

Trinity in Touch Monthly

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Trinity Catholic School-St. John-St. Luke-Holy Trinity-OLMC-St. Mary's-ABVM

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Upcoming Events...

September 1	12:50 Early Dismissal
	Bowling Party – Summer Reading Program
September 4	No School – Labor Day
September 11-15	Fast Testing
September 15	5 th /6 th Norman Borlaug trip
September 14	4:00 PM Bd. Mtg. – Protivin
September 17	10:30 Grandparents' Mass St. Lucas

A Note from our pastor,

Welcome back! It's great to see all of the kids back to kick off another school year! I hope you all had a great summer and are excited for everything that is planned for this fall.

A few things have changed this year and to answer any questions, I wanted to give a bit of information to everyone. As many of you know, the State Legislature passed a bill allowing for Educational Savings Accounts so that tuition to private schools can be paid with state funds. This is great for our schools and our families.

Tuition, however, is only part of our school funding. The parishes in our cluster provide financial support as well. Earlier this year, I started to change the structure of that support. When the schools merged years ago, only the parishes in Protivin, Fort Atkinson, and St. Lucas had formal subsidy agreements, presumably because those were the parishes with schools at the time of the merger. That left three of our parishes not paying formal subsidies.

This year, after consulting all six parish finance councils, the cluster council, school board, and the Archdiocese, formal agreements have been established for all six parishes in the cluster. As a result, all six parishes will benefit financially because the parishes who previously weren't paying a school subsidy will get a break on their subsidy to the Archdiocese and the parishes who were doing so will get a break on their subsidy to the school because it will be split six ways instead of three.

If you have any questions on this arrangement, I'd be happy to answer them, but please know that we will continue to do all we can to benefit the school financially and administratively so we can provide the best educational and spiritual environment possible for our students.

With prayers for your families and thanks for your choice of Trinity Catholic School,
Fr. Nick Radloff



2023 – 2024 Kindergarten Class

Sawyer Mills, Emmitt Pecinovsky, Hannah Rausch, Mila Jestrab, Kyson Jestrab, Monty Stika, Tristan Irvine, and Frankie Reicks.



Welcome to Trinity

We welcome Ms. Schuster and Mrs. Fahey to our Trinity family. Ms. Schuster is from Decorah and will be our PE Teacher on Tues. and Thurs. Mrs. Fahey comes to us from Waukon and will be with us on Thurs.



New Bulk Milk

This year in the lunchroom and for snack we have bulk milk. At lunch we offer white and chocolate. It is brought to us from WW Homestead Dairy in Waukon. It tastes great.



New Sinks in the upstairs bathrooms

The upstairs girls and boy's bathroom each got new sinks. They look great!

School Masses

Please join us on Thursdays at 8:45 for our school Masses. Occasionally, due to a Holy Day or special reason our Mass may move to another day. Please check the monthly calendar on our website to be sure.

Trinity Booster News

Trinity Catholic School Boosters would like to thank all students, parents, and staff that participated in this last year's fundraising events. We always appreciate everyone coming together to work for our events.

Community Foundation Grant

Trinity was the proud recipient of a \$3,000.00 Howard County Community Foundation grant this past April. The funds were used to purchase a classroom pack of 10 iPads and cases for our Kindergarten class. Further funding came from the Annual Fund Drive.



Birthday Table

Our birthday table looks different this year. Pictured are the July Birthdays. Students get to sit at the teacher table and receive a mini cup of ice cream.

School Pictures
Tuesday, October 17th

Recycling News From Mrs. Stika

We recycle ink cartridges, and old cell phones. Everyone can also use the Box Tops App on their smart phone to earn Box Top Money for Trinity. With the money earned, I purchase library books. Thank you to everyone who saves and sends in the various things I recycle.

So in Christ we, though many, form one
body, and each member belongs to all
the others.
Romans 12:5

2023-2024 Memorial Donations

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| Dennis Reicks | Dennis Regan |
| Phyllis Vsetecka | Doris FencI |
| Alyson Nienhaus Haugen | Allen Balk |
| Dave Kappes | Luke Hackman |
| Ronald Radloff | Lois Rausch |
| Rosemary Kriener | Jim `OJ` Speltz |
| Mary Bader | Kenny Bruess |

These donations do not include memorial donations made directly to the Annual Fund Drive. Memorial donations, unless otherwise designated, are applied to the school's religious fund. This fund is used to purchase the Catholic Youth Bible for students, fund retreats, provide for purchasing religious statues, books, and teacher resources, buy the second grade First Communion and Reconciliation learning materials, as well as supplies for Lent and Advent activities, and much more. Thank you to all who donated to Trinity Catholic School in memory of your friends and loved ones.



Czech Days

Thanks to the students and staff that walked/helped with the float for a hot Czech Days weekend!

Trinity School Emergency Operations Plan

The state of Iowa has required all public and nonpublic schools to have a formal plan in place, in case of any hazard that could take place during the school day. Trinity School will utilize walkie-talkies to communicate with staff when any emergency incident takes place. The IRIS Alert System will be used to communicate with parents in some of these instances.

There are five emergency calls we will use here at the school to indicate the specific danger. Here is a brief summary of how these will be handled here at Trinity:

- 1) **SHELTER IN PLACE** Called here at the school when hazard outside of the building. Ex. Bank robbery taking place in neighboring community. NO ONE is allowed into the building during this alert, including parents. School will continue teaching within the locked school. Families notified via IRIS.
- 2) **LOCKDOWN** Called when the probability of imminent danger within the school ground buildings (School, church, community center). Ex. Someone carrying a gun has been seen near the school. All classrooms / students will be locked in their rooms, with the lights off. Staff / students will remain quiet in the room until the first responders open their door. NO ONE is allowed into the building during this alert. An IRIS Alert will notify when / where the parents will reconnect with their student(s).
- 3) **EVACUATE** Called to move staff and students from a school location to another. Ex. Bomb Threat called into the building. Staff will lead the students to the safe location. Families will again be notified via IRIS Alert.
- 4) **SAFE SPOT** Called when protection is necessary due to weather, environmental, or man-made emergencies. Ex. Tornado Drill - Practiced 4 times per year.
- 5) **FIRE** Called when suspicion of a fire in the building. Traditional fire alarm in building pulled. Practice 4 times per year.

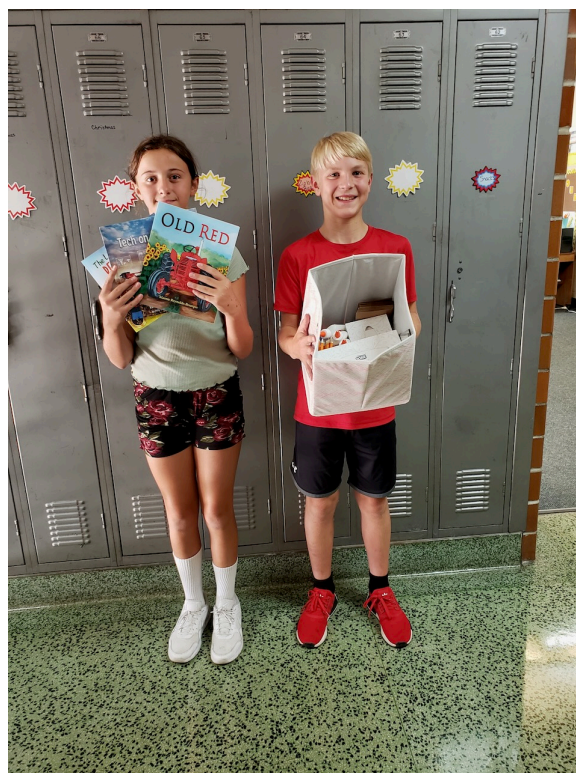
National School Lunch Program

The USDA sponsors the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Students that are eligible and approved for free or reduced-price meals will receive meals at no charge (free) or at a reduced meal price (40 cents for lunch). Applications are available from the school at any time during the school year. The Income Eligibility Guidelines are attached.



First Day of School

The first few days of school were warm. We improvised and gathered at the air conditioned church addition to cool off and end the day with prayer and socializing.



Donation of books and supplies

Thank you to Jessica Rochford and the Chickasaw and Howard County Farm Bureau for the farm related books and the basket of school supplies. They will be put to good use.

Grandparents' Mass
Sunday, September 17th
10:30 AM – St. Luke Church