

Holy Trinity Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent

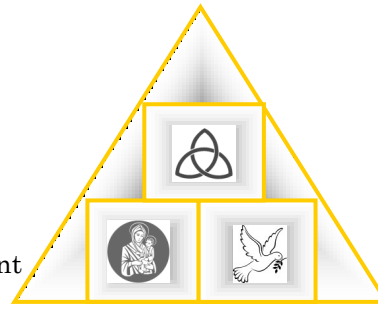
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Building use request: Call the office.

Confession: Sat. 4:45-5:20pm at Holy Trinity, Sun. 8:15am at St. Mary, or by appointment.

Baptism: Contact the office at least 3 months before the birth to attend a class and set a date.

First Penance/Eucharist: Register for 1st grade catechism classes in preparation.

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Anointing of the Sick: Contact the office especially if in serious illness, near death or upcoming major surgery.

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The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger... [T]hey made known the message that had been told them about this child.

All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Luke 2:16-21

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30 PM	HT	Dec. 31	+John Haas	1Jn 2:18-21 / Ps 96 / Jn1:1-18
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Jan. 1	+Bob Heppelmann	Num 6:22-27 / Ps 67 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21
	10:30AM	SC		Parishioners	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Jan. 2	Darren Lexvold Family	1Jn 2:22-28 / Ps 98 / Jn 1:19-28
Tue.	8:00 AM	HT	Jan. 3	+Therese Bien	1Jn 2:29-3:6 / Ps 98 / Jn 1:29-34
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Jan. 4	Kellie Peterson	1Jn 3:7-10 / Ps 98 / Jn 1:35-42
Thu.	9:00 AM	SC	Jan. 5	+Lloyd Ryan	1Jn 3:11-21 / Ps 100 / Jn 1:43-51
Fri.	8:00 PM	HT	Jan. 6	Deepening Conversion of all Parishioners	1Jn 5:5-13 / Ps 147 / Mk 1:7-11
Sat.	9:00AM	SC	Jan. 7	+Keith Price 3rd Grade Faith Formation Class	1Jn 5:14-21 / Ps 149 / Jn 2:1-11
	5:30PM	HT			
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Jan. 8	+LaWanda Keller & Deceased Family Members	Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72 / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Matt 2:1-12
	10:30AM	SC		Parishioners	

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

To praise God is to recall and admire his wonderful works!

You can praise God for the natural beauty of his painted sunrise and sunsets. You can praise God for the beauty of every person who he immediately created in his image and likeness when he gave them an immortal soul. But most especially, we praise God for the supernatural work of our redemption in Jesus Christ who was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Dec. 8 Catholics of the United States of America were invited to celebrate the Immaculate Conception to praise God for creating Mary without Original Sin. The Gospel reading is from Luke 1:26-38 which describes the Virginal Conception of Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception of Mary is different.

To clarify, the Immaculate Conception of Mary describes when God created Mary without any stain of Original Sin in the womb of St. Anne. Whereas, the Virginal Conception of Jesus is when the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary bringing the Eternal Word of God the Father into Mary's pure womb. Thus, the Second Divine Person of the Holy Trinity took on human flesh and was named Jesus. The Eternal Word of God entered our human history and leads the faithful to the fullness of heaven.

The Church chooses to read from the Gospel of Luke 1: 26-38 on Dec. 8 because these scripture passages contain the primary basis for promulgating that Mary is the Immaculate Conception.

"The angel Gabriel was sent from God...to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, 'Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.'" Cf. Lk. 1:26-28

The Greek word for "full of grace" is kecharitomenē (kay-caree-toe-may-nay) which is mentioned uniquely here in the Bible and means that Mary has been filled with grace and continues to be so.

When you are filled with God's grace at the very conception of your life, and continue to be so, you have no room for sin in your life. It is clear that God has "highly favored" the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is another translation found in some Bible translations, but it still means, "full of grace".

God did this for Mary because it was proper and fitting that his Eternal Son should have a pure home from which to take on our human nature, "And the Word became flesh, and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." Jn 1:14.

This is not the first time God created a woman who was free from Original Sin. God created the first man and woman without Original Sin, Adam and Eve. We read in the Book of Genesis (Chapters 1-3) how our first parents were in a state of Original Justice, that is to say, they were in perfect relationship with God, each other and all of creation, since they had sanctifying

grace within them. But then they disobeyed God which pushed grace aside and thus Original Sin came into the world, stained their soul and was passed on to all of us except for Jesus and Mary, who God created to be the New Adam and the New Eve.



The Old Testament reminds us that, despite Original Sin, every human being is still made in God's image and likeness and thus we are called to follow the Ten Commandments with the sufficient grace to avoid mortal sin. However, since we are not born with sanctifying grace and thus are sinful, we cannot win redemption by our own power. Rather, we need to be baptized into Jesus Christ and call upon God as "Our Father," and call upon the Blessed Virgin Mary, which honors her.

Only by the merits of Jesus Christ, through his sacred humanity which he received with the cooperation of Mary, can we receive sanctifying grace and travel on the straight and narrow path to heaven by following God's Holy Commandments with the help of the graces within the Seven Sacraments.

Since all grace comes to us through Jesus Christ, who was born of Mary, we can see how important Mary is to all Christians. And since Jesus loved Mary as his Mother, we should also love Mary and honor her by praising how God worked in her life. We celebrate Holy Mass which is the best way to thank God for Mary.

On this Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Jan. 1, let us celebrate the fact that the Eternal Word became one with us by being born of Mary, the Blessed Virgin. And since we have been baptized into her Son, we call Mary our Mother, and we call God our Father.

With devout and fervent hearts, let us praise God for the work of his redemption through Jesus born of Mary, the Immaculate Conception, the Holy Mother of God.

Christmas Peace and Joy in Christ,
Fr. Thomas McCabe



Thank you one and all for your gifts, cards, treats and especially your prayerful support. Merry Christmas Season and a Blessed New Year to you and your families and friends!

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Thomas McCabe



News and Events

Christmas Gift Card Project: Our joint Holy Trinity/ St. Columbkil CCW Gift Card Project will run until January 8. You may purchase cards or if you prefer, you can donate cash and we will purchase them. We usually ask for amounts of \$10, \$15, \$20, or \$25. Businesses are: Target, Walmart, Chuck & Dons Pet Food Outlet, grocery stores in the Goodhue County area, gas cards from Kwik Trip, Casey's, and others. Drop off boxes at both churches or mail cards/donations to: Holy Trinity Parish, Attn: Christmas Gift Card Project, P.O. Box 275. Or put it in an envelope marked "Christmas Gift Card Project" and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your support with this project. Diane Opsahl and Deb O'Connor

Catholic Daughters "Meal in a Bucket" Sale: Don't be left out in the cold - order your "Meal in a Bucket" today. Pre-order slips are in the back of Church. Available meals are: BBQ and buns, chili, potato soup, portage soup, buns and cinnamon rolls. Orders will be available for pick up the weekend of January 14 & 15 after Mass. Thanks in advance for supporting Catholic Daughters' fundraiser.

The Temperament God Gave You: Do you want to better understand yourself, your spouse and your children? Do you desire strong friendships with others? Knowing your God-given temperament will help you become a better version of yourself, spouse, parent and friend. Join "The Temperament God Gave You: A Catholic Small Group for Adults." Meetings are twice monthly on Thursdays beginning Jan. 12th through April 27th, 2023 from 6-7:30pm with fellowship at Holy Trinity. Cost is \$45. Childcare will be available. **Register by Dec. 31st** at <https://www.canafamilyinstitute.com/join-group>.

Contact Nicole Letsinger 651-380-3479 for more information.

2023 Donation Envelopes: There may be a slight delay in the arrival of the new envelopes for parishioner contributions. They will be in the church entrances as soon as they arrive. Until then, please feel free to use the temporary envelopes in the entrance (be sure to write your name on the envelope). Thank you for your patience!

Rescued: The Unexpected and Extraordinary News of the Gospel Book Discussion at Holy Trinity: How can we believe and be transformed by the gospel? Once we understand that the gospel is not merely "good" news but explosive, life-changing news, we will never be the same again. In this powerful book, Fr. John Riccardo helps us to see the world through God's lens, with a clear vision of the plot and the outcome of the story we're living in. Discussions on this book will take place on Tuesday mornings in January & February from 9:00-10:00 at Holy Trinity Church. Contact Regina Poncelet @ 651.764.9238 to order a book.

Need Help Paying Your Energy Bills? Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs, may assist with furnace repairs and could offer energy efficiency home upgrades for income qualified customers. Please call 800-657-3710 for assistance.

Thank you to all who submitted the recent Parish Census form. We are comparing the results to the last census. More information forthcoming. Extra forms are still available at the church entrances.

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, Leo & Louise Heppelmann, Brent Hokanson, Anne Skalicky, Mark Ryan, Pat Mann, Kellie Peterson, Neil Stehr, Barb Smalley, Jen Berg, Mary Ellen Reding, Peggy Keller, Greg Poncelet, Ann Austreng, Marge Majerus and Connie Havrilla. (Lucas Nordrum is now free from cancer-thank you.)

Calendar/Events

Day/Date	Church	Time	Event
Mon., Jan. 2	SM	6:30-8:30PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues., Jan. 3	HT	9:00-10:00AM	"Rescued" Book Study
Tues., Jan. 3	HT	6:00-7:30PM	Youth/Family Ministry Meeting
Wed., Jan. 4	HT	9:00-2:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Jan. 3	HT	2:15-3:30PM	Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-6
Wed., Jan. 3	HT	7:25-8:35PM	Faith Formation Classes Grades 7-10
Thur., Jan. 5	SC	8:00-8:50AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession
Fri., Jan. 6	HT	7:00-7:45PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession
Sat., Jan. 7	SC	8:00-8:45AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession
Thurs., Jan. 12	HT	6:00-8:00PM	The Temperament God Gave You Small Groups

**Holy Trinity Church
(HT) Collection:**
12/24 \$6,484

**St. Columbkil Church
(SC) Collection:**
12/24 & 12/25: \$3,931

**St. Mary Church
(SM) Collection:**
12/25: \$1,322



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	December 31/January 1	January 7/8
HT: Sat. 5:30pm Dec. 31 & Jan. 7	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Taylor & Samantha Dowden	Katie Ludwig
	Lector	Samantha Dowden	Karen Albers
	Servers	Leeta, Aubriel, & Oleana O'Reilly	Brenna Buck and Nora Fredrick
SM: Sunday 8:45am Jan. 1 & Jan. 8	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Taylor & Samantha Dowden	Allison Keller
	Lector	John Huneke	Patricia Mensink
SC: Sunday 10:30am Jan. 1 & Jan. 8	Servers	Danny and Zach Keller	Henry, Noah, Maya Keller
	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Denise Voth	Shelly Jacobson
	Lector	Charlie Dicke	Pam Altendorf
Servers	JJ and Jenna O'Reilly	Luke, Owen, Jay Roschen	

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More photos from the Christmas Pageant held at St. Columbkille on Sunday, December 18. Thank you students, parents, catechists, and Shannon Dicke and assistants for a wonderful performance!