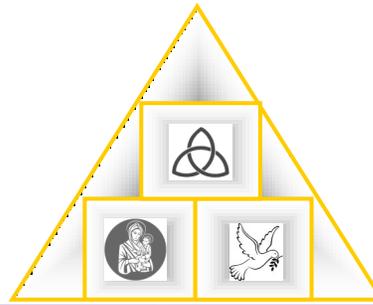


Holy Trinity Parish

Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2024

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Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them... Then Elijah appeared to them, along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus... Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." cf. Mk 9:2-10

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Feb. 24	Grade 3 Faith Formation Class	Dt 26:16-19 / Ps 119 / Mt 5:43-48
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Feb. 25	Parishioners	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Ps 116/ Rom 8:31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10
	10:30AM	SC		+Wayne & Jeanette Grill	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Feb. 26	+Sharon Gregoire	Dn 9:4b-10 / Ps 79 / Lk 6:36-38
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Feb. 27	+Bernard Goihl	Is 1:10, 16-20 / Ps 50 / Matt 23:1-12
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Feb. 28	For those listed in the Red Memorial Book	Jer 18:18-20 / Ps 31 / Matt 20:17-28
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Feb. 29	+Rich Heppelmann	Jer 17:5-10 / Ps1 / Lk 16:19-31
Fri.	8:30PM	SM	March 1	+Fr. Robert Schwartz	Gn 37:3-4, 12-1a, 17b-28a / Ps105 / Matt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat.	9:00AM	SC	March 2	+Fr. Robert Schwartz	Mic 7:14-15, 18-20 / Ps 103 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
	5:30PM	HT		+Harry Timm	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	March 3	Parishioners	Ex 20:1-17 / Ps 19 / 1Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25
	10:30AM	SC		Grade 6 Faith Formation Class	

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

“Help wanted. No Irish need apply.” This phrase was in the New York Times paper in the year 1854. Job discrimination was not yet made illegal based on ethnicity.

No matter if you were qualified for the job, if you were Irish, you could not apply. Perhaps some employers experienced several bad workers who were Irish, and so they generalized and judged that all Irish were bad workers. Is that a fair judgement, or is that a pre-judgment, a prejudice?

Was it fair that black people could not get certain jobs because of their skin color? Of course not. After Republican President Abraham Lincoln helped win the civil war and abolish slavery, many states and cities made unfair laws discriminating against African Americans. These discriminatory policies, laws and attitudes are generally called Jim Crow laws.

It was the Civil Rights Act of 1964, signed by Democratic President John Kennedy, the first Catholic President, that helped push away Jim Crow laws, but still attitudes of racial discrimination linger, even though a person cannot choose their ethnicity.

Unfortunately, there are some people who have not followed the principles of our country: the truth that God has made all people equal in dignity. It should not matter what ethnic background or color of skin, or religious background, or biological sex you are, every person should be able to apply for a job, if they qualify for that job. That is an important “if”.

For example, a person might want to be a doctor but “if” they do not pass their exams to show they are competent, then they do not qualify. Common sense makes distinctions between unfair discrimination and necessary qualifications with respect to *the nature of the job*. A person may want to be a doctor, but if they can’t understand medicine, it is not their “calling” or avocation, to be a medical doctor. A person might want to be a biological mother, but “if” they are not a female, then they are not qualified for *the nature of that calling*.

In today’s Gospel we are reminded that Jesus Christ chose only twelve adult men to be his Apostles from among his many male and female disciples. Is this discrimination, or a necessary qualification? The answer to this question depends on how well you reason and what you believe.

As Catholics we believe that Jesus Christ is the perfect image of the heavenly Father. For this reason, Jesus chose only men to be his Twelve Apostles in order to reflect his image as a spiritual father through them. Therefore, only Catholic, confirmed men qualify to apply to be ordained priests, and among those the Church only ordains some.

Does Jesus Christ have the right and responsibility to form his Church as God the Father has shown him? Yes, absolutely. But it should be noted that the greatest member of the Church is the Blessed Virgin Mary, who shines with unmatched holiness like the full moon among the stars of the other male and female saints. Jesus Christ forms his church that all might have an opportunity to be a saint, for everyone has a call to holiness which is the most important calling, the most fundamental “vocation.” Not all popes and bishops are saints, and some might even be in hell – Judas Iscariot, the apostle turned traitor – comes to mind.

Yet, the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ reflected the Twelve Tribes of Israel of the Old Testament. From those tribes came Moses and Elijah, who represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Testament. In today’s Gospel we see Jesus speaking to them on Mount Tabor because Christ fulfills all the Old Testament laws and prophecies. In the Transfiguration of Christ, we see the glory of his divinity shine through his

humanity, and the organic unity between the Old Testament and the New Testament.

We also see that Jesus Christ chose only Peter, James and John among the Twelve Apostles to witness his Transfiguration. Is this discrimination? Or is Jesus Christ free to favor those who have a special calling within his Church?

Jesus Christ is God, and he has the freedom to choose how to design his Church, as well as who he decides to favor with a special calling. As Catholics, we trust in his design and his preferences because we trust in God who is the source of our life and our salvation. This divine truth is important for each member of the Church to uphold since it is part of God’s plan of creation and of salvation.

When we read the Bible and study Church history, we learn that although there are distinctions between bishops, priests, religious and laity, all were considered “missionary disciples” and were called to repent of their sins, grow in holiness and evangelize. Christ, who suffered and died for us, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, who offered herself up with Christ at the foot of the cross, are perfect examples for each man and woman, respectively. All of us, whether a man or a woman, have the right and responsibility to follow the common sense of God’s natural law, which disposes us to the supernatural law of God’s saving truth and grace.

Part of our mission is to live and communicate the natural and moral law of God to those around us. This helps us and others prepare their soul for the reception of God the Father’s supernatural life, the saving grace of the sacraments administered by Jesus Christ through his ordained priests, our spiritual fathers.

By accepting the natural law written on every heart by God, every person is able to know and to accept the objective truth of their sexual biology: whether they are a girl or a boy, a man or a woman, and should also accept their natural abilities and gifts. Each person is called to cultivate those natural abilities and gifts with humility, for we know that another person might have better abilities and gifts. But we never lose sight of the respect we have for one another because of the natural equal dignity we share.

Through Jesus Christ and his Bride the Church, God offers the gift of unlimited love and truth to you and me and to each person. This gift makes us happy and holy to the degree that we respect who God made us to be, and how we respond to his natural and supernatural gifts and callings.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Thomas McCabe



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.

Please pray for: Marcy Dilworth, Susan Brown, Margaret Wagner, Maxine Ryan, Ed Heppelmann, Anne Merry, Ray Poncellet, Dave Buck, Scott Cyert, Jerry Joe Majerus, Louise Heppelmann, Brent Hokanson, Anne Skalicky, Pat Mann, Neil Stehr, Barb Smalley, Jen Berg, Marge Majerus, Connie Havrilla, Shawn Frederixon, Gabe Ryan, Laura Luhman, Colten Zinbar and Ryan Zorn.

News and Events

Catholic Daughters Court St. Mary Peter #1864

will meet Mon., Feb. 26 at Holy Trinity. Light meal at 6:30PM and meeting at 7:00PM. Please bring items for the Birthright collection. Contact Linda Kazmierczak at 612-759-6399 with questions.

MN Precinct Caucus, Tues., Feb. 27 at 7PM: Google MN Catholic Conference. Page down to Recent Updates: subtitle: "Civic Engagement 101: Understanding Minnesota's Legislative Session and Precinct Caucuses." Then click on www.mncatholic.org/caucus to learn more about precinct caucuses and some of the tools to advance legislative proposals that build up human life and dignity in light of God's Natural Law. And then click on www.MNCatholic.org to find the location of your precinct caucus: www.caucusfinder.sos.mn.gov/

Grandparents BINGO: The Goodhue Gesundheits 4-H Club invites all Seniors to the Grandparents BINGO on Sun., March 3 at Holy Trinity at 2PM. No charge - prizes - snacks! Contact: Angela Frederick 651-380-2108.

Fish Fries: You are invited to join the Church of St. Michael's Lenten Fish Fries on Friday evenings during Lent (March 1, 8, 15, & 22) from 4:30PM to 7PM. Both baked & fried fish will be offered! Prices: Adults \$14.00, Children 5-12 \$6.00, and Family maximum \$45.00. Location: 451 5th St. SW, Pine Island - Tel: 507-356-4280.

Goodhue Lions Spring Brunch: March 3 from 8:30AM-12:30PM. Serving pancakes, sausage, Huettl's gritwurst, eggs, toast, rolls, coffee, juice, milk. Adults: \$12 / children 6-12: \$7 / 5 and under: free / bloody Marys: \$7 / mimosas: \$5.

Human Trafficking Presentation: *Shining a Light on Sex Trafficking* will be presented with Director DeBrea Chambers from Brittany's Place. Join the conversation on Wed., Feb. 28, from 11AM - Noon at Guardian Angels Catholic Church (8260 4th St. N, Oakdale; guardian-angels.org, 651-738-2223) *or* there is also a ZOOM option at 6PM. Contact Terry at tquinn@guardian-angels.org to obtain the Zoom link.

Witness To Life: "I Lived at Parker Avenue" is a documentary being shown at St. James Coffee on Thur., March 7 at 6:30PM (Mass at 6PM). Other presentations shared by local pregnancy resource centers and Fr. Andy Vogel will share his personal adoption story. Bring donations (baby items especially size large diapers, pull-ups and wipes) and receive a FREE drink.



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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 Catherine de Hueck Doherty +1984 (continued next week)*

Small Groups

We are happy to communicate that we have eight (8) Parish Evangelization Cell Small Groups meeting weekly beginning around Lent of which you can sign up to grow as a "missionary disciple" of Jesus Christ and his Church.

Your participation in these groups will keep our parish and families Christ centered. This initiative by Archbishop Hebda is helping us reach out to those who want to share this Christian journey of divine faith, hope and love with us!

Please go online to review and sign up with a small group @ <https://archspm.groupvitals.com/groupFinder> or go to holyltrinitygoodhue.org under **Ministries: Small Groups** for more information.

Calendar/Events

Date	Parish	Time	Event
Sat., Feb. 24	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Feb. 25	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Feb. 25	SC	After Mass	Stations of the Cross
Mon., Feb. 26	SM	6:30PM-9:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Feb. 28	HT	9:00AM-2:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Feb. 28	HT	2:15-3:30PM	Faith Formation Grades 1-6
Wed., Feb. 28	HT	6:30PM	Stations of the Cross
Wed., Feb. 28	HT	7:25-8:35PM	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Thur., Feb. 29	SC	8:00-8:45AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession
Fri., March 1	SM	7:00PM/8:00PM	Adoration and Confession/Stations
Sat., March 2	SC	8:00AM-8:45AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession
Sat., Feb. 24	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection:
02/17: \$1,127.00

St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection:
02/18: \$1,113.00

St. Mary Church (SM) Collection:
02/18: \$1,168.00



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	February 24/25	March 2/3
HT: Saturday 5:30PM Feb. 24 & March 2	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Aurora Wiskow	Katie Ludwig
	Lector	Loretta Froyum	Judy Ramboldt
	Servers	Leeta, Aubriel, Oleana, Stuart O'Reilly	
SM: Sunday 8:45am Feb. 25 & March 3	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Allison Keller	Taylor Dowden
	Lector	Elizabeth Keller	Jeremy Keller
	Servers	Zack & Danny Keller	Addy and Will Poncelet
SC: Sunday 10:30am Feb. 25 & March 3	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Joel Hernke	Shannon Dicke
	Lector	JJ O'Reilly	Charlie Dicke
	Servers	Luke and Owen Roschen	Brady and Liahna McNamara

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More smiles from our Mardi Gras celebration on February 11!



Thank you to all who came and enjoyed good food and fun fellowship at the Mardi Gras!