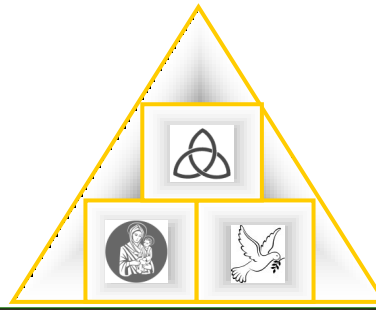


Holy Trinity Parish

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2023

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Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."
Mt. 13:44-45



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	July 29	Parishioners	1Jn 4:7-16 / Ps 34 / Jn 11:19-27
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	July 30	+Kellie Peterson	1Kg 3:5, 7-12 / Ps 119 / Rom 8:28-30 / Matt 13:44-52
	10:30AM	SC		+Steve Ryan	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	July 31	+Father William Kenney	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 / Ps 106 / Matt 13:31-35
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	August 1	+Walter and Alice Rusch	Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28 / Ps 103 / Matt 13:36-43
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	August 2	+Ronald Gergen	Ex 34:29-35 / Ps 99 / Matt 13:44-46
Thu.	8:00AM	SC	August 3	Leo and Maxine Ryan	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 / Ps 84 / Matt 13:47-53
Fri.	10:00AM	SM	August 4	For Priestly Vocations to our Archdiocese	Lev 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37 / Ps 81 / Matt 13:54-58
Sat.	9:00AM	SC	August 5	+Kellie Peterson	Rev 21:1-5a / Judith 15:9 / Lk 11:27-28
	5:30PM	HT		+Bernard Goihl	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	August 6	Parishioners	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Ps 97 / 2Pet 1:16-19 / Matt 17:1-9
	10:30AM	SC		+Dick Ryan	

Mission: *We grow together in Christ.*

Welcome to our Parish Churches!



Holy Trinity Church (HT)
211 4th Street North
Goodhue, MN 55027



St. Columbkil Church (SC)
36483 County 47 Boulevard
Goodhue, MN 55027



St. Mary Church (SM)
221 Chester Avenue
Bellechester, MN 55027

From Father McCabe

Jesus Christ describes the kingdom of heaven in many parables. In today's Gospel we read that whoever discovers that kingdom should invest in it completely. For the kingdom of God is like a buried treasure, or like a "pearl of great price." The person who discovers it should sell everything to purchase the land that has that "treasure buried in a field," or sell everything to buy that "pearl of great price."

We are called to invest in the kingdom of heaven, which is found in its maturing form substantially within the Catholic Church, for it is the Mystical Body of Christ that helps us to grow to eternity by the grace Jesus Christ pours out to us through the Church's missionary efforts, sacraments, liturgies and services. Not to mention that the Church has preserved the Bible, the Sacred Scriptures, down through the centuries and has translated it into hundreds of different languages so that God's saving truth and love can be accessed and applied to all the human family.

When we give of our time, talent and treasure to our parish and Archdiocese, as well as to other second collections, we are helping move the mission forward for the salvation of souls and the glory of God. Yet, this is not easy since, much like the early Church, we have challenges of faith such as the apostle Judas Iscariot betraying the Lord, St. Peter denying Christ three times, and then all the apostles, except John, and most of the disciples, except for Mary and two other women disciples, abandoning the Lord Jesus at his crucifixion.

It looked like a hopeless situation, but the Blessed Virgin Mary was at the foot of the cross, offering up her sorrow with Christ to the Father, with great hope and love for the redemption of souls of which Jesus' suffering was winning for us, and all of mankind, if only we repent like St. Peter and the other faithful disciples. The Blessed Virgin Mary, of course, did not need to repent of any sin since she was Immaculate in her body and soul.

But this repentance comes at a cost, since the early church members were harassed and sometimes mercilessly persecuted for believing in the Risen Lord Jesus, even though those persecutors could not explain where the body of Jesus had gone to after the Resurrection.

Yet, being persecuted for the truth of God is very familiar to us since we see how in the Old Testament, for instance, the prophet Elijah had to stand up against the 450 false prophets of Baal. As well, we read in the Book of Judith:

We should be grateful to the Lord our God, for putting us to the test, as he did our forefathers. Recall how he dealt with Abraham, and how he tried Isaac, and all that happened to Jacob in Syrian Mesopotamia while he was tending the flocks of Laban, his mother's brother. Not for vengeance did the Lord put them in the crucible to try their hearts, nor has he done so with us. It is by way of admonition that he chastises those who are close to him. Judith 8:25-27

Jesus Christ himself was persecuted and reminded us frequently that we would be persecuted just as he was. Jesus even placed this truth in the Beatitudes – two times!

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and

utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:9-10.



It is so strange to me, and many other Christians and non-Christians, to hear that Jesus Christ was persecuted after all the good he was doing: curing the blind and the lame, multiplying food to feed the poor, forgiving sins and raising the dead to have a fresh start in life. Yet, some people sick with mortal sin and unrepentance see other humans as the problem, and not as a gift from God, made in God's "image and likeness," with inalienable dignity. Thus, authentic Christians are persecuted for standing up for human life.

One such person was Dr. Lejeune, a French Catholic doctor who researched the cause of Down Syndrome disorder and discovered it to find a cure. Unfortunately, many in the medical community and beyond, who were trying to rid society of the "weeds" who were deplorable in their sight, used his discovery to selectively abort babies.

Dr. Lejeune lobbied against pro-abortion laws and defended the sanctity of human life. In his own prophetic words: "The enemies of life know that to destroy Christian civilization, they must first destroy the family at its weakest point – the child. And among the weakest, they must choose the least protected of all – the child who has never been seen..."

Because of his valiant efforts to defend every human being, especially the most vulnerable based on the principle that God is the giver, sustainer and goal of every human life, he was persecuted. Still, Jesus Christ and his Church were there for him, and Pope John Paul II appointed him the first president of the Pontifical Academy for Life. After his death in 1994, Pope Francis declared him "venerable" on January 21, 2021.

Dr. Lejeune is definitely on his way to the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may already be there, but we will not know that for certain until a miracle in his name, after thorough investigation by the Church; and then another miracle, according to the protocol of the Church, has been scientifically verified. At this point, we can hope that he is on the way, and may already be in the fullness of heaven because of the mercy of God through Christ in which he responded by loving God above all things, despite the persecutions he suffered for God's truth.

We are called to make a generous investment in the Church and her mission despite the suffering and challenges that abound, because the grace of God abounds all the more for those within the kingdom of heaven.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Thomas McCabe

Please pray for: Marcy Dilworth, Susan Brown, Margaret Wagner, Leo & Maxine Ryan, Mary Heppelmann, Ed Heppelmann, Anne Merry, Ray Poncelet, Dave Buck, Scott Cyert, Jerry Joe Majerus, Louise Heppelmann, Brent Hokanson, Anne Skalicky, Mark Ryan, Pat Mann, Neil Stehr, Barb Smalley, Jen Berg, Mary Ellen Reding, Ann Austreng, Marge Majerus, Connie Havrilla, Al Brinkman, Shawn Frederixon, Gabe Ryan and Becky Arendt.

News and Events

Thank You - Catholic Vacation Bible Camp - Jesus Christ, Our Eucharistic Lord held July 25-26-27: Over 40 young people, 10 Guardian Angels and several adults attended and helped make for a successful and fruitful Bible Camp for three fun days that focused on Jesus Christ, Our Eucharistic Lord. The children learned about the true Presence of Jesus in the Mass by reading stories, doing crafts, playing games and prayers of petition, adoration, contrition and thanksgiving during Adoration. On the last day, we celebrated Holy Mass and enjoyed lunch with our families. *Thank you* to the parents who were able to bring their children to Catholic Vacation Bible Camp and thank you to all the many volunteers who helped!

Outdoor Eucharistic Adoration and Procession For Rain: Thank you to God for hearing our prayer for rain and for the many people that came on Sunday, July 23 and participated in the prayers and outdoor adoration to pray for rain. We did receive much-needed rain and we praise and thank God for hearing our prayers! We also prayed for God's grace to reign ever deeper in our hearts and in those we love.

Church Cleaning for St Mary's: Our annual church cleaning will begin on August 5th and go through the month of August. We will have a group cleaning on August 19th, starting at 9 and work till noon. If you can come let us know. We will have treats in the morning and lunch at noon. All parishioners, men, women and children are needed to complete this project and keep our church sparkling. Come as a family or just as an individual and pick out a few tasks to complete. There are items for every age level to help with. All cleaning supplies will be at the church as well as a sign-up sheet. If you are unable to help cleaning please consider donating money to pay someone to come in to complete needed tasks. Contact Elle Huneke at 651-764-0231. Adults should fill out an "Adult Liability Waiver" found in the main entrance of Church. Thank you!

Visitation and Mass of Christian Burial for Leo Heppelmann is Tuesday, August 1 at St. Mary's. Visitation will begin at 9:00AM and the Mass will begin at 11:00AM.

Thank You for Donations to the Missionary Cooperation Plan: Thank you for your generosity for the donations given through the Archdiocese Missionary Cooperation Plan to Fr. Patrick from Cape Town, South Africa who visited Holy Trinity on July 8-9, 2023. Donations totaling \$2,739.38 were received to help fund the catechetical program in the Archdiocese of Cape Town. May God bless you!

Embrace the Little Way and Join the Class of St. Thérèse of Lisieux! The **Catechetical Institute** at the Saint Paul Seminary will offer the two-year *Pillars Program* in-person at St. Patrick's in Edina and via live stream at the Church of St. Michael in Pine Island. Classes will be held Monday evenings from 7PM-9PM. For more information and an application visit CStudent.com. Application deadline is August 1.

Holy Trinity is dedicated to protecting children and vulnerable adults. Volunteers serving with minors and vulnerable adults must complete requirements before engaging in ministry. Contact - Maria Schultz, Safe Environment Coordinator at: holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com.

Cutest Baby Contest will take place at the Goodhue County Fair (Aug. 8-12) at the MCCL Booth (MN Citizens Concerned for Life). Submit a 4 x 6 photo with baby's name and age (under two years) to: Cutest Baby Contest, 37298 180th Ave, Goodhue, MN, 55027 by August 2nd. Please include parents' contact info: name, address & phone number. Stop by the booth to cast your vote! Contact Ann Buck at bucks@sleepyeyetel.net.

We pray for Kellie Peterson and Leo Heppelmann who passed away recently. Let us keep our deceased loved ones in prayer, as well as their family and friends.



Calendar/Events			
Sat., July 29	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., July 30	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., July 31	SM	6:30-9:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Aug. 2	HT	9:00-2:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thur., Aug. 3	SC		No Adoration / No Confession 8:00AM Mass Only
Fri., Aug. 4	SM	9:00-9:45AM	First Friday Adoration/Confession
Sat., Aug. 5	SC	8:00-8:45AM	First Saturday Adoration/Confession
Sat., Aug. 5	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Aug. 6	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection: 07/22: \$ 266.00	St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection: 07/23 \$3,422.00	St. Mary Church (SM) Collection: 07/23: \$1,236.50
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Behold the Lamb of God!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays at St. Mary from 6:30-9:00PM, Wednesdays at Holy Trinity from 9:00AM-2:00PM, and Thursdays at St. Columbkil from 8:00AM-9:00AM (unless otherwise noted). Come and spend some time with Jesus!

Weekend Ministry Schedule			
Church	Role	July 29/30	August 5/6
HT: Saturday 5:30PM July 29 & Aug. 5	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Kate Ludwig	
	Lector	Ann Buck	
	Servers	Leeta, Aubriel, & Oleana O'Reilly	Nora and Brynn Frederick
SM: Sunday 8:45am July 30 & Aug. 6	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Allison Keller	Taylor Dowden
	Lector	Brian Keller	Pat Mensink
	Servers	Henry, Noah & Maya Keller	
SC: Sunday 10:30am July 30 & Aug. 6	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Shelly Jacobson	Shannon Dicke
	Lector	Regina Poncetlet	Charlie Dicke
	Servers	JJ and Jenna O'Reilly	

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*While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body."
 Matt 26:26*

