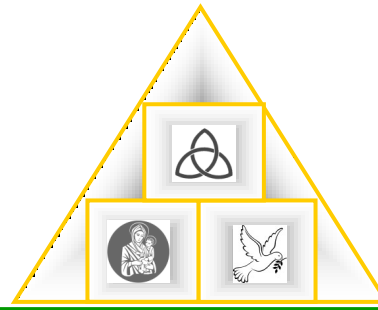


Holy Trinity Parish

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2024

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"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way." Cf. Mt. 2:10-12.

| HOLY MASS SCHEDULE | | | | | READINGS |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|---------------------------------|--|
| Sat. | 5:30PM | HT | Jan. 6 | +Becky Leifeld | 1Jn 5:5-13 / Ps 147 / Mk 1:7-11 |
| Sun. | 8:45AM | SM | Jan. 7 | Parishioners | Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matt 2:1-12 |
| | 10:30AM | SC | | +Father Bruce Peterson | |
| Mon. | 8:00AM | SM | Jan. 8 | +Lora Keller | Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matt 2:1-12 |
| Tue. | 8:00AM | HT | Jan. 9 | Open Hearts Prayer Group | 1Sam 1:9-20 / 1Sm 2 / Mk 1:21-28 |
| Wed. | 8:00AM | HT | Jan. 10 | +Dolores, Arville and Paul Buck | 1Sam 3:1-10, 19-20 / Ps 40 / Mk 1:29-39 |
| Thu. | 9:00AM | SC | Jan. 11 | Ryan Zorn | 1Sam 4:1-11 / Ps 44 / Mk 1:40-45 |
| Fri. | | | Jan. 12 | | 1Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a / Ps 89 / Mk 2:1-12 |
| Sat. | 5:30PM | HT | Jan. 13 | +John Haas | 1Sam 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a / Ps 21 / Mk 2:13-17 |
| Sun. | 8:45AM 10:30AM | SM SC | Jan. 14 | Parishioners +Ed Dowden | 1Sam 3:3b-10, 19 / Ps 40 / 1Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 / Jn1:35-42 |

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

Merry Christmas Season and a Happy New Year! On January 1st, 2024, the Catholic Church celebrated the **Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God**. This solemn feast was not a day of holy obligation this year because it landed on a Monday – much like if it were to land on a Saturday – for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) decided that it would be too much for the faithful to be obliged to attend Mass again immediately after (or before) the Sunday obligation, since every Sunday is always a holy day obligation.

Having many solemn liturgies immediately after a series of solemn liturgies does put some stress on the priests and ministers (lectors, musicians, cantors, servers, etc.) and yet, many of you enjoyed the Masses we celebrated Monday, Jan. 1st although they were scaled down. Still, the music and singing were beautiful, and our Eucharistic Lord was present to bless us with many natural and supernatural blessings as we honored his Mother, Mary in the greatest way possible – the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

This solemnity concluded the **Christmas Octave**, which is eight (8) days of highlighting the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and how he has brought the full range of enduring hope, intimate love and a deepening faith into our world, through Mary, the Mother of God. But can the Eternal God really have a “mother”?

There was a great church council in Ephesus (modern day Turkey) in 431 A.D. which was convened to clarify that Mary indeed bore, birthed and mothered the Son of God, and not just his human nature. This Church Council of Ephesus was a response to the Patriarch of Constantinople, Nestorius, who tried to correct a priest who called the Blessed Virgin Mary “God bearer”, in the Greek “Theotokos”, by saying that Mary should only be referred to as “Christotokos”, “Christ-bearer”.

Instead of consulting with sacred tradition and entering into harmony with it, the Patriarch Nestorius was trying to develop his own theology, but in a way that contradicted divine revelation. For if Mary only bore a nature that was human, and then it became God by baptism or some other way, then we would have a human person, with a human nature, and then the divine nature would somehow be added onto that human nature.

Whereas, our Catholic Christian faith believes that God the Son, the second divine person of the Holy Trinity, truly and substantially took on our human nature in the womb of Mary, and was and will always be God. Thus, we believe that Jesus is a divine person: *“God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (At the words that follow, up to and including “and became man”, all bow in reverence) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.”*

This is how our worship aid directs our gestures as we recite the Creed by which, as Catholics, we harmoniously enter into as one body in Christ, as prescribed by the **General Instruction of the Roman Missal** (the official liturgy guide promulgated by the Pope), which all Roman Catholic priests are obliged to follow for the most fruitful

celebration of the Mass.

This year in fact, at the Christmas Masses, we were instructed to “kneel” (if physically able) at this point of the Creed instead of the usual bow. It might have felt like an awkward pause to some, but it highlighted the fact that Jesus Christ – the Son of God and the Son of Mary – was truly, substantially and really present in the Holy Eucharist reposed in the tabernacle. At that point in recitation of the Creed, we were like the magi, the wise men, who knelt before the King of kings.

Of course, we are accustomed to “kneel” at the consecration when the priest, *in persona Christi* – in the person of Christ – consecrates the bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ – the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist continues to look and taste like bread and wine, but it has been transformed into the substance of Jesus Christ – perfect God and perfect Man – and therefore should be worshipped appropriately as God prescribes.

This miracle of the Holy Mass is called transubstantiation, since the substance of the bread and wine, truly become Jesus Christ in sacramental form by which Jesus fulfills his promise, *“I am with you always, until the end of the age.”* Cf. Mt. 28:20. This harmony or parallel between the man Jesus Christ looking like a man, but being substantially God, and the Eucharistic bread looking like bread, but being substantially the Lord in sacramental form, also finds a beautiful note in that the baby just baptized looks and sounds like the same baby, but has been given the divine life of grace making her search for the full gift of heaven, the full range of the choirs of angels.

The beautiful songs of Advent and Christmas have the full range of notes, the eight notes or octave, that express this great mystery, and for which we celebrate the Octave of Christmas. Here’s another expression of the central mystery of our faith written by an anonymous parishioner.

Several years ago, I sat down at the piano and a song came to me (totally Holy Spirit inspired) about the Eucharist. The words are “We enter into His love, we enter into His love; We eat this bread and drink this cup and enter into His love”. The second verse is we enter into his joy and the third verse is we enter into his peace. As difficult as it is to describe receiving the Eucharist in words, that song rather sums it up. It’s entering into and feeling His love, joy, and peace.

Do I experience this every time I receive communion? No, but more often than not an intense sense of one or all of these is present. Why does this happen? Perhaps as I get closer to Jesus through prayer and the sacraments, He gets closer to me. Or maybe now that I have a better understanding of His true presence in the Eucharist, I can experience it more profoundly. I’m not sure, but I do know that receiving the Eucharist is a beautiful and powerful experience and an integral part of my faith.

Thanks for sharing your thoughts on the beautiful gift of the Eucharistic Lord. Let us continue to enjoy this Christmas Season that ends on Monday, January 8th, the Baptism of the Lord.

Peace in Christ, Fr. Thomas McCabe



News and Events

Mission Sewing Group: Will meet on Thursdays from Jan.-March at 9AM in Holy Trinity basement. We welcome anyone who likes to sew, tie knots, iron, or laugh!

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meetings: Brother Knights, join us the 2nd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be Mon., Jan. 8, 2024 at St. Mary. Social/planning at 7:00PM. Regular meeting at 7:30PM.

Catholic Daughters "Meal In A Bucket" Sale: Don't be left out in the cold – order your "Meal In A Bucket" today! Pre-order slips are in the back of Church. Available meals are BBQ with Buns, Chili, Potato Soup, Portage Soup, and Cinnamon Rolls. Orders will be available for pick up the weekend of Jan. 20 & 21 after Mass. Thanks for supporting Catholic Daughters' fundraiser.

Unlocking The Mysteries Of The Bible: Are you interested in learning more about the Bible? Join us for an 8-week video and discussion study of "Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible" by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer on Tuesday mornings beginning Jan. 16 from 8:45-10:30AM at Holy Trinity. Purchase the workbook at ascensionpress.com/collections/unlocking-the-mystery which will also give you access to the videos for a year. Questions - call/text Mary Majerus - 651-764-2725 - email mcm2@sleepyeyetel.net.



Respect All Life Presentation: Cathy Blaeser, Co-Executive Director 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.

40 Days for Life 2024 Spring Campaign Launch
Praying for the end of abortion? Fasting to end abortion? Come together on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 6PM at St. James Coffee to join forces for the upcoming campaign which begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 through Palm Sunday, March 24. Are you being called to participate in this ministry to save innocent lives through prayer, fasting and community outreach? Invite a friend and join us. Questions to Margaret Mulligan at 40daysforliferoch@gmail.com or at <https://www.40daysforlife.com>

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.



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"The great miracle at the marriage feast at Cana, the changing of water into wine, was a prefiguration of the Eucharist. At each Communion, the Lord invites us to his wedding feast. If only we understood and lived by his love, every day would be a honeymoon with God!
(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

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|----------------|----|---------------|---|
| Sat., Jan. 6 | HT | 4:45-5:20PM | Sacrament of Confession |
| Sun., Jan. 7 | SM | 8:20-8:40AM | Sacrament of Confession |
| Mon., Jan. 8 | SM | 6:30-9:00PM | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Wed., Jan. 10 | HT | 9:00AM-2:00PM | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Wed., Jan. 10 | HT | 2:15-3:30PM | Faith Formation Grades 1-6 |
| Wed., Jan. 10 | HT | 7:25-8:35PM | Faith Formation Grades 7-10 |
| Thur., Jan. 11 | SC | 8:00-8:45AM | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession |
| Sat., Jan. 13 | HT | 4:45-5:20PM | Sacrament of Confession |

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| Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection: | St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection: | St. Mary Church (SM) Collection: |
| 12/23: \$2,275.00 | 12/24: \$3,142.00 | 12/24: \$ 986.00 |
| Christmas Eve \$12,991.00 | Christmas Day \$2,835.00 | Christmas Day \$3,886.25 |
| 12/30: \$5,175.26 | 12/31: \$5,155.00 | 12/31: \$2,945.00 |



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 | January 6/7 | January 13/14 |
|---|-----------------|--|----------------------------|
| HT: Saturday 5:30PM Jan. 6 & 13 | Musician | Wanda Schafer | Cindy Eppen |
| | Cantor | Kate Ludwig | Aurora Wiskow |
| | Lector | Judy Ramboldt | Karen Albers |
| | Servers | Corbin Jaeger, Ben Gadiant, William Peterson | Nora and Brynn Frederick |
| SM: Sunday 8:45am Jan. 7 & 14 | Musician | Wanda Schafer | Wanda Schafer |
| | Cantor | Taylor Dowden | |
| | Lector | John Huneke | Brian Keller |
| | Servers | Addy and Will Poncelet | Henry, Noah and Maya |
| SC: Sunday 10:30am Jan. 7 & Jan. 14 | Musician | Cindy Eppen | Cindy Eppen |
| | Cantor | Shannon Dicke | Shelly Jacobson |
| | Lector | Pam and Kade Altendorf | Barb Lexvold |
| | Servers | Eleanor, Patrick and Francis O'Reilly | Luke, Jay and Owen Roschen |

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Carols by Candlelight held at St. Columbkil on Dec. 28 was a joyful and reflective time to worship God in thanksgiving for His Son Jesus and all the natural and supernatural gifts that he gives to us.



Thank you for all your generous Christmas financial and prayerful support that we might Grow Together In Christ!