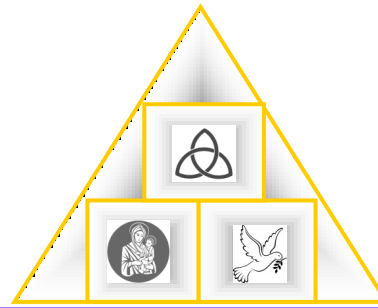


Holy Trinity Parish

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

Fr. Thomas McCabe, Pastor
frmccabe@bevcomm.net

Maria Schultz, Administrative/Faith Formation Assistant
holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com



Address: PO Box 275, Goodhue, MN 55027

Office/Emergency Phone: (651) 923-4472

Email: holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com

Website: www.holytrinitygoodhue.org

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 1st grade catechism classes in preparation.

Confirmation: Register for 9th and 10th grade catechism classes in preparation.

Marriage: Please call Father McCabe at least nine months prior to tentative date.

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

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. (\$10/Mass suggested.)

Bulletin Items: Email to holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com by Wednesday noon. The business office reserves the right to edit.

Trustees:

Mary Haggerty 651-923-4751

Ed McNamara 651-923-4777

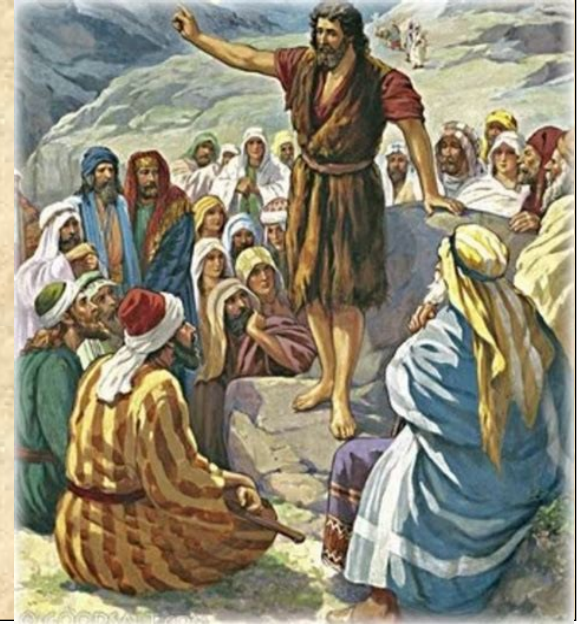
Finance Council Chair:

Mike Zorn 651-258-4165

Pastoral Council Chair:

Second Sunday of Advent:

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins... And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
cf. Mk. 1:1-8



| HOLY MASS SCHEDULE | | | | | READINGS |
|--------------------|---------------|----|---------|---|--|
| Sat. | 5:30PM | HT | Dec. 9 | +Harry Timm | Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Ps 147 / Matt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 |
| Sun. | 8:45AM | SM | Dec. 10 | +Harley Welscher | Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ps 85 / 2Pet 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8 |
| | 10:30AM | SC | | Parishioners | |
| Mon. | 8:00AM | SM | Dec. 11 | +Lora Keller | Is 35:1-10 / Ps 85 / Lk 5:17-26 |
| Tue. | 8:00AM | HT | Dec. 12 | +Ray and LaWanda Keller and Deceased Family Members | Zech 2:14-17 / Judith 13 / Lk 1:26-38 |
| Wed. | 8:00AM | HT | Dec. 13 | Shawn Frederixon | Is 40:25-31 / Ps 103 / Matt 11:28-30 |
| Thu. | 8:00AM | SC | Dec. 14 | +Ian Sweet | Is 41:13-20 / Ps 145 / Matt 11:11-15 |
| Fri. | | HT | Dec. 15 | | Is 48:17-19 / Ps 1 / Matt 11:16-19 |
| 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 | |

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

Your life, my life, every human life is a supreme gift from God. All other forms of earthly life is created by God to sustain human life, so that every human person might turn to God in Christ and be filled with God's saving grace – the sanctifying grace received at Baptism.

I can remember when my Mom placed my hand on her stomach when her little baby kicked. New life! We snuggled up to her and she would softly sing to calm the baby within her. Those loving moments, those quiet moments of anticipation and peace truly had an Advent feel to them.

Then I remember my Mom and Dad happily bringing home my little brother. They named him Matthew, after the Apostle Matthew who wrote the first Gospel Book. He was so small and frail. He was dependent upon my parents faithfulness for his life and salvation.

I remember the day he was baptized. My entire family was there to celebrate. It was then that God adopted him into his divine family, the Church. It was at that moment original sin was cleansed from his soul and the Holy Spirit entered to plant the divine seeds of faith, hope and love.

In today's Gospel we hear that John the Baptist had a Baptism of repentance. People came to him to confess their sins and to be baptized in the Jordan River. But John's baptism used water only, and it did not take away original sin. He was preparing the Jewish people to receive Jesus Christ, his cousin, as the Messiah.

John spoke clearly that the anticipated Messiah would baptize with water and the Holy Spirit. This is the Baptism that Jesus Christ authorized since he is God, and he can send the Holy Spirit through the rite of baptism to cleanse original sin from the soul, and plant the divine virtues of faith, hope and love.

After the gift of life, the greatest gift God gives us is Baptism, since we receive the beginning of supernatural life with God in Jesus Christ. We then have the capacity to call God our Heavenly Father, and Jesus Christ our Lord and brother, and Mary our Mother within the family of God, the Catholic Church.

As in any family, a child grows through food, instruction, and medical assistance, and learns how to serve God and the community. So too, the child's soul grows in divine virtues in the Church family by being instructed by the Word of God, feeds on the Holy Eucharist when prepared, and is healed through the absolution of their sins in the Sacrament of Confession.

By studying and practicing the faith, the child learns how to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in order to contribute to the Church community with lasting love and service. The child grows in hap-

piness as they learn how to promote and defend their Catholic Christian faith, of whom Jesus Christ is the divine leader.

But some day, life will end. I experienced watching my grandparents drift away from this life to the next. I had great hope that they were on their way to the fullness of heaven, but I wished that they did not have to go so soon.

I experienced my relatives' joy when they were expecting a baby, but then I heard that the baby died in the mother's womb. What happens to those babies? In faith and love we entrust those children to God, and hope that their parents were desiring their child to be baptized.

God and his Catholic Church understand the difference between the baptism of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus Christ, and they also teach that baptism can occur outside the ordinary rite of baptism.

In other words, there are extraordinary ways for a person to be baptized. In the early Church some people died while preparing for baptism. The Church has hope that the person was baptized by their desire, thus it is called, "baptism by desire."

Some people were martyred before being baptized, and the Church recognizes that as a "baptism through blood." That's reasonable since they had firmly decided to be disciples of Jesus Christ who poured out his blood that he might save his followers who persevere in the faith.

At an ordinary Catholic baptism, with water and the Holy Spirit by a minister, the baby is too young to decide to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, so at least one parent and one godparent must both be practicing the Catholic faith to provide an example of faith, hope and love for the child. The priest also must have firm hope that the child will be raised in the Catholic faith before he can administer the Sacrament in the Name of Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church.

Let us continue to grow in God's gift of divine faith, hope and love so as to join the angelic choirs in heaven where the fullness of life and love is illuminated by God for his holy family the Church. Amen.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. McCabe



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

2nd Collection For Retired Religious: Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you!

Christmas Play at St. Columbkil: All parishioners' children, including those who don't attend faith formation at Holy Trinity, are invited to partake in the program. The Christmas Pageant is December 17 after the 10:30AM Mass, followed by refreshments (light lunch). Contact Shannon Dicke for more information.

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.

Permission Slip for Faith Formation Grades 1-6: All students in grades 1-6 must have a signed permission slip to ride the bus from Holy Trinity to St. Columbkil for the Christmas Pageant *Rehearsal* on Wed., Dec. 13. **Permission slips due by Monday, Dec. 11.**

St Mary's will serve coffee and rolls after 8:45AM Mass: To assist, sign up on the sheet in the back of Church.

St. Mary's of Bellechester Goodhue County Christmas Families: If you wish to help make a wonderful Christmas for some families, please place cash or check donations made out to St. Mary's CCW in the box in Church or send to Gayle Strauss, 28632 Cty. 16 Blvd., Goodhue, MN 55027 by Sun., Dec. 10. Questions please call Gayle at 651-923-4826.

Prayers and Condolences: We extend prayers and condolences for the family and friends of Tom Gorman who recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. Amen

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.

Lessons and Carols Performance: The Saint Paul Seminary Schola will perform Advent music mixed with readings. St. Mary's Chapel, 2260 Summit Ave., St. Paul. Saintpaulseminary.org for more information.

Congratulations: Lennox Laine Thomforde, daughter of Nicholas and Taran, who was baptized on December 3 at St. Columbkil.

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.

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. 9 | HT | 4:45-5:20PM | Sacrament of Confession |
| Sun., Dec. 10 | HT | 8:20-8:40AM | Sacrament of Confession |
| Mon., Dec. 11 | SM | 6:30PM-9:00PM | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Wed., Dec. 13 | HT | 9:00AM-2:00PM | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Wed., Dec. 13 | HT | 2:15-3:30PM 7:25-8:35PM | Faith Formation Grades 1-6 Faith Formation Grades 7-10 |
| Thurs., Dec. 14 | SC | 8:00AM MASS | NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession - Mass Only at 8:00AM |
| Sun., Dec. 17 | HT | 7:30-9:00PM | Catholic Young Adult Christmas Caroling |
| Wed., Dec. 20 | HT | 7:30-8:30PM | Communal Penance Service with multiple priests |

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection:
12/02: \$ 823.00

St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection:
12/03: \$ 618.10

St. Mary Church (SM) Collection:
12/03: \$1,955.73



Behold the Lamb of God!

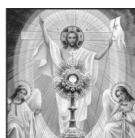
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays at St. Mary from 6:30-9:00PM, Wednesdays at Holy Trinity from 9:00AM-2:00PM, and Thursdays at St. Columbkil from 8:00AM-9:00AM (unless otherwise noted). Come and spend some time with Jesus!

Weekend Ministry Schedule

| Church | Role | December 9/10 | December 16/17 |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| HT: Saturday 5:30PM Dec. 9 & Dec. 16 | Musician | Wanda Schafer | Wanda Schafer |
| | Cantor | Kate Ludwig | Denise Voth |
| | Lector | Taylor Buck | Maureen Lodermeier |
| | Servers | | |
| SM: Sunday 8:45am Dec. 10 & Dec. 17 | Musician | Wanda Schafer | Wanda Schafer |
| | Cantor | Allison Keller | Taylor Dowden |
| | Lector | Taylor Dowden | Mary Majerus |
| | Servers | Henry, Noah and Maya Keller | Addy and Will Poncelet |
| SC: Sunday 10:30am Dec. 10 & Dec. 17 | Musician | Cindy Eppen | Cindy Eppen |
| | Cantor | Tom Schulte | Joel Hernke |
| | Lector | Charlie Dicke | Michael Poncelet |
| | Servers | Brady McNamara and Liahna McNamara | Luke, Owen and Jay Roschen |



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



“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).*)

Your advertisement could be here!

Email: holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com



Come - join us!
Court St.
Mary Peter
#1864

Pray to
end abortion




Zumbrot
DQ
Grill & Chill
Buy one blizzard, get one for 99 cents!
215 East 18th Street
507-732-5910

Norwex
INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT
Pam Altendorf
651.380.2296
Save Time, Save Money and Live Healthier
Norwex Microfiber Cloths
Clean 99% bacteria with ONLY Water!!!

Gadient Garage Doors
Sales ~ Service ~ Repairs ~ Openers
Teresa & Todd Gadient
651-388-0550
P.O. Box 170, Red Wing, MN 55066
"When You Expect the Very Best"

ARCHDIOCESE VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HOTLINE:
(651) 291-4475



988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

Ryan Grain
Todd Ryan
Grain Marketing
Commodity Hedging
651.764.5590
tryan@flatwaterfutures.com
Call me about:
• Hedging prices with futures / options
• Forward contracting
• Learning more about risk management tools

fw
Flat Water Futures, LLC
Futures and options trading accounts available through Flat Water Futures, LLC

Please support and pray for our sponsors.
(Paid for by Fr. Thomas McCabe)

MARK RACHAC
CAPITAL STREET FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
VICE PRESIDENT
SENIOR INVESTMENT EXECUTIVE
WWW.CAPITALSTREET.BIZ

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.
Get thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, & books instantly on FORMED when you sign up with your parish. To sign up for free:
1. Visit signup.formed.org
2. Enter your parish zip code or name (Holy Trinity Parish 211 N 4th St. Goodhue MN 55027)




SHANE ELECTRIC INC.
ZUMBROTA MINNESOTA
RESIDENTIAL / COMMERCIAL 507-824-2191

PETERS INSURANCE
A FARMERS UNION AGENCY

Ali Peters
651.923.4433





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 O'Connor



Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service with St. Luke Lutheran Church held Wed., November 22, 2023 at Holy Trinity. Many people came to pray and give thanks to God for his many natural and supernatural blessings.

"Dear Members of Holy Trinity (and St. Luke Lutheran Church),
Thank you so much for the generous donation of \$195.61 to the Zumbrot Area Food Shelf. We appreciate your support! Merry Christmas!"
From the Zumbrot Area Food Shelf