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Holy Trinity Church (HT)
Collection: \$ 484.00

St. Columbkil Church (SC)
Collection: \$ 444.00

St. Mary Church (SM)
Collection: \$ 1,370.00

Stations of the Cross during Lent: Sundays after the Holy Mass at St. Columbkil, Mondays at 6:00pm at St. Mary, and Wednesdays at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity. Let us console the Heart of Jesus and walk with our suffering Savior!

Easter flowers for Churches: Easter flower order forms are in the church entrances. March 21 deadline.

St. Mary parishioner update: Marcella Befort has now moved to Zumbrota. Neighborhood parishioner correspondence can be sent to her at Zumbrota Health Care, 433 Mill St. Zumbrota, 55992.

Kitui Water Bottle Collection: This year there is again a collection to provide water security to those in the diocese of Kitui, Kenya. Please pick up a bottle; fill with change, currency, or a check; and return by the end of Lent.

Shoes for the Missions: There is a basket in the entry at St. Mary's to collect gently used shoes for foreign missions. All types and sizes are needed, from babies to adults. Please help them to reach their goal of 2,500! No slippers please.

Men's Holy Hour: Sunday, March 14, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael in Pine Island. All men are invited!

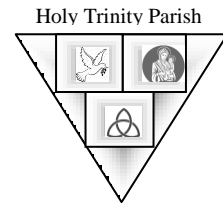
Fish Fry: Friday, Mar. 26, at St. Pius V Catholic Church in Cannon Falls. Online pre-order only at www.stpiusvcf.org (near the top of the home page, click on "Fish Fry Online Ordering"). Curb-side pick-up (Lower Level) 4:30pm to 7pm - \$10 per meal.

KC/Catholic Daughters Food Shelf Drive: During the Season of Lent our Parish Knights and Catholic Daughters are asked to bring one item each Sunday to go to their Area Food Shelf. The Mazeppa Area Food Shelf has identified wanted items as; cereal, paper towels, toilet paper, microwave popcorn, baking supplies, spam, miracle whip or mayo, ketchup, mustard, salad dressings (Ranch & French), and jelly. Parishioners are also invited to donate.

Dear Parishioners: Here is a summary of the 2020 sacramental numbers for Holy Trinity Parish (all three campuses):
Baptisms: 12; First Communions: 5; Confirmations: 12; Weddings: 7; Funerals: 5; Deaths with only graveside prayers/burial: 4

Words to Live By: "It is always springtime in the heart that loves God." *St. John Vianney*
"People are made for happiness. Rightly you thirst for happiness. Christ has the answer to this desire. But He asks you to trust Him." *St. John Paul II*
"The soul of the one who serves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in the mood for singing." *St. John of the Cross*
"Act in a way that all those who come in contact with you will go away joyful. Sow happiness about you because you have received much from God." *St. Faustina*
"The true way to advance in holy virtues, is to persevere in a holy cheerfulness." *St. Philip Neri*
"God loves those who find joy in giving." *St. John Paul II*
"It is characteristic of God and His angels to bring to the soul, when they occupy it, true happiness and spiritual joy; and to drive from it the sadness and trials which the enemy incites in it." *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

True Love: "But remember, we cannot attain such a great good as seeing God without first making an effort in this life to experience Him through burning, blazing love, a love that attracts and embraces all the virtues. Anyone who has been wounded by the arrow of Divine Charity will not be lacking in virtue, and that Charity is gotten at the table of the most Holy Cross, where the spotless Lamb is table, food, and waiter.
Now how can we keep from loving our gentle Savior, when we see how much we have been loved by Him? It is the character and way of Love always to return Love for Love, and lover is transformed into beloved. So it is with the soul, Christ's bride, who sees herself loved by Him: let her show that she wants to make a return to Him by returning His Love. I mean, let her because of her Love be willing to endure pain and dishonor for Him, and she will thus be transformed and become one with Him through Love and desire. She will Love what God Loves and hate what God hates, for she will see that the gentle Jesus found His greatest joy in enduring the burdensome Cross for Love of the Father's honor and our salvation, as one who relished souls. And we must relish them in the same way, and conform ourselves with Him. So let's run! Let's sleep no longer in the bed of apathy! Let's run to get to this true Good! I'll say no more. Keep living in God's holy and tender Love. Gentle Jesus! Jesus Love!" *St. Catherine of Sienna (d. 1380; Doctor of the Church)*



4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)

March 14, 2021

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE				
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Mar. 13	Parishioners
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Mar. 14	+LaWanda Keller & family
	10:30AM	SC		+Dorothy McNamara
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Mar. 15	Anne Skalicky
Tues.			Mar. 16	
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Mar. 17	+Ed & Gerry O'Connor
Thur.			Mar. 18	
Fri.	7:45PM	HT	Mar. 19	+Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Mar. 20	+Harry Timm
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Mar. 21	Parishioners
	10:30AM	SC		+Bob Niskala

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 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, Peg Edel, Margaret Wagner, 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.

	Behold the Lamb of God! <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>	Faith Formation
		Grades 1-5: March 19: 12:15-1:45pm March 26: 12:15-1:45pm
		Grades 6-10: March 17: 7:30-8:30pm March 24: 7:30-8:30pm

Calendar/Events			
Mar. 14	SC	After Holy Mass	Stations of the Cross
Mar. 14	St. Mi., PI	6:30PM	Men's Holy Hour
Mar. 15	SM	6:00PM	Stations of the Cross
Mar. 15	HT	6PM & 7PM	Finance & Parish Council Meetings
Mar. 15	SM	6:30-9:00PM	Adoration
Mar. 17	HT	9AM-2PM	Adoration
Mar. 17	HT	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross
Mar. 17	HT	7:30-8:30PM	Faith Formation grades 6-12
Mar. 19	HT	12:15-1:45PM	Faith Formation grades 1-5

Scripture Quote: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." --John 3:14-18

From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The month of March is dedicated to devotion to St. Joseph. Let us ask St. Joseph to defend and help us on our path toward Heaven and to grant us a love for Jesus and Mary like he has in his heart! This Sunday we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent. I share with you a reflection on Christian Joy. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

Joy in the Cross: Joy is compatible with mortification and pain. It is the opposite of sadness, not of penance: *Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her...* we sing in the Antiphon of today's Holy Mass: *Rejoice with Jerusalem...* (Is. 66:10-11)

Joy is essentially a Christian characteristic, and in this liturgical season the church does not fail to remind us that it should be present at every moment of our lives. There is a joy proper to the hope of Advent, then the joy of Christmas itself, so lively and warm. And as the year advances there is the joy of increasing closeness to the risen Christ. But today, as we approach the end of Lent, we meditate on the joy of the Cross. It is one and the same joy as that of being united to Christ: *only in Him can each of us say truthfully with St. Paul: He loved me and gave Himself up for me* (Gal. 2:20). This should be the source of our greatest happiness, as well as the source of our strength and support. Should we have the misfortune to encounter sorrow, undergo suffering, experience misunderstanding, or even to fall into sin, how quickly will our thoughts turn to the One Who always loves us and Who, with His infinite Love as God, overcomes in every trial, fills our emptiness, forgives all our sins and eagerly impels us towards a new path that is safe and joyful. (John Paul II, *Address*, 1 March 1980)

This Sunday is traditionally called *Laetare Sunday* from the opening words of the Entrance Antiphon. The strictness of the Lenten liturgy is interrupted on this Sunday with words that speak to us of joy. Today, rose-colored vestments, if they are available, are permitted in place of purple (Roman Missal, *General Instruction*), and the altar can be decked with flowers as on no other day in Lent. (*Caeremoniale Episcoporum*, 1984, 48)

In this way the Church wishes to remind us that *joy* is perfectly compatible with mortification and pain. It is *sadness* and not penance which is opposed to happiness. Taking part to the utmost in this liturgical season which reaches its climax in the Passion, and hence in suffering, we realize that approaching the Cross also means that the moment of our Redemption is coming ever closer. In this way, the Church and each of her children are filled with joy: *Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her.*

The mortifications we do during these days should not cast a shadow over our interior joy. Rather, it ought to increase it, because our Redemption is near at hand; the pouring out of love for mankind, which is the Passion, is coming and the joy of Easter will soon be upon us. We therefore feel the need to be very closely united to Our Lord, so that our lives too may reflect once more the suffering He underwent for our sakes, as well as experiencing great happiness in the attainment of the glory and joy of the Resurrection through His Passion and His Cross.

Joy has a spiritual origin, arising from a heart that loves and feels itself loved by God: *Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice* (Phil. 4:4) - and this with a cheerfulness that is real happiness, an interior joy which cannot fail to be shown outwardly as well.

It is well known that there are different degrees of this 'joy'. Its most noble expression is the cheerfulness or 'happiness' in its strict sense, when someone at the level of his higher faculties finds satisfaction in the possession of a good which is recognized and loved... All the more reason then, that such a one should experience spiritual joy and happiness when his spirit enters into the possession of God Who is known and loved as his supreme and immutable Good. (St. Paul VI, Exhortation, *Gaudete in Domino*, 1, 9 May 1975) And St. Paul VI goes on to say: *Technological society has succeeded in multiplying the occasions of pleasure, but finds great difficulty in giving birth to happiness. For happiness has its origin elsewhere: it is a spiritual thing. Money, comfort, hygiene, material security, etc., may often not be lacking, but nevertheless, despite these advantages, boredom, suffering and sadness are frequently to be found supervening in the lives of many people. (ibid.)*

Christians understand these thoughts (of the St. Paul VI) very well. They are aware that joy and happiness stem from a heart that knows itself to be loved by God and which in its turn is madly in love with Him. Moreover, it will be a heart that strives to express its love in deeds, since it knows that *deeds are love - not sweet words* (Luke 22:39) though it knows itself to be that of a sinner, goes to the source of all forgiveness, to Christ in the Sacrament of Penance.

Lord, it is with great joy that we offer You the sacrifice that brings everlasting healing. (cf. Rom. 8:28) Suffering and tribulation are inevitably and eventually the lot of everyone on this earth. But suffering of itself alone neither transforms nor purifies. It may even be the cause of rebellion and hatred. Some Christians abandon our Lord when they meet the Cross, because they seek a purely human happiness, free from pain and accompanied by material wealth.

God asks us to lose our fear of pain and tribulation and unite ourselves to Him, as He waits for us on the Cross. Our soul will then be more purified, our love stronger. And we will realize that joy is inseparable from the Cross. Not only that, but we will also understand that we can never be happy if we are not united to Christ on the Cross, and that we will never know how to love if we do not at the same time love sacrifice. Those tribulations that appear to our poor human reasoning as unjust and meaningless are

Lenten Confessions:

Monday, March 22, 7:30-8:30pm at St. Columbkil

Tuesday, March 23, 4:00-5:00pm St. Paul

Tuesday, March 23, 6:00-7:00pm at St. Paul

Monday, March 29, 7:00-8:30pm at St. Mary

Tuesday, March 30, 6:00-7:00pm at St. Paul

Wednesday, March 31, 4:00-5:00pm at St. Michael

Wednesday, March 31, 7:00-8:30pm at St. Michael

Wednesday, March 31, 7:30-8:30pm at Holy Trinity

Thursday, April 1, 4:30-5:30pm at St. Paul

Thursday, April 1, after the 7:30pm Mass at SC

Thursday, April 1, after the 8:00pm Mass at St. Michael

Friday, April 2, 5:00-6:00pm at St. Michael

Friday, April 2, after the 7:00pm Liturgy at St. Michael

Friday, April 2, after the 8:00pm Liturgy at St. Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-15/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

necessary for our personal holiness and for the salvation of many souls. Within the mystery of co-redemption, our sufferings united to those of Christ acquire an incomparable value for the entire Church and the whole of mankind. If we humbly have recourse to God, He will make us see that everything, even events and circumstances apparently least likely to do so, work together for the good of those who love Him. Suffering, when seen in its true light, when it serves as a means of loving more, produces great peace and deep joy. That is why God often blesses us with the Cross. That is how we must travel along *the way of self-giving: the Cross on our shoulders, a smile on our lips and light in our hearts.* (J. Escriva, *The Way of the Cross*, Second Station, 3) **God loves those who find joy in giving:** A Christian gives himself to God and to those around him. He makes demands on himself through mortification and in the way he faces up to difficulties. And he does all this most cheerfully, for he realizes that these things lose their value if done under reluctant protest and with complaint. *God loves the cheerful giver.* (2 Cor. 9:7) We should not be surprised to find that it hurts to do mortification and penance. What matters is knowing how to set about undergoing and accepting them manfully, in the secure knowledge that they please God, Who is watching us.

Happy? - The question made me think. *Words have not yet been invented to express all that one feels - in the heart and in the will - when one knows himself to be a son of God.* (J. Escriva, *Furrow*, 61) It is only logical that anyone who knows he is a son of God should feel such great inner happiness.

The experience that the saints have handed down to us is unanimous in this respect. It is enough to recall St. Paul's confession to the Corinthians: *I am filled with comfort. With all our affliction, I am overjoyed.* (2 Cor. 7:4) And it is useful to remember that St. Paul's life was in no way easy or comfortable: *Five times have I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.* (2 Cor. 11:24-27) Still, in spite of all this, St. Paul speaks the truth when he tells us: *I am filled with comfort. With all our affliction, I am overjoyed.*

As Holy Week and Easter draw near, so do forgiveness, mercy, divine compassion and a superabundance of grace. A little while longer and the mystery of our salvation will be consummated. If at times we have been afraid of penance and atonement, we will be filled with courage at the thought of how short is the time involved, and how great the regard, a prize entirely disproportionate to our own little efforts. So let us cheerfully follow Jesus to Jerusalem, to Calvary, to the Cross. After all, *is it not true that as soon as you cease to be afraid of the Cross, when you set your will to accept the Will of God, then you find happiness, and all your worries, all your sufferings, physical or moral, pass away?* (J. Escriva, *The Way of the Cross*, Second Station) (From: *In Conversation with God*, Francis Fernandez) Through the intercession of Mary, Mother and Queen of all hearts, St. Joseph, and St. Columbkil, may we all be granted the joy of knowing our Lord's personal love! In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

Financial Report

October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020	Holy Trinity	St. Columbkil	St. Mary
Income	20,190.91	35,312.47	22,173.79
Expense	12,136.81	14,741.86	17,574.91
Net	8,054.10	20,570.61	4,598.88
Budgeted Income	12,402.00	16,527.00	15,788.75
Budgeted Expense	11,785.71	13,124.46	15,085.71
Budgeted Net	616.29	3,402.54	703.04