parish goal, any additional gifts stay right here for our own use.

Every gift matters. No gift is too small!

We're slowly moving closer to our goal! Help us get there!

****Our 2021 Parish Goal is \$399,532.**

****To date, we have pledged or paid \$341,773 (86%)!**



We need everyone's participation in order to reach our goal.

Make an online gift today.

Gifts can be made online at dmdioocese.org/giving.

Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.



ABUNDANT GIVING

Now there are even more ways to support all the great things happening at St. Francis!

For the last two years, we've used the online application Abundant Giving to give you an additional way to tithe. We've now added additional categories, including School, Faith Formation, Track-a-thon, and our Campus Project Wish List.

Go to our website and click on Our Parish/Tithing & Donations or go directly to <https://abundant.co/stfrancisofassisi/give> to see all of the ways you can support St. Francis.

HY-VEE REUSABLE BAG PROGRAM

Give back to the local community and help to reduce single-use plastics by purchasing a special reusable bag.

For the month of October, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church's Homeless & Hungry Committee will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of a \$2.50 reusable red "My Heart" bag at the Hy-Vee HealthMarket store located at 375 South Jordan Creek Parkway (WDM) during the month of October.

Thanks for helping us continue to make a difference. Happy shopping!

GARDENING ANGELS

TONS PRODUCED

Butternut squash delivered Sept. 27th weighed 979 pounds. Including the squash on the altar for decorations, we would have an easy 1,000 pounds. That makes 1,400 pounds of squash and puts us over the 2-ton mark for the whole garden!

We are still picking tomatoes, okra, peppers, and broccoli, albeit in smaller amounts (only 47 pounds this week).

After the first heavy frost, we will be taking down the tomato cages and putting the garden "to bed" for another season.

Thank you to all who have helped this season!

SUNSATIONAL SENIORS

RESTARTING

Sunsational Seniors is restarting! Thursday, October 21st from Noon—2 p.m. in the Serra Room.

Sloppy Joes and chips will be offered. Please bring a dish to share.

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 515-223-4577.

This fun and important ministry also takes many hands to be successful. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office.

See you there!

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Donation drive-thru to support Mary's Helping Hands

We will be collecting gently-used clothing for women and babies in need in our community on Saturday, Oct. 23rd from 9 a.m.—12 p.m. in the St. Francis Church north circle drive.

Items accepted (gently-used or new and in good condition):

Maternity clothing (all sizes)
Baby clothes (size preemie/0 months up to 2T)
Baby accessories (socks, hats, jackets, etc.)
Blankets, sheets, crib bedding, lovies, bibs, and burp cloths
Nursing supplies
Bottles, pacifiers, teething, rattles, etc.
Diapers and wipes
Baby shampoo, lotion, and diaper cream
Diaper bags
Books and other baby toys

Items not accepted: cribs, car seats, baby furniture, and stuffed animals

Enter via the main entrance off Ashworth. You'll see signs and can drive through, open your trunk, and a volunteer will empty our donations.

Reminder: Please make sure donations are clean, folded, and stain-free. It's a great motivation to organize your lives and support other mothers and babies in our community.

If you're unable to make the drive-thru, we'll have bins in the Gathering Space before & after all Masses the weekend of Oct. 23rd.



Do you know the people sitting around you at Mass?
Help us put names with faces.



Scheduling is easy:

- ★ Use the QR code below
- ★ Visit the "Parish Directory" page of our website
- ★ Stop by a sign-up table after weekend Masses
- ★ Call the Parish Office at 515-223-4577 Mon-Fri

Everyone who participates will receive a session with professional photographers, a complimentary 8x10 portrait, and a directory.

Our parish directory will not be complete without YOU!
Photography sessions have begun.



Online Scheduling Available

Scan the QR code

Church Code: **ia145** | Church Password: **photos**

Schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.



AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

Please join us on **Saturday, October 16th** starting at **11 a.m.** inside the church as we participate in this nationwide rosary prayer event.

Teams across the country gather together on this day to pray for Our Blessed Virgin's intercession for our nation.

America is at a historic crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God". It is urgent that we heed Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother.

For more information about America Needs Fatima, visit their website at www.ANF.org.

PRAY PARISH MOVIE EVENT

Are you looking for peace in your heart? In your family?

In the new documentary, *PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON*, you will meet the extraordinary man who dedicated his life to reminding people that true peace comes from God and a relationship with Him. Father Peyton's deep friendship with God and the Blessed Virgin Mary, combined with his tireless zeal, inspired millions of families around the world to discover how prayer would bring them together and transform their hearts.

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COAT DRIVE

St. Francis' Social Concerns Committee is once again organizing a coat drive for those in need in our community.

Please bring your new or gently-used coats to the Parish Hall from October 22—31st.



FAITH FORMATION: GO DEEPER

FAMILY FORMATION

Our parish has been incredibly blessed by the number of families who have registered for Family Formation! **Student classrooms are full and we need adult volunteers to accept our invitation to help.** The commitment is approximately **2—3 hours** the first Wednesday of each month (5:45—7:45 p.m.). Catechists meet the third Wednesday of the month to review the class lesson for the next month. Assistant catechists are not required to attend this mid-month instruction. **Contact Lisa Schmidt or Erica Schieffer in the Faith Formation Office if you can help in any of these areas:**

- 1st grade catechist and three assistant catechists/helpers | • Two 2nd grade assistant catechists/helpers
- 3rd grade assistant catechist/helper | • 4th grade assistant catechist/helper
- 5th grade assistant catechist/helper | • Two 6th grade assistant catechists/helpers
- 5 lead nursery caretakers | • 5 hall monitors to help direct lost students or adults
- Office volunteer is our one-stop shop for directions, answering questions, and serving as our communication hub for the evening. If your gifts are in hospitality, this role is perfect for you!

Please keep the families, all our volunteers, our speakers and presenters, and our priests in your prayers.

ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED BY GOD
and is useful for teaching.
2 Timothy 3:16

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry is abuzz with students from 7th & 8th grades in EDGE and 9th—12th grades in FISH.

If you're thinking about checking us out, now's the perfect time. Bring a friend with you, too!

The last three Wednesdays each month: EDGE meets from 5:30—7 p.m.; FISH meets from 7:30—9 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Oct. 13th: *Hot Topic/Issue Night* | **Oct. 20th:** No EDGE/FISH; *Confirmation practice in the Church (6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.)*

Oct. 24th: EDGE/FISH; *Pizza and Open Gym; invite friends to join us!*

High School Students: Beggars Night for Food is Oct. 30th

Gather in costume in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. to go out in cars in teams to trick-or-treat for food for DMARC. Return at 8 p.m., count and sort food, and load the DMARC truck followed by a Halloween party until 10 p.m. This will be a great way to do something worthwhile while having fun. Prizes for most food collected, best joke, and most creative costume.

Parents/Volunteers: Consider volunteering that Saturday, Oct. 30th, to help as drivers and to assist with the food. You can even come in costume, if you dare, and join the fun at the party. Contact Deacon Bill if you are willing to volunteer.

Youth Mass is 4:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

St. Francis offers Catechesis of the Good Shepherd beginning for 3—6 year olds up through 6th grade. CGS is a Montessori-based approach to the religious formation of children, rooted in Sacred Scripture, Liturgy, and respect for the child's rich relationship with God. Catechists who work with the children participate in nearly 100 hours of formation, per level, and will prepare a special environment, which is called the Atrium. Please join us in praying for those who are called to this ministry.

Our catechists are happy to share with you the materials that have allowed our young people to fall in love with Jesus and his Church. If you'd like to know more information, schedule a tour, or observe the beauty of this formation experience, contact Jill Klubek Alonzo.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION & BECOMING CATHOLIC/RCIA

I love the Catholic faith. I came into the fullness of the Church a little over 11 years ago. What drew me to the Church? I didn't get here by chance or solely on my own doing; I responded to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit. We each have our "why" and our "how".

We have 9 adults who are journeying to becoming Catholic themselves. We meet **most Thursdays from 7—8:30 p.m.** There's an open invitation to all who wish to come and see. Our team also meets with **children ages 8—18** who desire to complete their sacraments. Parents are encouraged to contact me for more information and to create a plan that meets your child where they are. Our group will begin meeting soon so don't delay!

St. Francis is blessed with people who accompany those becoming Catholic through prayer, sponsoring, being a Sunday dismissal leader for the unbaptized, and other areas; and there is room to grow these spiritual and corporal works. Participating is a great way to enrich your own faith formation as well! Whether you were raised in the Catholic faith or came into the church through the RCIA or Becoming Catholic, I welcome the opportunity to meet you and learn more about your interests in this ministry. Please contact me, Vivian Day, in the Faith Formation Office.

FORMED. CATHOLIC CONTENT

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

These recommendations are based on the Catholic liturgical year, saints and feast days.

Program: Fatima: Hope for the World

Movie: Pius XII: Under the Roman Sky

Audio: The Idea of a University by John Henry Cardinal Newman

Books: Fatima for Today: The Urgent Marian Message of Hope by Fr. Andrew Apostoli

Kid's Choice: Truth to Inspire: Our Lady of Fatima

Details on our website by clicking on Formation/FORMED.



THE CONNECTION CAFE

For the past 14 years, the St. Francis Homeless and Hungry Committee has served lunch to the homeless and low-income population downtown at The Connection Café on the third Wednesday of each month.

We provide both a hot meal and some extra supplies each month. We serve approximately 150—200 lunches from 12—1 p.m. at the St. John's Lutheran Church at 6th and Park. This offers a great opportunity for service by our adults, especially those who work downtown and might find it difficult to get involved otherwise. It also provides a great service opportunity for our students who bake, cook, serve, and assemble lunch items and other supplies.

If you or your student would like to be put on the email list to occasionally provide food or supplies (which you would deliver to our church) and/or serve, or simply want to learn more about what we do, please connect with Mary Bernabe or Stacey Dorsey through our website at saintfrancischurch.org/our-parish/contact-us/

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS SUPPORT

The St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council 12422 recently presented a check for \$5,100 to Bishop Joensen and Diocesan Vocations Director Fr. Ross Parker. The funds are to be used to support vocations efforts in the diocese.



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

And we are off...again!

Please keep in your prayers those who are participating in the 33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph. They will be making an act of consecration on November 1st.

For those participating, Joseph's name means "increase". What do you expect to increase in your life as a result of this consecration? Are you asking for a particular favor or grace from St. Joseph?

St. Joseph is known as Most Obedient.

"If you want to know St. Joseph's obedience, look at how he rose at night at the angel's voice and, giving no care to hunger, hardships, or cold, went to Egypt where he led a hard life until the next command of God."

-St. Joseph Sebastian Pelzcar



OCTOBER ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy; O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

SEMINARIAN APPEAL

2021 Seminarian Appeal

In our current Seminarian Appeal, Bishop William Joensen reminds us that our priests are "Men of Communion." These men are formed and sustained through Christ and you, our community. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting these men. Gifts may also be made online at dmidiocese.org/giving or returned directly to the diocese.

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

A big "Thank You" to one of this month's featured St. Francis advertisers:

MHCS, certified public accountants & business advisors

Please consider reciprocating our advertisers' generosity by supporting their business.

Grow Your Business!

We are always looking for businesses that would like to expand their reach locally by advertising in the St. Francis weekly bulletin. You will be able to build your business and help grow a vibrant faith community at your parish at the same time. As an advertiser, you can count on support from the parish leadership and parishioners. Your business will be seen as a trusted resource in the community.

The St. Francis bulletin serves as the primary publication tool to the parishioners each week. The cost covers the cost of the bulletin and even serves as a fundraiser for the parish once the bulletin has been paid for.

If you are interested in advertising, please call our bulletin provider at 1-800-950-9952.



YOUNG CATHOLIC NETWORK

All young adult professionals in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Young Catholic Network Speaker Series on Tuesday, November 9th!

Join us at 6 p.m. for an evening of networking and fellowship at the Catholic Pastoral Center in downtown Des Moines. Enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers while meeting other young Catholics committed to professional and spiritual growth. Dan Kinsella, Managing Partner at Deloitte will be our featured speaker. He consults with businesses and Fortune 500 companies on how to manage their risk to seek rewards and avoid pitfalls. There's risk when it comes to sharing your faith in the workplace. What's the reward for sharing the Word? And how can prayer help us avoid pitfalls? Dan explains! Attire is business casual. Free childcare is provided. If you need childcare, please register by Nov. 1st at www.dmdiocese.org/ycn.

IOWANS FOR LIFE GALA

You're invited to a pro-life Christmas Gala on Nov. 20th!

Iowans for LIFE will host a pro-life Christmas Gala, THE HOLY FAMILY, on November 20th at Hy-Vee's Ron Pearson Center in West Des Moines.

The evening consists of cash bar, a delicious dinner, enticing auction items, and sensational Christmas entertainment featuring top talent including Gina Gedler and Tony Valdez. Monsignor Frank Chiodo will speak on the importance of the pro-life movement.

Tables of ten/\$600; \$65/seat.

Order online today: lowansforLIFE.org

YOUNG CATHOLIC SINGLES OF DSM

Halloween Party

If you're a Catholic single, aged 21—39, join us for some not-too-spooky Halloween fun! There will be drinks, snacks, dancing, prizes, and lots of free candy. Who says Halloween is just for kids?

Costumes are optional, but there will be a costume contest.

For questions, email YCDMCatholicSingles@gmail.com.

Friday, October 29th

St. Augustin Parish Hall

545 42nd Street, Des Moines (50312)

7—9:30 p.m.

IMMERSE. PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Empowering people to experience the love of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son through an encounter with the Holy Spirit.

3rd Thursday, October 21, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi

6:30 p.m. Mass, Adoration, Praise/Worship, Reconciliation, Prayer Teams

Scripture Teaching: Who Am I? -Julie Nelson

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Upcoming date: November 19—21 in Holstein, IA.

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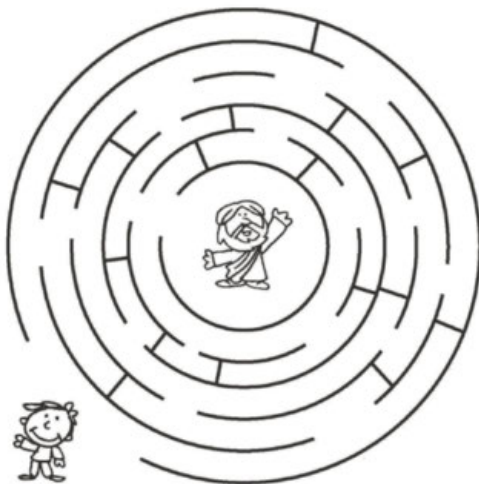
CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE

Divorced? The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide 12-week group begins November 8th at Holy Trinity Parish, 2926 Beaver Ave., Des Moines (50310).

Meetings are from 6—7:30 p.m. Cost of \$30 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide" and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Bill and Ann Moore for more information, or to register, at 515-480-3314 (Bill) 641-425-0109 (Ann) or email moorefamilysm@gmail.com. For more information, visit www.catholicdivorce.com.

PUZZLE

Help this child find Jesus.



MISSION

Make a list of things that are special to you. If God asked you to give away your favorite toy or game to someone who's poor, could you do it? Be honest with God, and ask him to help you love him more than anything.



GOSPEL

The man in today's Gospel reading thought he was pretty good. He had been careful to obey most of God's rules. But he forgot the most important rule of all—love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. When Jesus asked the man to give away all he owned, the man went away sad. He loved money more than he loved God.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to love you more than all the gifts you have given to me.

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DRAW

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October 23rd, 6:15—9:15 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

St. John the Apostle Parish at 720 Orchard Hills Dr. (Norwalk) is hosting the High Society Big Band playing the songs of Duke Ellington, Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, and more.

Enjoy an evening of listening to the great music or dance the night away. Each table will be provided an appetizer tray (pizza, wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages available for purchase). Tickets are \$10 (\$12 at the door) and a table of 8 is \$75. Purchase tickets in the Parish Office or go to our website at stjohnsnorwalk.org (click on the donate tab). Questions? Please call the Parish Office at 515-981-4855.

ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

Join the Diocese of Des Moines as we celebrate the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage!

Bishop Joensen will be celebrating three anniversary Masses this fall to pray with, bless, and honor couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. Certificates of blessing and reserved seating is available for couples celebrating 1, 10, 25, and 50+ years of marriage. A light reception will follow the Mass.

Times and Locations:

Saturday, Oct. 30th, 4 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral (DSM)

Sunday, Nov. 7th, 11:30 a.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church (Logan)

Saturday, Nov. 13th, 5 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church (Red Oak)

To register, call Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or email her at cgearhart@dmidiocese.org.

DOWLING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Dowling Catholic High School is hosting its annual Open House for Prospective Students on Sunday, November 7th from 11 a.m.—2 p.m. Families will tour the school; meet the teachers, moderators, and coaches; and learn about tuition assistance. There are prizes to win and games to play! It's a fun day for the whole family! If you have any questions, please call 515-222-1025.

JOB OPENINGS

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is looking for a part-time Adult Choir Director to direct the choir for our 10:30 Mass/holidays. This person must have these qualifications: Education in Music; knowledge of liturgical music; experience teaching music (teaching adults a big plus); and proficient in piano (and other instruments also a plus). If interested, contact Andy Negrete in the Holy Trinity Parish Office at 255-3162 ext.129.

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