

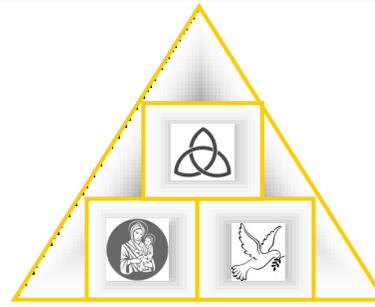
# Holy Trinity Parish

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

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**Building use request:** Call the office.

**Confession:** Sat. 4:45-5:20pm at Holy Trinity, Sun. 8:15am 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade catechism classes in preparation.

**Confirmation:** Register for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade catechism classes in preparation.

**Marriage:** Please call Father McCabe at least nine months prior to tentative date.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the office especially if in serious illness, near death or upcoming major surgery.

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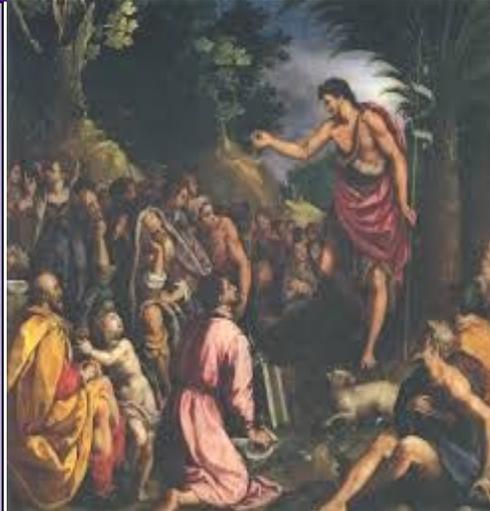
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John the Baptist appeared, preaching ... "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" ...and [they] were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins....

"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance... [For the Messiah will] gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Matt. 3:1-12.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 3	+Bonnie Sawyer	Is 30:19-21,23-26 / Ps 147 / Matt 9:35-10:1, 5a,6-8
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 4	+Rose Ferguson	Is 11:1-20 / Ps 72 / Rom 15:4-9 / Matt 3:1-12
	10:30AM	SC		Parishioners	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Dec. 5	Anne Skalicky	Is 35:1-10 / Ps 85 / Lk 5:17-26
Tue.	8:00 AM	HT	Dec. 6	+Lloyd Ryan	Is 40:1-11 / Ps 96 / Matt 18:12-14
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 7	For a deeper conversion of all those involved in Faith Formation	Is 40:25-31 / Ps 103 / Matt 11:28-30
Wed.	8:15PM	HT	Dec. 7	Parishioners	Gen 3:9-15,20 / Ps 98 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
Thu.	9:00 AM	SC	Dec. 8	+Chuck Ryan	
Thu.	3:15PM	HT	Dec. 8	+Celia Winjum	
Thu.	4:45PM	SM	Dec. 8	+Gail McLain	Is 48:17-19 / Ps 1 / Matt 11:16-19
Fri.			Dec. 9		
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 10	Brent Hokanson	Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Ps 80 / Matt 17:9a,10-13
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 11	+LaWanda Keller and deceased family members	Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Ps 146 / Jam 5:7-10 / Matt 11:2-11
	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

John the Baptist plays a significant role in the liturgical season of Advent. He was sent by God to prepare God's people for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, the Lord of life and salvation.

St. John the Baptist preached, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" The good news is that Jesus Christ is the kingdom of God in person, and all those who are baptized into Jesus Christ share in his merits and benefits, but only if they practice their faith by loving God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, above all things, and loving one's neighbor. Jesus calls us to follow him as his dynamic disciples, not blind followers, but student followers who deepen their knowledge of what Christ taught: you must "be made perfect just as my heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt. 5:48).

St. John preaches in today's Gospel, "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire... He will... gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." See today's Gospel, Mt. 3:1-12.

Advent is a time to spiritually prepare for the birthday of Jesus Christ at Christmas, but also to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming in glory. We pray this truth when we recite the Nicene Creed at every Sunday Mass and Holy Day of Obligation: "He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end."

Advent is a season of joyful expectation and penitence, and thus the liturgical color of the season is purple, for penance, which is always done with love and hope in God's mercy. There are many opportunities this Advent to go to the Sacrament of Confession, and to bring others with you, to remove those blockages of sin in order to bring healing to your relationship to God and all his people – the Church.

The bishops recommend that you celebrate Confession monthly, as a family if possible, especially in preparation for Christmas and Easter, but also for the healing and strengthening of your relationships all the year round.

To celebrate the Sacrament of Confession in a worthy manner that brings assured forgiveness, true peace and mercy to all, follow these five steps of love:

1. Examine your conscience in light of the Ten Commandments and moral teachings of Christ and his Church. (An "Examination of Conscience" can be found at our website, as well as near the main entrance of our churches).

2. Confess your sins with sorrow, especially the kind and number of mortal sins, and with the firm intention not to sin again.

As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)* states in paragraph #1456: "All mortal sins of which penitents, after diligent self-examination, are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most

secret... 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 wounds to the doctor, the medicine cannot heal what it does not know.'



3. Receive the penance the priest gives you with a grateful heart and a firm intention to fulfill it.

4. Prayerfully receive the priest's "Prayer of Absolution" done in Jesus' Name. This assures you that all your sins are forgiven, even those unintentionally forgotten, so that God's divine life of sanctifying grace can fill your soul to keep you on the path of salvation by helping you avoid mortal sin – which is defined as a sinful thought, action or inaction that is: 1) grave in nature (like breaking one of the Ten Commandments in a serious way), 2) with full knowledge that it is grave matter, and, 3) done with sufficient reflection or full consent.

5. Then, thank God and the priest, and commit to growing in God's healing grace by doing the prescribed penance, living a life of discipleship by praying daily, reading the Bible, service, tithing and sharing the journey of faith with others.

See the Advent/Christmas Schedule for Confession times, especially note the Communal Penance Service with multiple priests is scheduled on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity church.

Have a blessed Advent and Merry Christmas Season!

Fr. Thomas McCabe

CCC (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*) #522: The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant." He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.

**Holy Trinity Parish Census Update:** As of November 28 the Responses/Potential number of households from the last census are: Holy Trinity - 17 /88; St. Columbkil - 37/119 and St. Mary's - 30/85. Please return census form ASAP to Holy Trinity Parish office. Extra forms can be found near church entrances. Thank you.

**Please pray for:** Marcy Dilworth, Susan Brown, Margaret Wagner, Leo & Maxine Ryan, Mary Heppelmann, Ed Heppelmann, Anne Merry, Ray Poncelet, Dave Buck, Scott Cyert, Jerry Joe Majerus, Leo & Louise Heppelmann, Brent Hokanson, Anne Skalicky, Mark Ryan, Pat Mann, Kellie Peterson, Neil Stehr, Barb Smalley, Jen Berg, Mary Ellen Reding, Richard Heppelmann, Peggy Keller, Greg Poncelet, Ann Austreng, and Marge Majerus. (Lucas Nordrum is now free from cancer-thank you.)

## News and Events

**St. Mary's Rolls and Coffee on Dec. 4:** Rolls and coffee will be served after the 8:45 AM Mass at St. Mary's this weekend and we will decorate the church for Christmas.

**Christmas Flowers for Jesus:** There are order forms in the church entries for Christmas poinsettias. Deadline for ordering from Blooms on Broadway is December 7.

**Retired Religious Collection:** A collection to support elderly religious sisters, brothers, and priests will be taken next weekend December 10-11. Please prayerfully consider assisting those who have given their lives to Christ.

**St. Mary's of Bellechester Goodhue County Christmas Families:** The donation box will be in the back of Church starting Thanksgiving weekend. If you wish to help these families please leave cash or check made to St. Mary's CCW or send to Gayle Strauss 28632 County 16 Blvd., Goodhue, MN 55027. The final Sunday will be Dec. 11. This money is used to purchase clothes, food and other necessities for the families and given to them before Christmas. Thank you - any questions please call Gayle at 651-923-4826.

**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 18 after the 10:30AM Holy Mass, followed by refreshments (light lunch). Contact Sharon Dicke for more information.

**Communal Penance Service:** All are encouraged to attend a Communal Penance Service with multiple priests on Tuesday, December 20, from 7:00-8:30pm at Holy Trinity. **Parents, please attend this service with your faith formation students, leading by example as primary educators of your children.** The service begins at 7:00 pm in the church, and then after a short reflection the penitents go to one of the confession areas where one of the priests assisting will hear individual confessions. People can stay for the final prayer as a community if they wish, or leave quietly after they complete their penance.

**Knights of Columbus Council #2751 meeting:** The KC's will hold their next meeting at Sts. Peter and Paul, Mazeppa, on Monday, December 12 beginning at 6:30 pm.

**Men's Retreats:** Men's Silent Retreat at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House will be held January 12-15, 2023. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. The cost is a free-will donation. Contact John Sundell at 612-720-6258 or demontrevilleretreat.com

**CCC #543:** Everyone is called to enter the kingdom. First announced to the children of Israel, this messianic kingdom is intended to accept men of all nations. To enter it, one must first accept Jesus' word: The word of the Lord is compared to a seed which is sown in a field; those who hear it with faith and are numbered among the little flock of Christ have truly received the kingdom. Then, by its own power, the seed sprouts and grows until the harvest.

### *Holy Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation:*

*Wednesday, December 7, at Holy Trinity, 8:15 pm  
(Solemn Vigil)*

*Thursday, December 8, at St. Columbkil, 9:00 am*

*Thursday, December 8, at Holy Trinity, 3:15 pm*

*Thursday, December 8, at St. Mary, 4:45 pm*

#### Calendar/Events

Day	Time	Event
Mon., Dec. 5	SM 6:30-9:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Dec. 7	HT 9:00AM-2PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Dec. 7	HT 2:15-3:30PM	Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-6
Wed., Dec. 7	HT 7:25-8:35PM	Faith Formation Classes Grades 7-10
Thur., Dec. 8	SC 8:00-8:50AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/ Confession
Sat.-Sun., Dec. 10-11	HT/SM/SC Mass Times	Second Collection for Retired Religious
Sun., Dec. 18	SC After Mass	Christmas Play followed by light lunch
Sun., Dec. 18	HT 6:30-7:30PM	CYA Potluck/Christmas caroling
Tue., Dec. 20	HT 7:00-8:30PM	Communal Penance Service with multiple priests

**Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection:**  
11/27 \$ 100

**St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection:**  
11/27 \$2032

**St. Mary Church (SM) Collection:**  
11/27: \$ 1649



#### *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 3/4	December 10/11
HT: Sat. 5:30pm Dec. 3 & Dec. 10	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor		
	Lector	Maureen Lodermeier	Taylor Buck
	Servers	Ben Gadiet	
SM: Sunday 8:45am Dec. 4 & Dec. 11	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Allison Keller	Allison Keller
	Lector		Taylor & Samantha Dowden
	Servers	Danny and Zach Keller	Addy and Will Poncelet
SC: Sunday 10:30am Dec. 4 & Dec. 11	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Denis Voth	Tom Schulte
	Lector	Pam & Kade Altendorf	Charlie Dicke
	Servers	Eleanor, Patrick, and Francis O'Reilly	Luke, Owen, and Jay Roschen

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Catholic Young Adults will be going Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 18, 2022. Potluck 6:30-7:30PM at Holy Trinity and caroling until 9:00PM with hot drinks afterwards.

Photo from December 2021



**SECOND SUNDAY OF Advent**

CCC #546: Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough; deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word?... One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to "know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven." For those who stay "outside," everything remains enigmatic.



**FR. MCCABE IS GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR A SAFE AND BOUNTIFUL HARVEST AND ALL THE SUPPORT HE RECEIVES AT THE PARISH.**  
**LET US BE GOOD AND GRATEFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S NATURAL AND SUPERNATURAL GIFTS.**