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Holy Trinity Church (HT)
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St. Columbkil Church (SC)
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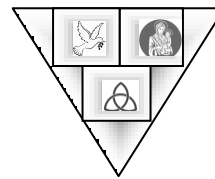
St. Mary Church (SM)
Collection: \$ 507.00

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!
St. Mary Parishioner, Marcella Befort, has moved to a nursing home. If anyone would like to send her a card, please use this address: Augustana Healthcare Center of Hastings, 930 West 16th St., Hastings, MN 55033.
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.
The Catholic Daughters would like to thank everyone who supported our Meal in a Bucket fundraiser. The funds raised are used to help many local and state charities through CDA. We hope you enjoyed your meals and we will be back again next year. If you have any questions about CDA or if you would like information on joining, please contact Beth at 507-272-5829.
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 in two months! No slippers please.
Holy Hour for Women: Sunday, February 28, at 6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael in Pine Island. All women are invited!
Catholic Religious Sister Week: March 8-14: Fifty-two weeks a year women religious live a life of prayer and union with God, teach children, care for the elderly and sick, assist the poor and homeless, offer hope and support - but for one week we shine the spotlight on women religious and encourage young women to consider this beautiful calling from our Lord.

Words to Live By: "At His Transfiguration Christ showed His disciples the splendor of His beauty, to which He will shape and color those who are His: 'He will reform our lowliness configured to the body of His glory.'" *St. Thomas Aquinas*
"Faith in action is Love, and Love in action is service. By transforming that Faith into living acts of Love, we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord." *St. Mother Teresa*
"Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am—you alone. I am your sheep; make me worthy to overcome the devil." *St. Agatha*
"He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things... What does it cost us to say, 'My God help me! Have mercy on me!' Is there anything easier than this? And this little will suffice to save us if we be diligent in doing it." *St. Alphonsus*
"No one will have any other desire in Heaven than what God wills; and the desire of one will be the desire of all; and the desire of all and of each one will also be the desire of God." *St. Anselm*
Our Life, our Sweetness, our Hope! "The Kingdom of Mercy would be of no use if there were none who needed mercy; because it would be a kingdom without subjects. "Who are the subjects of mercy," asks St. Bernard, "if not the miserable?" The Kingdom of Mary, Queen of Mercy, is immense, and extends over the whole earth; because the whole earth is full of miseries. But of all miseries, the greatest is sin; of all who are miserable, the most miserable are sinners. Over these, more than all others, does Mary, the Queen of Mercy, exercise her power and command. These are the subjects who most of all oppress her heart, and employ all her cares, all her thoughts, and all her authority, in order to liberate them from their extreme miseries and render them happy and blessed, provided they only desire it. These are the most precious gems of her royal crown. *Come from Lebanon, my spouse; come from Lebanon, come,* says the Holy Spirit, her Spouse. *You shall be crowned...from the dens of the lions, from the mountains of the leopards* (Sg 4:8). Why should her crown be so monstrous, so horrible, composed of lions, of leopards, tigers, and wild beasts? These monsters, these wild beasts, are the bright gems in the crown of the Queen of Mercy, for these monsters and these wild beasts are sinners, whom Mary has converted and saved. "You shall be crowned from the dens of these lions," says Rupert the Abbot, "for their salvation shall be your crown." St. Gertrude once saw this most merciful Lady with her mantle spread out, and under it lions, bears, tigers, and many other wild beasts, who were gathered together and protected by Mary, with the greatest kindness; and the saint understood that those wild beasts were sinners, not yet lost, on whom Mary exercises her most tender compassion." DOM ROBERTO, ER. CAM. (Dom Roberto was a 17th-century Camaldolese hermit at Monte Corona in Italy. Taken from *The Love of Mary: Readings for the Month of May*. © 1984, TAN Books, Charlotte, NC)

Congratulations to: *Evan Jennings, who was baptized on February 12 at Holy Trinity!*
Wyatt Buck, who received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time on February 13 at Holy Trinity!

Holy Trinity Parish



Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE				
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Feb. 27	+Mass for those listed in Red Memorial book
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Feb. 28	Parishioners
	10:30AM	SC		+Dorothy McNamara
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Mar. 1	James & Alexandra Sirba
Tues.			Mar. 2	
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Mar. 3	Faith Formation students, teachers, & assistants
Thur.			Mar. 4	
Fri.			Mar. 5	
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Mar. 6	+Matilda Hecox
	8:45AM	SM		Parishioners
Sun.	10:30AM	SC	Mar. 7	+John Altendorf

Office Hours: Wed. 10am-4pm at Holy Trinity.
Parish building use request: Call the office.
Confession: Sat. 5pm at Holy Trinity, Sun. 8:30am 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 2nd grade Faith Formation classes.
Confirmation: Register for 9th and 10th grade Faith Formation classes.
Marriage: Please call Father Kasel at least six months prior to make arrangements.

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!		Faith Formation	
	<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>	Grades 1-5:	Grades 6-10:
		March 5: 2:15-1:45pm March 12: 12:15-1:45pm	March 3: 7:30-8:30pm March 10: 7:30-8:30pm
		Grades 11-12:	March 3: 7:30-8:30pm class via Zoom
Calendar/Events			
Feb. 28	SC	After Holy Mass	Stations of the Cross
Feb. 28	St. Mi., PI	6:00PM	Women's Holy Hour
Mar. 1	SM	6:00PM	Stations of the Cross
Mar. 1	SM	6:30-9:00PM	Adoration
Mar. 3	HT	9AM-2PM	Adoration
Mar. 3	HT	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross
Mar. 5	HT	7:30-8:30PM	Faith Formation grades 6-10
Mar. 5	HT	12:15-1:45PM	Faith Formation grades 1-5
Scripture Quote: "What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also give us all things with Him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us?" --Romans 8:31-34			

From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Let us ask the Holy Family for the grace of renewed love for God and one another within families throughout the world! This Sunday we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Lent. I share with you a reflection on the Transfiguration of our Lord. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

“From Tabor to Calvary: The important thing is to be always with Jesus. He will help us to progress.

My heart says to Thee, ‘Thy face, Lord, do I seek. Hide not Thy face from me,’ we pray in the Entrance Antiphon of today’s Holy Mass. (*Entrance Antiphon*, Ps. 26:8-9) The Gospel tells us what happened on Mount Tabor. Shortly before, in Caesarea Philippi, Jesus had declared to His disciples that He was to undergo suffering in Jerusalem, that He was going to die at the hands of the chief priests, the elders and the Scribes. The Apostles had been saddened and dismayed by this announcement. Now Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John, and He led them apart (cf. Mark 9:2) to pray. (cf. Luke 9:28) They are the three disciples who later will witness His agony in the Garden of Olives. *And as He was praying, the appearance of His countenance was altered, and His raiment became dazzling white.* (Luke 9:29) They saw Him talking to Elijah and Moses who appeared in glory and spoke of His death which He was to accomplish at Jerusalem. (cf. Luke 9:31)

For six days the Apostles had been weighed down by sorrow by the announcement made in Caesarea Philippi. It is Jesus’ tenderness that enables them to contemplate His glorification. St. Leo the Great says that, *The principal aim of the Transfiguration was to banish from the disciples’ souls the scandal of the Cross.* (St. Leo the Great, *Sermon 51*, 3) The disciples would never forget this *drop of honey* that Jesus gave them in the midst of His grief. Many years later, St. Peter would recall these moments in all their clarity: *And the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, ‘This is My Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased,’ we heard this voice borne from Heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain.* (2 Pet. 1:17-18) The Apostle was to remember them for the rest of his life.

Jesus always behaves in this way towards His own. In the midst of the greatest sufferings He gives us the consolation we need to keep going forward.

The flash of God’s glory transported the disciples into a state of immense happiness. It made St. Peter exclaim: *Master, it is well that we are here, let us make three booths...* Peter wants to make that situation last longer. But, as the Evangelist was to say later, *not knowing what he said*, because what is good, what really matters, is not to be in this place or that, but always to be with Jesus, wherever we are, and to be able to see Him behind all the circumstances in which we may find ourselves. If we are with Him, it is all the same whether we find ourselves surrounded by the greatest consolations in the world, or in a hospital bed suffering indescribable pain. The only thing that matters is that we always see Him and live in His presence. It is the only really good and important thing in this life and in the next. If we remain with Jesus, we will be very close to other people and we will be happy in whatever place or situation we may find ourselves. *Vultum tuum, Domine, requiram.* I want to see You and I will seek Your face, Lord, in the ordinary circumstances of each day.

Often foster the Hope of Heaven, especially in difficult moments: St. Bede, commenting on today’s passage of the Gospel, says that our Lord, *in a loving concession allowed Peter, James and John to enjoy for a very short time the contemplation of the happiness that lasts forever, so as to enable them to bear adversity with greater fortitude.* (St. Bede, *Commentary on St. Mark*, 8; 30:1, 3) There is no doubt that the memory of those moments beside our Lord on the mountain helped those apostles through many difficult moments in their lives.

Man’s existence is a journey towards Heaven, our dwelling place. (cf. 2 Cor. 5:2) It is a journey which is, at times, harsh and laborious because we often have to go against the current of opinion and we will have to struggle against many enemies both inside and outside of ourselves. But God wants to strengthen us with the hope of Heaven, in a special way at the more difficult moments or when the weakness of our condition makes itself more felt. *At the time of temptation think of the Love that awaits you in Heaven: foster the virtue of Hope - this is not a lack of generosity.* (J. Escriva, *The Way*, 139) *There, all is repose, joy and delight; all serenity and calm, all peace, splendor and light. It is not a light such as we enjoy now, and which, compared with that light, is no more than a lamp placed beside the sun...* *For there, there is no night, or twilight, heat or cold, or any change in one’s way of being, but a state such as can be understood only by those who are worthy to possess it. There, there is no old age, or sickness, or anything allied to corruption, because it is the place and the home of immortal glory.*

And above all this the everlasting presence and possession of Christ, of the angels... everyone perpetually of like mind, without any fear of Satan or the snares of the devil or the threats of hell or of death. (St. John Chrysostom, *Epistle 1 to Theodore*, 11)

Our life in Heaven will definitely be exempt from any possible fear. We will not have the worry of losing what we have, and we will not want to have anything different. Then, truly, we will be able to say with St. Peter, *Master, it is well that we are here!* The glimpse of glory that the Apostle had will be fully ours in eternal life. *We are going to think about what Heaven will be like. ‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man those things that God has prepared for those who love Him.’ Can you imagine what it will be like to arrive there and meet God, to see that beauty, that love which is poured out into our hearts, which satisfies without satiating? I ask myself many times each day, ‘What will it be like when all the beauty, all the*

goodness, all the infinite wonder of God is poured into this poor earthenware vessel that I am, that all of us are?’ Then I will understand those words of the Apostle, ‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard...’ It is worthwhile my children, it is worthwhile. (J. Escriva, quoted in *Newsletter No. 1* for the cause of his beatification.) The thought of the glory that awaits us should act as a spur in our daily struggle. Nothing is of such value as gaining Heaven: *and always bearing in mind this determination to die rather than to fail to reach the end of the way, if God ever causes you to suffer from thirst as He guides you through this life, it is because He will give you to drink in plenty in the next life, without any fear of it ever failing you.*

(St. Teresa, *The Way of Perfection*, 20, 2)

The Lord does not distance Himself from us. Living in this presence: Immediately a cloud overshadowed them. (cf. Mark 9:7)

It reminds us of that other cloud that accompanies the presence of God in the Old Testament: *Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.* (Ex. 40:34-35) It was the sign that was the guarantee of Divine Intervention. *And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Lo, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.’* (Ex. 19:9) Now on Mount Tabor that cloud overshadows Christ, and the powerful voice of God the Father is heard coming from it: *This is My Son, my Chosen, listen to Him.*

And God the Father speaks through Jesus Christ to all men of all ages. His voice is heard in every age, in a particular way through the teaching of the Church, who, *continually seeks ways of bringing this mystery of her Master and Lord to humanity - to the peoples, the nations, the succeeding generations, and every individual human being.* (John Paul II, Encyclical, *Redemptor Hominis*, 7) *And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.* (Matt. 17:8) Elijah and Moses were no longer there. They only see Our Lord. They see the Jesus they know, Who is sometimes hungry, sometimes tired, Who tries to make Himself understood. They see Jesus without any special manifestations of glory. It was normal for the Apostles to see our Lord like that: what was exceptional was to see Him transfigured.

This is the Jesus we have to find in our ordinary life, in the mist of our work, out in the street, in the people around us, in our prayer. We have to find Him when He forgives us in the Sacrament of Penance and, above all, in the Holy Eucharist where He is truly, really and substantially present. Normally He does not show Himself to us with any special manifestations. Rather, *we have to learn to find Our Lord in what is ordinary*, every day, and we must flee from the temptation of ever wanting anything extraordinary.

We must never forget that that Jesus Whom those three privileged men were with on Mount Tabor, is the same Jesus Who is daily at our side. *When God grants you the grace of feeling His presence, and desires that you should speak to Him as your most beloved friend, tell Him about your feelings with all freedom and confidence. ‘She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.’ (Wis. 6:14) Without waiting for you to come close to Him, He hastens towards you when you seek His love, and He presents Himself to you, granting you the graces and remedies that you need. He only waits for one word from you in order to show you that He is beside you and wants to listen to you and console you. ‘His ears are toward their cry’ (Ps. 33:16)... Other friends, those who are friends in the world, have times that they spend talking together and other times when they are separated, but between God and yourselves, if you want, there need never be any time of separation.* (St. Alphonsus Liguori, *How to Converse Continually and Familiarly with God*)

Would our lives not be different this Lent if we were to make this presence of God a reality in the habitual things of each day; if we tried to say more ejaculatory prayers, more acts of love and reparation, more spiritual communions? *Here is a point for your daily examination. Have I allowed an hour to pass, without talking with my Father God? Have I talked to Him with the love of a Son? You can!* (J. Escriva, *Furrow*, 657)” (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, Virgin most Powerful, St. Joseph, and St. Columbkil, may we all have the grace to consciously practice living in the presence of our Lord!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

Thank you and an invitation!

The Saint Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan **Council of Catholic Women** will hold their 88th annual Convention on April 30, 2021 at the Church of St. Patrick in Shieldsville. The event will be from 8am to 3:30pm. Pre-register through email at

accw@archspm.org.

Thank you to the three CCW groups of our parish, and to all members of CCW!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42