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**Holy Trinity Church (HT)**  
**Collection: \$ 2,075.00**

**St. Columbkil Church (SC)**  
**Collection: \$ 621.00**

**St. Mary Church (SM)**  
**Collection: \$ 808.00**

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal: April 24-25:** The Catholic Home Missions appeal provides support for dioceses in the US and its territories that face challenges like fragile financial situations, vast distances, and difficult terrain. Please be generous! **Please pray** for our faith formation students who will be receiving new Sacraments soon! First Communion Holy Masses will be May 1, 9, and 16 at St. Columbkil and May 8 at Holy Trinity. Confirmation Holy Masses will be May 9 at SM and 22 at SC.

**St. Columbkil parishioners:** The four beautiful statues at the front of our church will be undergoing restoration this year. The St. Patrick statue restoration will be donated by Francis McNamara memorial funds (per his request), and the Sacred Heart statue restoration is being covered by another memorial donation. The statues of Mary and Joseph may cost less than \$2,000 each to restore but we don't have an actual estimate on those at this time. There will also be a charge of around \$500 to have the company pick up and deliver the statues. We would gladly welcome any monetary contributions towards the restoration fund. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Kasel or Bob and Cindy Eppen.

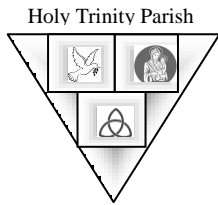
**Holy Hour for Women:** Sunday, April 25, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All women are invited!

**The Catholic Daughters** will meet on Monday, April 26, at Holy Trinity Church in Goodhue, gathering at 6:30pm, with meeting starting at 7pm. We will have our white elephant auction at this meeting. If you want to attend via Zoom, please contact Beth Arendt for information. If you have any questions about CDA, please contact Beth at 507-272-5829.

**Holy Hour for Men** will be Sunday, May 2, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All men are invited!

**Thank Mom for Life** on Mother's Day, May 9, with an orchid corsage, mini rose bush, violets, or begonia plant, with a "Thanks Mom for Life" button attached. They will be available at all weekend Masses with a suggested donation of \$6 for orchids and violets, \$7 for begonias, and \$8 for mini roses. All proceeds benefit Goodhue County Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.

**The Victory of the Holy Cross:** "Death trampled our Lord underfoot, but He in His turn treated death as a highroad for His own feet. He submitted to it, enduring it willingly, because by this means He would be able to destroy death in spite of itself. Death had its own way when our Lord went out from Jerusalem carrying His Cross; but when by a loud cry from that Cross He summoned the dead from the underworld, death was powerless to prevent it. Death slew Him by means of the Body which He had assumed, but that same Body proved to be the weapon with which He conquered death. Concealed beneath the cloak of His manhood, His Godhead engaged death in combat; but in slaying our Lord, death itself was slain. It was able to kill natural human life, but was itself killed by the Life that is above the nature of man. Death could not devour our Lord unless He possessed a Body, neither could hell swallow Him up unless He bore our flesh; and so He came in search of a chariot in which to ride to the underworld. This chariot was the Body which He received from the Virgin; in it He invaded death's fortress, broke open its strong-room and scattered all its treasure. At length He came upon Eve, the mother of all the living. She was that vineyard whose enclosure her own hands had enabled death to violate, so that she could taste its fruit; thus the mother of all the living became the source of death for every living creature. But in her stead Mary grew up, a new vine in place of the old. Christ, the new Life, dwelt within her. When death, with its customary impudence, came foraging for her mortal fruit, it encountered its own destruction in the hidden Life that fruit contained. All unsuspecting, it swallowed Him up, and in so doing released Life itself and set free a multitude of men. He who was also the carpenter's glorious Son set up His Cross above death's all-consuming jaws, and led the human race into the dwelling place of Life. Since a tree had brought about the downfall of mankind, it was upon a Tree that mankind crossed over to the realm of life. Bitter was the branch that had once been grafted upon that ancient tree, but sweet the young shoot that has now been grafted in, the shoot in which we are meant to recognize the Lord whom no creature can resist. We give glory to You, Lord, who raised up Your Cross to span the jaws of death like a bridge by which souls might pass from the region of the dead to the land of the living. We give glory to You who put on the Body of a single mortal man and made it the source of Life for every other mortal man. You are incontestably alive. Your murderers sowed Your living Body in the earth as farmers sow grain, but it sprang up and yielded an abundant harvest of men raised from the dead. Come then, my brothers and sisters, let us offer our Lord the great and all-embracing Sacrifice of our Love, pouring out our treasury of hymns and prayers before Him who offered His Cross in Sacrifice to God for the enrichment of us all." (St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church)



# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE				
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Apr. 24	+Darlene Nash
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Apr. 25	Parishioners
	10:30AM	SC		+Betty Gorman
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Apr. 26	Brett Hayward
Tues.			Apr. 27	
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Apr. 28	+Matilda Hecox
Thur.			Apr. 29	
Fri.	12:30PM	HT	Apr. 30	All the children & families of our parish
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	May 1	+Matilda Hecox
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	May 2	+John T. Majerus
	10:30AM	SC		Parishioners

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the office especially if serious or near death.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** If you move to a nursing home/care facility, would like a priest to visit, or are unable to attend Mass and would like Communion at home, contact the office.

**Funerals:** Contact the office.

**Mass Intentions:** Mail to the office or place in collection. (\$7/Mass suggested.) Indicate preferred date(s), if desired.

**Bulletin Items:** Email to [holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com) by Wednesday. The business office reserves the right to edit. If interested in **becoming a member** (welcome!) or **becoming a Catholic**, contact the office.

**Archdiocese Victim Assistance Program Hotline:** (651) 291-4475

**Please pray for:** Vaughn & Therese Bien, Marcy Dilworth, Susan Brown, Margaret Wagner, Leo & Maxine Ryan, Bob & Mary Heppelmann, Ed & Marge Heppelmann, Anne Merry, Carroll Bartholome, Lloyd Ryan, Ray Poncelet, Dave Buck, Scott Cyert, Jerry Joe Majerus, Dorothy Arendt, Louise Heppelmann, Brent Hokanson, Anne Skalicky, Marvin Zorn, Marcella Befort, David Franklin, Pat Mann, Greg Hovel, and Keith Carlson.

	<b>Behold the Lamb of God!</b> <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held every Monday at St. Mary from 6:30-9:00pm and every Wednesday at Holy Trinity from 9:00am-2:00pm. Come and spend some time with Jesus!</i>	<b>Faith Formation</b> <b>Grades 1-5:</b> April 30: 12:15-1:45pm <b>Grade 10:</b> April 28: 7:00-8:30pm retreat <b>Grades 11-12:</b> No class

Calendar/Events			
April 23-25	HT	40 Hours	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Apr. 25	St. Mi., PI	6 PM	Women's Holy Hour
Apr. 26	SM	6:30-9:00PM	Adoration
Apr. 28	HT	9AM-2PM	Adoration
Apr. 28	HT	7:00-8:30PM	Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat
Apr. 28	HT	7:30-8:30PM	Faith Formation grades 6-9
Apr. 30	HT	12:15-1:45PM	Faith Formation grades 1-5
May 2	SC	10:30AM	First Communion, Group 1
May 2	St. Mi., PI	6:30 PM	Men's Holy Hour

**Scripture Quote:** "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."  
--1 John 3:1-2

## From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The month of April is dedicated to devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Let us ask Mary, the Mother of the Eucharist, and St. Joseph to increase our Faith in the True Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist!

This week I share with you a reflection on the importance of Unity in the Church and a goal for all Christians. I encourage you to read it through a few times this week, and to pray for true unity!

“**The First Christians: Unity among Christians is a gift of God. Pray for it.**

*The company of those who believed were of one heart and soul.* (Acts 4:32) These words of the Acts of the Apostles are like a summary of the deep unity and fraternal love of the first Christians, which attracted so much attention from their fellow citizens.

*The disciples bore testimony to the Resurrection not only with their words but also with their virtues.* (St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on the Acts of the Apostles*, 11) What stands out among them is the attitude - born of charity - of seeking harmony always.

The unity of the Church from its very beginnings is an express wish of Christ. He speaks to us of one sole Pastor (cf. John 10:16), and He highlights the unity of the Kingdom which cannot be divided (cf. Matt. 12:25), of the building that has one single foundation. (cf. Matt. 16:18) This unity was always founded on the profession of one sole Faith, on the observance of a single form of worship and on submission to a sole hierarchical authority, constituted by Jesus Christ Himself.

*There is only one Church of Jesus Christ, Pope St. John Paul II taught in his catechesis in Spain, which is like a big tree into which we are all grafted. It's a matter of a deep vital unity which is a gift from God. It is not merely, nor above all, an external unity; it is a mystery and a gift...*

*This unity then is shown around him who in each diocese has been constituted as Shepherd, the Bishop. In the universal Church it is shown around the Pope, the Successor of Peter.* (St. John Paul II, *Homily*, Madrid, 3 November 1982)

The unity of Faith was, among the first Christians, the support of their fortitude and of the inner life which flowed over into the exterior. The same Christian life has been lived since then by very different peoples, each with their own specific individual, social, racial and linguistic characteristics. There, wherever there were Christians, *they shared, experienced and transmitted one single doctrine with the same soul and the same heart and identical voice.* (St. Irenaeus, *Adversus Haereses*, 1, 10, 2)

The first Christians defended this unity of theirs to the point of facing persecution and even martyrdom. The Church has always encouraged her children to watch over their precious unity and pray for it. Our Lord prayed for it at the last Supper for the whole Church: *that they all may be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us.* (John 17:21)

Unity is a very great benefit that we should implore every day because *every kingdom divided against itself cannot last and every city or house divided against itself cannot stand.* (Matt. 12:25) And St. John Chrysostom comments: *a house or city once divided is destroyed quickly; and it is the same with regard to the Kingdom, which is the strongest entity that there is, since it is the union of their subjects that gives strength to kingdoms and to houses.* (St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on St. Matthew*, 48)

So there should be unity with the Pope, unity with the Bishops, unity with our brothers in the Faith - and with all men to attract them to Faith in Christ.

**What destroys fraternal unity:** *The one*, says St. Thomas, *is not opposed to the multitude, but to division; and neither does the multitude exclude unity: what it excludes is the division of each thing into its components.* (St. Thomas, *Summa Theologiae*, I q30, a3)

What divides is whatever separates from Christ: any sin, for example, although this separation is more perceptible in those faults of charity which isolate one from others, and the faults in obedience towards the Shepherds whom Christ has established to rule the Church. The variety of characters, races, customs, or ways of being is not opposed to unity. It is for this reason that the Church can be Catholic, universal and one and the same in all times and places. It is *this interior unity*, St. Paul VI said, *which endows her with the surprising capacity of uniting men of the greatest diversity, respecting or, even more, giving a new value to their specific characteristics, providing they are positive, that is, truly human; which endows her with the capacity of being catholic, of being universal.* (Paul VI, *Address*, 30 March 1965)

The Apostles and their successors had to bear the pains provoked by those who spread errors and divisions. *They speak of peace and they make war*, regretted St. Irenaeus; *they swallow the camel while they strain out the fly. The reforms they preach can never remedy the ills of disunity.* (St. Irenaeus, *Adversus Haereses*, 4, 33, 7)

The first Christians were convinced that if their Faith *enjoyed good health, they had nothing to fear.* (Tertullian, *De Praescriptione Haereticorum*) We should pray a lot for unity for the whole Church: that we all may be one, that we may be faithful to the Faith we have received, that we may obey promptly all the commands and indications of the Roman Pontiff and of the Bishops in communion with him.

Unity is closely linked to personal ascetic struggle to be better, to be more united to Christ. *There is very little we can do in our work for the whole Church... if we have not attained this close intimacy with Our Lord Jesus: if we are not really with Him and like Him sanctified in the Truth; if we do not preserve His Word in us trying to discover its hidden riches every day.* (John Paul II, *Message for Church Unity Octave*, 23 January 1981)

The unity of the Church, whose vital principle is the Holy Spirit, has as its central point the Blessed Eucharist, which is *the sign of unity and the bond of love.* (St. Augustine, *Commentary on St. John*, 26) Removing discord and praying for unity *is never more*

*appropriately achieved than when the Body of Christ, which is the Church, offers the very Body and Blood of Christ in the Sacrament...* (Divine Office, *Second reading*, St. Fulgentius)

**Charity unites, pride separates. The fraternity of the first Christians. Avoid anything that could harm**

**unity:** St. Paul calls frequently for unity: to the Christians of Ephesus he writes: *I beg you to lead a life worthy of the vocation to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, with forbearing for one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

He continues, referring to an ancient acclamation, possibly used in the early Liturgy during baptismal

ceremonies, which highlights the unity of the Church as the fruit of the oneness of the Divine Essence and of the action of the Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity, Who act in the Church and are the cause of its unity. (cf. *The Navarre Bible*, *Captivity Epistles*) *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one Faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all.* (Eph. 4:1-6)

St. Paul lists different virtues: humility, gentleness, longanimity, various manifestations of charity, which is the bond of unity in the Church. *The temple of the King is not ruined, or cracked or divided: the cement of the living stones is charity.* (St. Augustine, *Commentary of Psalm 44*) Charity unites, pride separates.

The first Christians showed their love for the Church through a charity which overcame all barriers, whether social, economic, racial or cultural. Whoever possessed material goods shared them with those who had none (cf. Acts 4:32 ff.), and they all prayed for one another and encouraged each other to persevere in the Faith of Christ. One of the earliest Apologists, in the second century, described the behavior of the first Christians as follows: *they love one another, they do not despise widows and they rescue orphans from those who treat them with violence; and he who has, gives unbegrudgingly to him who has not.* (Aristides, *Apology*, XV, 5-7)

However, the greatest charity was directed towards fortifying the brethren in the Faith. The *Acts of the Martyrs* recount in almost every page specific details of this concern for the fidelity of the others. Truly *it was Love that enabled them to make their way through that corrupt pagan world.* (J. Escriva, *Friends of God*, 172) It was love for the brethren in the Faith and love for the pagans. We also will bring our world to God if we can imitate the first Christians in our understanding and affection for everybody, even if at times our concern for and attention to others meet with no response. And we shall strengthen in the Faith any who are growing weak, with our example and our word and our dealings that are always friendly and open. *A brother helped by a brother is like a strong city.* (Prov. 18:19)

Out of love for the Church, let us use all possible means so as not to damage, not even remotely, the unity of Christians: *you should always avoid complaining, criticizing, gossiping... avoid absolutely anything that could bring discord among brothers.* (J. Escriva, *Furrow*, 918) On the contrary, we should always foster everything that is an occasion for mutual understanding and concord. If on some occasion we are not able to praise, we should say nothing. (*idem.*, *The Way*, 443) In the words of the Liturgy: *May we overcome today all envy and dissension.* (Divine Office, *Morning Prayer, intercessions*)

In order to learn how to safeguard the unity of the Church let us have recourse to our Mother Mary. *May she, the Mother of Love and Unity, bind us closely, in order that, like the first community born from the Cenacle, we may be 'one heart and one soul.'* *May she, the 'Mother of Unity', in whose womb the Son of God was united with humanity, inaugurating mystically the nuptial union of the Lord with all men, help us to be 'one' and to become instruments of unity, among Christians and among all men.* (St. John Paul II, *Homily*, 24 March 1980)” (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of the Church, St. Joseph, and St. Columbkil, may God bless us with the graces we each need to seek and practice unity within the Church!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

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### Words to Live By:

“If anyone cannot find a master to teach him how to pray, let him take this glorious saint as his master, and he will not go astray.” (speaking of St. Joseph) *St. Bernadette Soubirous*

“Be in good spirits under the fatherly mantle of St. Joseph, a place of safest refuge in trials and tribulations.” *St. Joseph Marelló*

“A servant of Mary will have a tender devotion to St. Joseph, and by his pious homage of respect and love, will endeavor to merit the protection of this great saint.” *Blessed William Joseph Chamínade*

“Saint Joseph, our father and lord, is a teacher of the interior life. Place yourself under his patronage and you’ll feel the effectiveness of his power.” *St. Josemaría Escrivá*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14 St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

**Next Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8