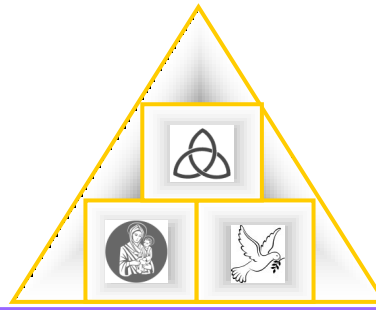


Holy Trinity Parish

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023

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First Sunday of Advent:

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." cf. Mark 13:1



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8: The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. [H]e said [to her], "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you... Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." cf. Luke 1:26-38

| HOLY MASS SCHEDULE | | | | | READINGS |
|--------------------|---------|----|---------|-------------------|--|
| Sat. | 5:30PM | HT | Dec. 2 | +Gerald Gadiant | Dan 7:15-27 / Dan 3 / Lk 21:34-36 |
| Sun. | 8:45AM | SM | Dec. 3 | +Bob Heppelmann | Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 / Ps 80 / 1Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37 |
| | 10:30AM | SC | | Parishioners | |
| Mon. | 8:00AM | SM | Dec. 4 | +Rose Ferguson | Is 2:1-5 / Ps 122 / Matt 8:5-11 |
| Tue. | 8:00AM | HT | Dec. 5 | +Blake Apley | Is 11:1-10 / Ps 72 / Lk 10:21-24 |
| Wed. | 8:00AM | HT | Dec. 6 | Dave and Ann Buck | Is 25:6-10a / Ps 23 / Matt 15:29-37 |
| Thu. | 9:00AM | SC | Dec. 7 | +Tom Rodgers | Is 26:1-6 / Ps 118 / Matt 7:21, 24-27 |
| | 4:00PM | SM | | +Al Brinkman | |
| | 7:30PM | SC | | +Lora Keller | |
| Fri. | 3:30PM | HT | Dec. 8 | Parishioners | Gen 3:9-15, 20 / Ps 98 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 |
| | 8:00PM | HT | | +Fr. Jeff Huard | |
| 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 | |

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

To praise God is to recall and admire his wonderful works.

You can praise God for the natural beauty of his sunrises and sunsets. You can praise God for the natural beauty of every person who he immediately created in his image and likeness when he gave them an immortal soul. But most especially, we praise God for *the supernatural work of our redemption in Jesus Christ* who was born of *Mary, the Immaculate Conception*.

On Dec. 8th Catholics of the United States of America are called to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary by praising God for creating Mary without original sin. Although the Gospel reading is from Luke 1:26-38 which describes the Virginal Conception of Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception of Mary is different, and chronologically comes first.

The Immaculate Conception of Mary describes when God created Mary without any stain of original sin in the womb of St. Anne. Whereas, the Virginal Conception of Jesus is when the Holy Spirit overshadowed the stainless Virgin Mary bringing the Eternal Word of God the Father into Mary's pure womb, without the help of man. In this manner, the Second Divine Person of the Holy Trinity then took on human flesh, our human nature, and was named Jesus.

The Church chooses to read from the Gospel of Luke 1:26-38 because these scripture passages contain the primary basis for promulgating that Mary is the Immaculate Conception.

"The angel Gabriel was sent from God...to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, 'Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.'" Cf. Lk. 1:26-28

The Greek word for "full of grace" is kecharitomene (kay-caree-toe-may-nay) which is mentioned uniquely here in the Bible and means that Mary has always been filled with grace and continues to be so.

When you are filled with God's grace at the very conception of your life, and continue to be so, you have no room for sin in your life. It is clear, then, that God has "highly favored" Mary, which is another translation found in some Bible translations, but it still means, "full of grace," and thus free from all sin.

God did this for Mary because it was proper and fitting that his Divine Son should have a pure home in which to take on our human flesh. Jesus has a divine nature because he is in fact a divine person. Jesus united himself to our human nature in order to redeem us human persons by his divine grace given to us through his seven sacraments, of which Holy Mother Church provides through her authentic ministers.

This is not the first time God created a woman who was free from original sin. God had created the first man and woman without original sin, Adam and Eve. That is why the first reading of this Solemnity is taken from Genesis 3:9-15,20, to remind us that our first par-

ents were perfect, but then they disobeyed God and thus original sin came into the world and was passed on to all of us, except for Jesus and Mary, the New Adam and the New Eve.

The Old Testament reminds us that, despite original sin, we still are made in God's image and likeness and are called to follow God's Ten Commandments with God's sufficient grace to avoid sin. However, we in fact are broken and live in a sinful world and cannot win redemption by our own power. We need Christ's saving grace.

Only by the merits of Jesus Christ, through his sacred humanity received with the cooperation of Mary, can we receive sanctifying grace and travel on the straight and narrow path to heaven assuredly through the seven sacraments. The certainty of salvation comes to us when we cooperate with the Church, for Christ is the divine head of the Catholic Church.

Since all grace comes to us through Jesus Christ, who was born of Mary, we can see how important Mary is to all Christians. And since Jesus loved Mary as his Mother, we should also love Mary and honor her by praising God and how he worked in her life. Even though every Sunday is a Solemnity, a holy day of obligation, on December 8th (or the vigil Mass on Dec. 7th) we gather to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is the best way to thank God for his gift of Mary, the most holy of all the saints.

With devout and fervent hearts, let us praise God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – for creating and choosing Mary to be known as the Immaculate Conception, free from original sin. Since she is always "full of grace" she never had any personal sin, either. Thus, she is the perfect daughter of God the Father, the perfect mother of God the Son, and the perfect spouse of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ perfectly fulfilled God's commandments, including, "Honor your Father and your Mother" by loving, serving and calling God his Father, and loving, serving and calling Mary his Mother. Since we are baptized into Jesus Christ we do the same and thus follow Jesus Christ into the fullness of heaven with the essential help of Mary, the Immaculate Conception, and Holy Mother Church, of whom Jesus Christ is the divine head. For this saving truth we offer constant praise to God. Peace in Christ,

Fr. Thomas McCabe

*Have a blessed
Advent Season!*



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 and Laura Luhman.

News and Events

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy day of Obligation Mass Times:

Vigil Mass, Thur., Dec. 7 - 4:00PM - SM

Musician: Wanda Schafer

Lector: Mary Majerus

Vigil Mass, Thur., Dec. 7 - 7:30PM - St. Columbkil -

Musician: Cindy Eppen

Cantor: Denise Voth

Lector: Ann Buck

Fri., Dec. 8 - 3:30 PM - HT - **Musician:** Wanda Schafer

Lector: Maureen Lodermeier;

Servers: Stuart, Aubriel and Leetta O'Reilly

Fri., Dec. 8 - 8:00PM - HT - **Lector:** Jeremy Keller

Servers: Danny and Zack Keller

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. Familiar songs will be sung. The Christmas Play will be December 17 after the 10:30AM Holy Mass, followed by refreshments (light lunch). Contact Shannon Dicke for more information.

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

Christmas Flowers for Jesus: There are order forms in the church entries for Christmas poinsettias. Deadline for ordering from Blooms on Broadway is December 6.

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 County 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 Mary Jean O'Reilly Miller (daughter of Bill and Edna O'Reilly) of Mahtomedi, who recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. Amen



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"Our faith centers around the truth that God loved us first, and all we have to do to be fiery apostolic Catholics is to love him back. If we meditate deeply on the Eucharist, we will distinctly hear the loving, powerful, immense heartbeats of God." (Servant of God (+1984) Catherine de Hueck Doherty (continued next week).

Cemetery Donations Received: Thank you for your generous donations for the upkeep and maintenance of our cemeteries. Total donations received: Holy Trinity: \$981.00; St. Columbkil: \$1,634.00; St. Mary: \$3,239.00.

Editing Error: Unfortunately the names Aurora Wiskow and Lily Peterson were inadvertently omitted from the bulletin last week of those participating with the Goodhue Cross Country team.

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

| Date | Church | Time | Event |
|-------------------|----------|----------------------------|---|
| Sat., Dec. 2 | HT | 4:45-5:20PM | Sacrament of Confession |
| Sun., Dec. 3 | HT | 8:20-8:40AM | Sacrament of Confession |
| Mon., Dec. 4 | SM | 6:30PM-9:00PM | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Wed., Dec. 6 | HT | 9:00AM-2:00PM | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Wed., Dec. 6 | HT | 2:15-3:30PM 7:25-8:35PM | Faith Formation Grades 1-6 Faith Formation Grades 7-10 |
| Thurs., Dec. 7 | SC | 8:00-8:45AM | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession |
| Thurs., Dec. 7 | SC | 6:30-7:15PM | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession |
| Fri., Dec. 8 | HT | 2:15-3:15PM | Sacrament of Confession |
| Fri., Dec. 8 | HT | 7:00-7:45PM | Sacrament of Confession |
| Sat-Sun Dec. 9-10 | HT-SM-SC | All Masses | 2nd Collection for Retirement Fund For Religious |

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection:
11/25: \$ 727.25

St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection:
11/26: \$7,587.00

St. Mary Church (SM) Collection:
11/26: \$1,246.61



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 2/3 | December 9/10 |
|---|-----------------|---|------------------------------------|
| HT: Saturday 5:30PM Dec. 2 & Dec. 9 | Musician | Wanda Schafer | Wanda Schafer |
| | Cantor | Aurora Wiskow | Kate Ludwig |
| | Lector | Judy Ramboldt | Taylor Buck |
| | Servers | Brenna Buck, Madalynn Schofield | Brenna Buck Madalynn Schofield |
| SM: Sunday 8:45am Dec. 3 & Dec. 10 | Musician | Wanda Schafer | Wanda Schafer |
| | Cantor | Allison Keller | |
| | Lector | Brian Keller | Taylor Dowden |
| | Servers | Addy and Will Poncelet | Henry, Noah and Maya Keller |
| SC: Sunday 10:30am Dec. 3 & Dec. 10 | Musician | Cindy Eppen | Cindy Eppen |
| | Cantor | Shannon Dicke | Tom Schulte |
| | Lector | Michael Poncelet | Charlie Dicke |
| | Servers | JJ and Jenna O'Reilly and Corbin Jaeger | Brady McNamara and Liahna McNamara |

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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 O'Connor

Summary of Special Meeting of Parish Lay Trustees, Finance and Pastoral Council Members on November 6, 2023 with Fr. Thomas McCabe, Pastor

I called for a special meeting of parish lay leadership which was held at Holy Trinity Church, November 6. I wanted to discuss the issue of moving out of my apartment that has moisture and mold issues, to a home for rent near Holy Trinity Church.

I explained that the moisture and mold were affecting my health and there was a reasonable consensus that the parish rent the home of Neta Gadient where I would live until we review the situation in the next several months.

Since the cost of maintaining the current rectory is approximately \$1,200.00 dollars a month (as agreed upon by the Finance Council and Pastoral Council members in previous meetings before I became Pastor), all three churches will help cover the monthly rental fee which is \$800.00 and then also divide equally the utility costs.

There was discussion about the rental contract and the process of me seeking permission from the Archdiocese, which includes speaking with the Catholic Mutual insurance agent, and reviewing the contract with the Archdiocese. Trustee Ed McNamara and the insurance agent reviewed the contract, and the latter required changes, which the renter agreed to. The contract and proxy (request for permission of Archbishop to enter into rental agreement) was reviewed by Parish Trustees, Fr. Michael Tix (Vicar for Clergy) and sent to the Archbishop's office for review and has been approved.

There was further discussion about who and how the moisture and mold problem would be dealt with, and that it needs to be attended to as soon as possible. The special council reached a consensus that we should discuss the option of purchasing the house if it is suitable and rent out the apartment as was previously done before I moved into it, which will generate income for the Church of St. Mary.

Peace in Christ, Fr. Thomas McCabe



The 4th grade class packed and wrapped boxes for the Appalachian project. They chose fun items and necessities for 9-10 year old children to enjoy. This gave them a chance to practice their acts of love for one another as Jesus teaches us how to live!

