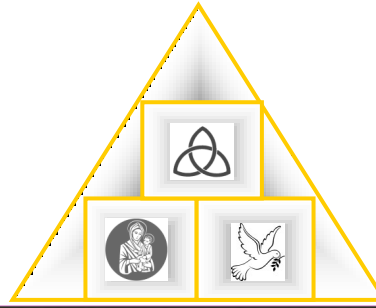


Holy Trinity Parish

Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023

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

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A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light... He said, "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'* as Isaiah the prophet said." cf. John 1:6-8, 19-28

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 16	+Trudy Zorn	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps 80 / Matt 17:9a, 10-13
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 17	Parishioners	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / Lk 1 / 1Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
	10:30AM	SC		+Fr. Bruce Peterson	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Dec. 18	+Norbert Frawley	Jer 23:5-8 / Ps 72 / Matt 1:18-25
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 19	For those listed in the Red Memorial Book	Judg 13:2-7, 24-25a / Ps 71 / Lk 1:5-25
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 20	+Robert Lawrence	Is 7:10-14 / Ps 24 / Lk 1:26-38
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Dec. 21	+Karen Farrell	Song of Sg 2:8-14 / Ps 33 / Lk 1:39-45
Fri.		HT	Dec. 22		1Sam 1:24-28 / 1Sm 2 / Lk 1:46-56
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	
	4:00PM	HT	Christmas Eve	Parishioners	Is 62:1-5 / Ps 89 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Matt 1:1-25

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
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From Father McCabe

National Eucharistic Revival The reception of the Sacrament of Baptism into Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church begins our journey to God's heavenly home. We arrive in the fullness of heaven where the covenant is fulfilled perfectly in every way for the person who dies with sanctifying grace within them. A covenant is different from a contract, since a contract is an exchange of services, whereas a covenant is an exchange of persons in the bond of love and fidelity. This is why Jesus Christ in the Eucharistic Covenant is the source and summit of our Catholic faith.

*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." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the **covenant**, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins."* Gospel of Matthew, 26:26-28 (Being sorry for any venial sin and receiving Holy Communion in the state of grace forgives a person of those sins for which they are sorry).

Another testimony from one of our parishioners:

Jesus describes the human person through multiple parables in the gospels as a "house" (Hebrews 3:3-6, Matthew 12:43-45, Matthew 7:24 NRSV). When I picture a house, I see a dwelling place in which people live. I find this to be one of the most fitting descriptions of humans because we are a physical body in which a communion of spiritual persons may live. The "good news" is we receive the love of God (Holy Spirit) in baptism and receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist...these are the two divine persons we must strive to invite into our house if we are to be accepted into the Father's house.

This "good news" is hard to grasp if we don't first accept the "bad news" ... there are fallen spirits in the world constantly tempting us to abandon God's plan for us. They invite themselves into our "house" and kill the life of God through mortal sin. And they don't necessarily tempt us to become overwhelmingly evil...they tempt us to think about anything but God. They create in us a love for created things rather than love for the creator. With all the distractions of our time it's very easy to capture one's intellect. Once our intellect is obtained, whatever we think about drives our will, and our will dictates what we do with our life.

In my own life I've experienced being subject to the fallen spirits and conforming to the relativistic culture of hedonism and materialism. My deepest motivation as a young farmer and father was that of consumerism. Driven by fear, I genuinely believed consumerism (fulfillment is based on the quality and quantity of what we have) was the path to ultimate happiness. In pursuing that objective, my "house" was disordered, anxious, depressed and unfulfilled. I continued to appear "Catholic", but by name only. I lived simply to fit into the surrounding culture. A culture in which many profess faith, but morally do not live any different than an atheist. I would pick and choose for myself what I believed to be morally upright and deny any guilt or need to repent. During these years I would continue to receive Holy Communion, and as St. Paul writes...

"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord." 1 Corinthians 11:27 NRSV

So whether I believed it or not, it is his body I received and my mortal sin crucifies him and he will not enter my "house."

My son's fatal diagnosis in utero of bilateral dysplastic kidneys is what sparked my reversion to the faith. I first experienced Christ and his willingness to suffer through someone in our parish who took the time to visit us and pray in our home. As I wanted to reject and mourn the idea of suffering, they spoke of joy and purpose behind all suffering. She told us of losing her own son and the beauty in his short month of life. I found peace in her testimony. I knew she had something I did not, so I began to commit to prayer. As time passed, I began to be convicted by the Holy Spirit and through confession and continual repentance, my "house" is being swept clean and continually remodeled from within...

Throughout this process the Eucharist was the source of conversion. The more time I spent in prayer the more my eyes were opened to my sin and how much spiritual debt I've acquired. I was drawn to adoration to pray for my son Gabriel, but slowly began to understand the path of destruction I had left behind through anger, pride, envy, lust, drunkenness, greed and spiritual sloth. First through prayer (especially the rosary), then routine confession and finally uniting myself and my son in the Eucharist in a state of grace. I was humbled and given the will power to engage in the daily spiritual battle of virtue and vice. As my faith in the Eucharist slowly grew, a true relationship emerged. Jesus healed everyone he touched in the gospels and that's how I've learned to approach the Eucharist.... ready to be transformed.

So I encourage and pray for everyone reading this to take a break from our "on demand, high speed, microwave" culture which leads nowhere and reflect on who's dwelling in you? I've found that spiritual humility begins in prayer that's beyond asking for "health and wealth." If we do not pray, we do not understand sin which blinds us and prevents us from living with God. Continuously ask the Father for the Holy Spirit to convict, cleanse and purify your life and be transformed by the Son.

May God bless you,
In Christ through Mary
Eric Ryan

"I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me." Revelation 3:19-20 NRSV

"Obey the bishop and the presbytery with an undivided mind, breaking one and the same bread, which is the medicine of immortality, and the antidote to prevent us from dying, but [which causes] that we should live forever in Jesus Christ." St Ignatius of Antioch 110a.d.

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

Christmas Play at St. Columbkil: After the 10:30AM Mass at St. Columbkil the children will participate in a Christmas Pageant followed by refreshments (light lunch). Please join us!

All preschool or kindergartener children are invited to join in a song before the Christmas Pageant at St. Columbkil after Mass on Sunday, December 17. Please meet with Regina Poncelet in the back of church after that Mass.

Communal Penance Service: All are encouraged to attend a Communal Penance Service with multiple priests on Wed., Dec. 20, from 7:30-8:30PM at Holy Trinity. The service begins at 7:30PM in the church. After a short reflection the penitents go to one of the confession areas where one of the priests assisting will hear individual confessions. People can stay for the final prayer as a community if they wish, or leave quietly after they complete their penance. This service is in tandem with Faith Formation classes which end at 8:35PM.

Catholic Young Adults will be going Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 17. Potluck 6:30-7:30PM at Holy Trinity and caroling until 9:00PM with hot drinks afterwards.

Christmas Choir: A choir will be singing on Christmas morning at the 10:30 Mass at St. Columbkil. Practice is Dec. 17 at 7:30PM. Contact Shannon Dicke.

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:** **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 would hear that heart speaking to us. We would hear our hearts beating in unison with his; we would be united with our Lord and our God.” (*Servant of God (+1984) Catherine de Hueck Doherty (continued next week).*)

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. 16	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Dec. 17	HT	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Dec., 17	HT	7:30-9:00PM	Catholic Young Adult Christmas Caroling
Mon., Dec. 18	SM	6:30PM-9:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Dec. 20	HT	9:00AM-2:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Dec. 20	HT	2:15-3:30PM 7:25-8:35PM	Faith Formation Grades 1-6 Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Wed., Dec., 20	HT	7:30-8:35PM	Communal Penance Service with multiple priests
Thurs., Dec.21	SC	8:00-8:45AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession -

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection:
12/09: \$598.00

St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection:
12/10: \$2,077.00

St. Mary Church (SM) Collection:
12/10: \$703.92



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 16/17	December 23/24
HT: Saturday 5:30PM Dec.16 & Dec. 23	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Denise Voth	Katie Ludwig
	Lector	Maureen Lodermeier	Lily Peterson
SM: Sunday 8:45am Dec. 17 & Dec. 24	Servers	Stuart, Oleana, Aubriel, Leeta O'reilly	
	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Taylor Dowden	
SC: Sunday 10:30am Dec. 17 & Dec. 24	Lector	Mary Majerus	Jeremy Keller
	Servers	Addy and Will Poncelet	Danny and Zack Keller
	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
SC: Sunday 10:30am Dec. 17 & Dec. 24	Cantor	Joel Hernke	Shelly Jacobson
	Lector	Michael Poncelet	Barb Lexvold
	Servers	Luke, Owen and Jay Roschen	Eleanor, Patrick, Francis O'Reilly

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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 with this project. --Diane Opsahl and Deb



Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Everyone is invited to the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 17 after the 10:30AM Mass at St. Columbkil. Light lunch served afterward.

Thank you St. Mary's for your generous donations for our Goodhue County Christmas Families in need. You helped to make a wonderful Christmas for 7 families with 13 children. God Bless You.