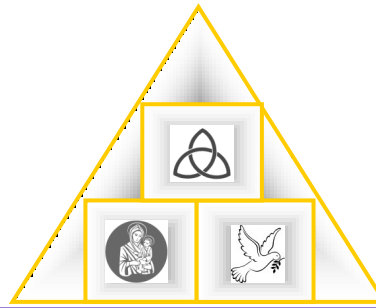


Holy Trinity Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
March 10, 2024

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For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.... And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light... But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. Cf. Jn 3:14-21.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	March 9	Parishioners	Hos 6:1-6 / Ps 51 / Lk 18:9-14
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	March 10	+Harley Welscher	2Chron 36:14-16, 19-23 / Ps 137 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21
	10:30AM	SC		Grade 5 Faith Formation Class	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	March 11	+Leo Heppelmann	Is 65:17-21 / Ps 30 / Jn4:43-54
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	March 12	John and Barbara Nei	Ez 47:1-9,12 / Ps 46 / Jn 5:1-16
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	March 13	For those listed in the Red Memorial Book	Is 49:8-15 / Ps 145 / Jn 5:17-30
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	March 14	"For a loved one"	Ex 32:7-14 / Ps 106 / Jn 5:31-47
Fri.			March 15		Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Ps 34 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	March 16	Grade 1 Faith Formation Class	Jer 11:18-20 / Ps 7 / Jn 7:40-53
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	March 17	+Bob and Mary Heppelmann	Jer 31:31-34 / Ps 51 / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33
	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

If you were to enjoy a walk in the Louisville Swamp Wildlife Refuge near Jordan, MN, or look closely on the plains off Hwy. 169 before getting to Belle Plaine, MN, you might be startled to see huge boulders lying placidly on these ancient river bottoms. Since they look out of place one might ask, "How did they get there?"

Geologists theorize that as ancient glaciers dug into the side of cliffs, say up near Granite Falls, big chunks of rock would fall onto the glacier and over thousands of years ride the glacier south as it continued to spread. When they stopped and melted, these huge rocks would settle in erratic places.

Thus, the geologic term for these out of place chunks of granite on plains or ancient river beds are called "erratics." These huge boulders in the middle of the plain recall the past and how they tie into the present landscape, but without asking questions they would remain a mystery.

In the landscape of today's Gospel Jesus starts out with what I call a Biblical erratic. Jesus explains himself and his mission to Nicodemus by bringing up Moses who lived about 1,200 years before the birth of Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life."

This startling image needs explanation, a broader understanding of the Bible. To clarify, we recall how Moses led the Chosen People of God out of slavery into the desert for forty (40) years to the Promised Land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

You can imagine how difficult it was to travel in a desert for forty years! It is not surprising that many of the Chosen began to rebel against God and Moses and began talking badly about them. Because they did not stay open to God's purifying discipline and repent, we read about the consequences of their animus toward God and his servant, Moses.

We read in the Book of Numbers, chapter 21, how God sent Seraph serpents to enter the camp and bite some of the people, who began to die. Yet, some of the faithful went to Moses and asked him to intercede for them to God.

Moses does intercede, and God tells Moses to make a bronze figure of the serpent and mount it onto a pole in a high place so that all in the camp can see it. Then God instructed Moses to tell those who were bit to look at the bronze serpent and repent of their sins. When the people did this they were healed and continued their journey to the Promised Land, but many still did not heed the Lord.

Jesus mentioned this because he too will be raised up like the serpent on the pole, and when people look upon him on the cross and make a perfect act of contrition (God, I am sorry for having offended you and your love, please forgive me. With your grace I will not sin again) then they will be placed back onto the journey to the Promised Land of heaven.

It was God's love for all poured out by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross that won the grace for everyone to make a perfect act of contrition. As Catholics we do this too, but especially when we have committed mortal sins. To complete the perfect act of contrition we say something like: "And I will go to Confession as soon as possible so that I can wor-

thily receive the Eucharist – Jesus Christ's Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – the pledge of Eternal Glory."

Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. Jn 3:16-20

God – the greatest lover; **so loved the world** – the greatest need; **that he gave his only Son** – the greatest gift; **that whoever believes in him** – the greatest decision to lovingly follow; **might not perish** – the greatest rescue; **but might have eternal life** – the greatest consequence of living in the light of Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church.

Jesus continued: "But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen and done in God." Cf. Jn. 3:21

This is why the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states in these paragraphs:

1456: *Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: "All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret and have been committed against the last two precepts of the Decalogue [the Ten Commandments – You shall not covet your neighbors spouse or his goods]; for these sins sometimes wound the soul more grievously and are more dangerous than those which are committed openly.*

"When Christ's faithful strive to confess all the sins that they can remember, they undoubtedly place all of them before the divine mercy for pardon. But those who fail to do so and knowingly withhold some, place nothing before the divine goodness for remission through the mediation of the priest, 'for if the sick person is too ashamed to show his wound to the doctor, the medicine cannot heal what it does not know.'"

1457: *According to the Church's command, "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year." Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if they experience deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession. Children must go to the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion for the first time.*

Praise God that we know how to respond to God's love for us in Christ and be assured of our salvation – the Eternal Easter of our Resurrection in Christ!

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.

News and Events

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Monday March 11, at St. Mary's in Bellechester. Social and Planning begins at 7:00 with the Regular Meeting at 7:30. A light lunch will follow the meeting.

KC Pancake Breakfast for area food shelves will be Sun., March 10 from 9AM-12:30PM at Sts. Peter and Paul, Mazeppa.

Madonna Supper: The HT/SC/SM CCW groups will hold the annual Madonna Supper on Thur., March 14 beginning at 7PM at Holy Trinity. Fr. Brian Lynch will give a presentation on The Shroud of Turin.

Easter Flower order forms are in the church entries.

HT/St.C Cemetery Board is seeking input from parishioners with ideas for projects to further enhance our cemetery. Contact a Cemetery Association Board member: Fr. McCabe, Brian Buck, Billy Gadiant, Wayne Gadiant, Maureen Lodermeier, Jerome McNamara, Marty O'Connor.

Global Solidarity Sunday: This weekend (March 9-10) we observe Global Solidarity Sunday with the theme "For God so loved the world..." (Jn 3:16). Share God's love for your brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

Catholic Young Adults Ages 18-40+ : Will celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Sun., March 17 at Holy Trinity Church from 6:30-9:30PM. Social/potluck 6:30-8:00PM, presentation 30 minutes and closing with Pro-life Rosary and Adoration.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10. Spring forward one hour.

Cabrini The Movie: Inspiring true story of Francesca Xavier Cabrini, the first American saint. Real events of Cabrini's life, her mission, and her service among the Italian immigrants of New York City. www.angel.com/blog/cabrini

Pontifical Good Friday Collection: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, Catholic schools, and religious education. This collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem. Join Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! For more information visit www.franciscan.org



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Men of Christ - Rising Daily in Discipleship Men's Conference: Join men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 2024 men's conference. Keynote speakers Deacon Harold Burke-Sievers and Jeff Cavins will lead the day that will include presentations by Bishop Joseph Williams, Deacon Joe Michalak, and Bishop Izen. For more information call 651-291-4488 or email flo-mos@archspm.org. Saturday, March 23 - 9AM-3PM at the Church of St. Joseph, Rosemount. To register online: <https://www.archspm.org/men-of-christ-retreat/>

Please pray for: Marcy Dilworth, Susan Brown, Margaret Wagner, 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, Marge Majerus, Connie Havrilla, Shawn Frederixon, Gabe Ryan, Laura Luhman, Colten Zinbar and Ryan Zorn.

Calendar/Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
Sat., March 9	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sat-Sun	HT/SM/SC	All Mass Times	2nd Collection Global Solidarity
Sun., March 10	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., March 10	SC	After Mass	Stations of the Cross/After Stations soup lunch
Mon., March 11	SM	6:30PM-9:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., March 13	HT	9:00AM-2:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., March 13	HT	2:15-3:30PM	Faith Formation Grades 1-6
Wed., March 13	HT	6:30PM	Stations of the Cross
Wed., March 13	HT	7:25-8:35PM	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Thur., March 14	SC	8:00-8:45AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession
Fri., March 15	SM	8:00PM	Stations of the Cross
Sat., March 16	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection:
03/02: \$1,046.75

St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection:
03/03: \$ 761.00

St. Mary Church (SM) Collection:
03/03 \$1,939.00



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	March 9/10	March 16/17
HT: Saturday 5:30PM March 9 & March 16	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Michelle Matthees	Aurora Wiskow
	Lector	Lily Peterson	
	Servers		
SM: Sunday 8:45am March 10 & March 17	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Allison Keller	
	Lector	John Huneke	Patricia Mensink
	Servers	Henry, Maya and Noah Keller	Zack and Danny Keller
SC: Sunday 10:30am March 10 & March 17	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Eleanor O'Reilly	Shelly Jacobson
	Lector	Becky Diercks	Joel Gadiant
	Servers	Patrick, Francis, Phillip O'Reilly	Luke, Owen, Jay Roschen

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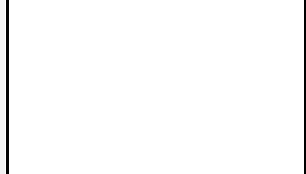
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The 11th-12th graders volunteered at the Zumbrota Food Shelf on Wednesday, Feb. 21. A quick trip to the Dairy Queen for treats followed. Good work and thank you for your generous help!

Group picture: Jenna O'Reilly, Al Lodermeier, Lily Peterson, Briana Lodermeier, Nathan Beck, and Brian Strauss.

