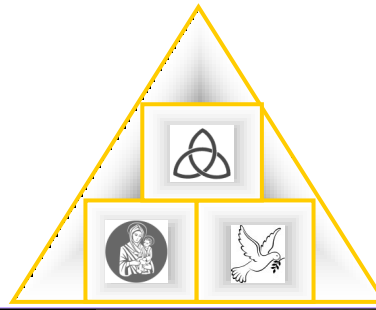


# Holy Trinity Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24, 2023

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**Office Hours:** Mondays 10am-2pm at HT.

**Building use request:** Call the office.

**Confession:** Sat. 4:45-5:20pm at Holy Trinity, Sun. 8:20am 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade catechism classes in preparation.

**Confirmation:** Register for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade catechism classes in preparation.

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**Funerals:** Contact the office.

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When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made know to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. cf. Luke 2:15-20

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 23	Parishioners	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Ps 25 / Lk 1:57-66
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 24	+Carroll and Maryanne Bartholome	2Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Ps 89 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38
	10:30AM	SC		+Joe and Mary Catherine O'Reilly	
Sun.	<b>Christmas Eve 4:00PM</b>	HT	Dec. 24	Parishioners	Is 62:1-5 / Ps 89 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Matt 1:1-25
Mon.	8:45AM	SM	<b>Dec. 25 Christmas!</b>	+Lora Keller	Is 52:7-10 / Ps 98 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18
	10:30AM	SC		+Bernard Goihl	
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 26	+Ed and Jerry O'Connor	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Ps 31 / Matt 10:17-22
Wed.	8:00AM <b>8:30PM</b>	HT HT	Dec. 27	Shawn Frederixon Faith Formation Families	1Jn 1:1-4 / Ps 97 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Dec. 28	+Katherine and Louie Ward	1Jn 1:5-2:2 / Ps 124 / Matt 2:13-18
Fri.	9:00AM	HT	Dec.29	+Al Brinkman	1Jn 2:3-11 / Ps 96 / Lk 2:22-35
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 30	+John Haas	1Jn 2:12-17 / Ps 96 / Lk 2:36-40
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 31 Dec. 31	+Jamie O'Reilly	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Ps 128 / Col 3:12-21 / Lk 2:22-40
	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

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*Merry Christmas to you and to your loved ones! Please know of my prayers for each of you as we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Savior and the true Light.*

*I feel so grateful that the light of Christ was seen so clearly this fall as so many of you participated in our Small Group Leadership formation, enabling our Archdiocese to embark on a new adventure as we invite our faithful to embrace small groups this coming Lent. I feel excited to be part of this Archdiocese at this time! I am so grateful for the commitment of your pastor and parish staff, as well as to you and your fellow parishioners who are leading this effort.*

*Please know of my continued prayers for you, your loved ones and your parish this Christmas. I ask that you also pray for me, for the clergy who generously minister in this Archdiocese, and for the amazing parish staff members who serve so many in so many ways.*

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda*



The fourth candle of the Advent wreath has been lit, and the Advent season is about to reach its crescendo – Christmas Eve and the beginning of the Christmas season that ends on the Baptism of the Lord, Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

We might be doing our last-minute preparations in haste, much like the Blessed Virgin Mary who went in haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was six months pregnant with John the Baptist.

Do you think that there was excitement and stress in Mary's life? Mary is about fifteen years old when the Archangel Gabriel greeted her by saying, "Hail, full of grace. The Lord is with you." We then read that Mary was troubled by this greeting. But then the angel reassured her, "Do not be afraid, Mary."

Mary is indeed full of grace, that is, she always had God's divine life filling her soul. The Greek word to describe this unique relationship with God is "kecharitomene" (kay-caree-toe-may-nay), which means that she was, is and always will be full of grace; and when your soul is full of grace, there is no room for sin. This is why we believe that Mary was immaculately conceived, which was a special grace that the Lord God granted to her in view of her son Jesus' death which won for her this special grace.

God created Mary free from Original Sin and kept her free from all personal sin. Even though Mary was filled with grace, she still had normal emotions of feel-

ing troubled. In other words, we can be in the state of grace, and still have negative emotions in our life. Mary teaches us to give our emotions, positive or negative, to God by trusting in God's loving care.

Because of her unique call, perfect love and strength, we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Mary annually on December 8<sup>th</sup>. This day was made a Solemnity here in our country because the Catholic Bishops made Mary the Patroness of the United States under the title of the Immaculate Conception in the year 1846.

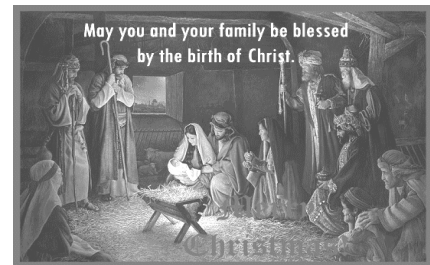
The angel consoled Mary's troubled soul by saying, "Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." The name Jesus means, God will save his people from their sins.

Although we do not know all the details of our future life and what Christmas will bring, we trust that the Lord Jesus will help us celebrate his birth, as well as prepare for his second coming in glory. We do know that we can meet Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Confession and Holy Eucharist. We do know that we can thank God for the security of being saved when we have confessed the number and kind of our mortal sins to Jesus Christ (to the best of our ability) in the Sacrament of Confession, and receive him as a pure, divine gift in the Holy Eucharist that Holy Mother Church has prepared for us.

In these last hours of Advent, we listen to the Angel speak to Mary, and to us, "Do not be afraid." The saving life and truth of Jesus Christ is within his Church and his faithful people.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Fr. Thomas McCabe



## Christmas Blessings

**Please pray for:** Marcy Dilworth, Susan Brown, Margaret Wagner, Leo & Maxine Ryan, Ed Heppelmann, Anne Merry, Ray Poncelet, Dave Buck, Scott Cyert, Jerry Joe Majerus, Louise Heppelmann, Brent Hokanson, Anne Skalicky, Pat Mann, Neil Stehr, Barb Smalley, Jen Berg, Mary Ellen Reding, Marge Majerus, Connie Havrilla, Shawn Frederixon, Gabe Ryan, Laura Luhman, Colten Zinbar and Ryan Zorn.



## News and Events

### **Parish Office Closed on Monday, December 25.**

**Respect All Life Presentation:** Cathy Blaeser, Co-Executive Dir. Of MCCL will speak at St. Pius V Church in Cannon Falls on respect for all life on Thurs., Jan. 11 beginning with the Rosary at 6:30PM, talk at 7:00PM and social afterwards.



**Catholic Daughters “Meal In A Bucket” Sale:** Pre-order slips are in the back of Church for “Meal in a Bucket” which will run for the next 5 weeks. Available meals are BBQ with Buns, Chili, Potato Soup, Portage Soup and Cinnamon Rolls. Orders will be available for pick up the weekend of January 20-21 after Mass. Your support is truly appreciated.

**Thank You from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Pikeville, KY:** *Thank you for your generous donation towards our outreach efforts in Eastern Kentucky. Your gift of \$100 will help to brighten the Christmas season for those in need in Appalachia. We plan on helping about 25 local families with their Christmas needs. God bless and Merry Christmas, Fr. Rob Adams, Pastor*

### *Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*

#### *Mass Times and Liturgical Roles for December 24 & 25*

Christmas Eve Mass, Sun., Dec. 24 - 4:00PM - Holy Trinity

**Music:** Cindy Eppen **Cantor:** Taylor Dowden **Lector:** Ann Buck

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister:** Bev Mancilman

**Servers:** Stuart, Aubriel, Oleana, Leeta O'Reilly

Christmas Mass, Mon., Dec. 25, - 8:45AM - St. Mary

**Music:** Wanda Schafer **Cantor:** Cathy O'Reilly

**Lector:** Brian Keller

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister:** Catherine Keller

**Servers:** Zack and Danny Keller

Christmas Mass, Mon. Dec. 25, - 10:30AM - St. Columbkil

**Music:** Cindy Eppen **Cantor:** Eleanor O'Reilly

**Lector:** John and Aliz Altendorf

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister:** Chris Poncelet

**Servers:** JJ and Jenna O'Reilly



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“We take Communion, and we communicate with God. At the same time, it is more than communication - it is an invasion by God. To be invaded by God is joy. We plunge into the mystery of love, a reality more real than the air we breathe, than the life we live throughout the day.” *(Servant of God (+1984) Catherine de Hueck Doherty (to be cont.))*

*Please note that in the winter months the sidewalks may be slippery so use caution. Also, at St. Columbkil for Thursdays/First Saturday daily Mass please use the nearest entrance to the parking lot, the south entrance, during snowy/icy weather.*

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 - holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com.

### Calendar/Events

Sat., Dec. 23	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sat., Dec. 23	HT	7:00-8:30PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Dec. 24	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Dec. 24	HT	2:30-3:30PM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., Dec. 25	SM	8:00-8:30AM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., Dec. 25	SM		NO Adoration
Wed., Dec. 27	HT	9:00AM-2:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Dec. 27	HT		NO Faith Formation Grades 1-6 and 7-10
Wed., Dec., 27	HT	6:30-8:15PM	Catechist Christmas Celebration and Meeting followed by Mass at 8:30PM
Thur., Dec.28	SC	8:00-8:45AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession
Thur., Dec. 28	SC	6:30-7:30PM	Soup/bread followed by Caroling by Candlelight
Fri., Dec. 29	SM	8:00-8:45AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass at 9:00AM

**Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection:**  
12/16: \$2,747.00

**St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection:**  
12/17: \$2,814.00

**St. Mary Church (SM) Collection:**  
12/17: \$1,330.00



### *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 23/24	December 30/31
HT: Saturday 5:30PM Dec.23 & Dec. 30	<b>Musician</b>	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	<b>Cantor</b>	Katie Ludwig	Aurora Wiskow
	<b>Lector</b>	Lily Peterson	Maureen Lodermeier
	<b>Servers</b>	Nora & Brynn Frederick Ellie Nardinger	
SM: Sunday 8:45am Dec. 24 & Dec. 31	<b>Musician</b>	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	<b>Cantor</b>	Taylor Dowden	
	<b>Lector</b>	Jeremy Keller	Patricia Mensink
	<b>Servers</b>	Danny and Zack Keller	Henry, Noah and Maya Keller
SC: Sunday 10:30am Dec. 24 & Dec. 31	<b>Musician</b>	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	<b>Cantor</b>	Shelly Jacobson	Denise Voth
	<b>Lector</b>	Barb Lexvold	Becky Diercks
	<b>Servers</b>	Eleanor, Patrick, Francis O'Reilly	Brady and Liahna McNamara



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**Gift Card Project:** Our annual Holy Trinity/St. Columbkil CCW Gift Card Project will run from December 2 thru January 6. It helps many clients of Goodhue County Social Services throughout the year. Included is a list of business to purchase cards from or you can donate cash or checks made out to Deb O'Connor or Diane Opsahl and we will purchase the gift cards. Businesses are: Target, Walmart, grocery stores in the Goodhue County area, gas cards from Kwik Trip, Casey's, local stations, and in the past, we have purchased gift certificates from local vet clinics, as some clients have companion animals. Drop boxes are at both churches or you can mail cards or donations to: Holy Trinity Parish, Attn: Christmas Gift Card Project, P.O. Box 275. Thank you for your support.--Diane Opsahl and Deb O'Connor

Christmas Pageant 2023  
Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas Pageant held at St. Columbkil on Sunday, December 17. A special thank you to Shannon Dicke, Kathryn Peterson, Cindy Eppen and catechists and all volunteers and especially to the students and parents! It was beautiful to see so many smiling faces!  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Holy Trinity Parish Staff



Thank you for all your support that we might Grow Together in Christ!

Jesus is born for us that we might follow him to heaven through Holy Mother Church! Ave!