Holy Trinity Parish

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2023

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Office Hours: Mondays 10am-2pm at HT.

Building use request: Call the office.

Confession: Sat. 4:45-5:20pm at Holv Trinity, Sun. 8:20am 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 1st grade catechism classes in preparation.

Confirmation: Register for 9th and 10th 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.

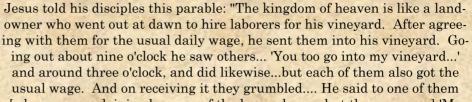
Pastoral Care of the Sick: If you move to a nursing home/care facility, would like a priest to visit, or are unable to attend Mass and would like Communion at home. contact the office.

Funerals: Contact the office.

Mass Intentions: Mail to the office or place in collection. (\$10/Mass suggested.)

Bulletin Items: Email to holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com by Wednesday noon. The business office reserves the right to edit.

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[who was complaining because of the longer hours, but the same pay] 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily

wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." Cf. Mt. 20:1-16.



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	Н	OLY M	READINGS		
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Sept. 23	+Len & Rosie Lodermeier	1Tim 6:13-16 / Ps 100 / Lk 8:4-15
Sun.	8:45AM	SM		Parishioners	ls 55:6-9 / Ps 145 / Phil 1:20c-24, 27a / Mat 20:1-16a
	10:30AM	SC	Sept. 24	+Charles & Dorothy McNa- mara	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Sept. 25	Lee & Maria Schultz Family	Ezra 1:1-6 / Ps 126 / Lk 8:16-18
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Sept. 26	Shawn Frederixon	Ezra 6:7-8,12b,14-20 / Ps 122 / Lk 8:19-21
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Sept. 27	+Mike Kelly	Ezra 9:5-9 / Ps TB 13 / Lk 9:1-6
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Sept. 28	+Karen Farrell	Hag 1:1-8 / Ps 149 / Lk 9:7-9
Fri.	9:00AM	00AM <u>SM</u> Sept. 29		For the end of corruption in MN State Government	Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 / Ps 138 / Jn 1:47-51
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Sept. 30	+Mark Shambo	Zech 2:5-9, 14-15a / Jer 31 / Lk 9:43b-45
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Oct. 1	Parishioners	Ezek 18:25-28 / Ps 25 / Phil 2:1-11 / Matt
	10:30AM	SC	000. 1	+Ed Dowden	21:28-32

Mission: We grow together in Christ.

Welcome to our Parísh Churches!



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From Father McCabe

An American, a Scottish and a Canadian were in a terrible accident. They were all brought to the same emergency room, but all three died. Just as they were about to put the death tag on the toe of the American, he stirred and opened his eyes.

Astonished, the doctors and nurses asked him what happened. "Well," Said the American, "I remember the crash, and then there was a beautiful light, and then the Canadian and Scot and I were standing at the gates of heaven. St. Peter approached us and said we could do better work on earth, and that for a donation of \$50.00 we could return to earth. So, I pulled out my wallet and gave him the \$50.00, and then next thing I knew I was back here." "That's amazing!" said one of the doctors, "But what happened to the other two?" The American replied, "Last time I saw them the Scottish man was haggling over the price and the Canadian was waiting for the government to pay."

It is good to be Catholic in America, because we can be serious when we need to be, as well as lighthearted. Last Sunday's Gospel was heavy and serious because it spelled out the principle action of salvation that we are responsible for: we need to seek God's forgiveness and forgive others lovingly with our whole heart. This means completely trusting what Jesus Christ as the Divine Head of the Catholic Church teaches us about his mercy in the Sacrament of Baptism, and the Sacrament of Confession if we were to sin – and most of us do sin after baptism, so the Sacrament of Confession is a lifeline of grace that keeps us improving.

But today's Gospel is on the lighter side of things and it is good to see the subtle humor in the parable Jesus uses. Of course, we might relate to the American in the story who accepts his situation and accepts God's offer to have a second chance to do things better.

The Scottish man, however, did not accept God's reality and tries to make a deal, while the Canadian waits for his government to help. Both these scenarios can be seen as a kind of purgatory since each of them wants it their way and thus have failed to trust and invest in God completely, and thus both need to be purified by waiting and can no longer grow in their good work for the Lord. Remember how some disciples will produce 30, 60, or 100-fold after receiving the Word of God? To reach 100% of your spiritual capacity is to love and serve God at the highest level of heaven for all eternity.

In today's Gospel Jesus' parable shows us that we should work for him and his kingdom, and to keep improving, to strive for the 100% capacity. He wants us to work at drawing others into the service of God so that they can receive the reward of heaven. We call the reward of heaven "the beatific vision." There, we will perfectly see and interact with the fullness of God's glory of how he created, loved and restored us and all of creation through Jesus Christ with the help of his holy angels, saints and sacraments. The "beatific vision" will be perfect life, love, relationships and wisdom; the reward of remaining faithful to the Lord Jesus and His Catholic Church despite the hardships.

The humorous part of the parable is that some of those who are saved complain. Since they did more work under the heat of the day, they think that they should get a greater reward than those who worked only the last hour. God reminds them, and us, that everyone who dies in the state of grace will receive the same, objective reward – the beatific vision for all eternity. However, the subjective degree of their eternal happi-



ness will depend on the degree of love and trust with which they were willing to work for God's glory and the salvation of souls.

Thus, the more difficult the work you do with a greater degree of love for Christ and others, the more capacity you will have to appreciate your growing friendships, reward, rest and refreshment that the Lord gives to all his faithful. Most of us understand this, and that is why this parable is one of truth, and of subtle humor.

Another way of understanding the different degrees of appreciation of the same beatific vision is to imagine seeing a premier musical drama with others. Everyone enjoys the acting, dancing, singing and music because it is objectively the same for each person. However, the person who has practiced the violin for years and knows how difficult it is to play, and how much work goes into composing the music and lyrics has a subjectively deeper appreciation of the total beauty of the show. When that person hears someone say after the show, "That was good. It was worth the sacrifice to drive two hours to get here," that person will smile and think about never complaining again, since they know how many years it takes to bring about the beauty of a premier, life changing musical show.

When you get a glimpse of God's beauty, goodness and wisdom, how much do we appreciate it? How much do we desire to work at sharing it with others despite the difficulties? Your contributions to the work of Jesus Christ and his Church will deepen your capacity for the appreciation of God himself for all eternity, for God is the source of all life, friendship, humor, love, wisdom and beauty – the beatific vision.

It is never too late to roll up your sleeves and decide to do the essential work of spreading the full Gospel message to your loved ones. Remember that Moses was 80 years old when God called him to free his people from Egyptian slavery. But one might say, "Well, God sent him his brother-inlaw, Aaron, to help him." Aaron was 83 years old! It is never too late to proclaim the fullness of the objective saving truth of Christ and his Church!

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Thomas McCabe

<u>Please pray for:</u> 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, Mark Ryan, Pat Mann, Neil Stehr, Barb Smalley, Jen Berg, Mary Ellen Reding, Marge Majerus, Connie Havrilla, Shawn Frederixon and Gabe Ryan. <u>Catholic Daughters Court St. Mary Peter #1864</u> will meet on Monday, Sept., 25 at Church of St. Paul. A light meal at 6:30PM and meeting at 7:00PM. For information on Catholic Daughters, contact Linda Kazmierczak at 612-759-6399.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil: Please join a peaceful prayer vigil on **Tuesday, September 26th at 7PM** on the sidewalk in front of Rochester Planned Parenthood to begin the 40 Days of prayer and fasting on behalf of the unborn. Please park on side streets north of the shopping center. To cover other times of the campaign see the website at 40daysforlife.com/rochester.

HT/SC Cemetery Board is seeking input from parishioners with ideas for projects to further enhance our cemetery. Do you have a particular area of interest (i.e. contemplation, beauty, accessibility, practicality, tranquility)? Contact a Cemetery Association Board member: Fr. McCabe, Brian Buck, Billy Gadient, Wayne Gadient, Maureen Lodermeier, Jerome McNamara or Marty O'Connor.

Community Suicide Prevention Training: Goodhue County has identified mental health as the primary public health concern affecting our area over the past five years. Come to a **free Suicide Prevention Training** on **Sunday**, **Sept. 24 from 6-8PM** at Goodhue School (Gym 1) and learn best practices in preventing suicide. **Childcare is provided.** This training is a collaborative effort by local churches and government agencies.

Created to Believe: Called to Motherhood: A Catholic Small Group for Mothers of Young Children: Do you sometimes wonder about who you are as a woman, wife, and mother? Meetings are twice monthly beginning Thurs., Sept. 28 at Holy Trinity from 9:30-11AM or 6-7:30PM. Cost is \$85. Register at <u>https://www.canafamilyinstitute.com/join-group</u>. Info - call/text Nicole Letsinger at 651-380-3479.

"Becoming Provider" - a small group for husbands and fathers: Join other men to become a courageous leader for your family and in your workplace. Meetings are twice monthly beginning Thurs., Oct.12 - 7:30-9:00PM at Holy Trinity. Cost is \$85. Call/text Jake Letsinger 763-486-7418.

Prayer Request: Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Calvin Fulton, Jean's husband. We pray for Jean who has taught Faith Formation in the past and was very generous with our Mardi Gras Fundraiser for our Youth and Family Ministry.





Eucharistic Revival

"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. We would hear more-- we would hear that heart speaking to us. We would hear our hearts beating in unison with his; we would be united with our Lord and our God." (Servant of God (+1984) Catherine de Hueck Doherty (continued next week). We pray for Ray Keller, Becky Arendt and Lora Keller who passed away recently. Let us keep our deceased loved ones in prayer, as well as their family and friends.



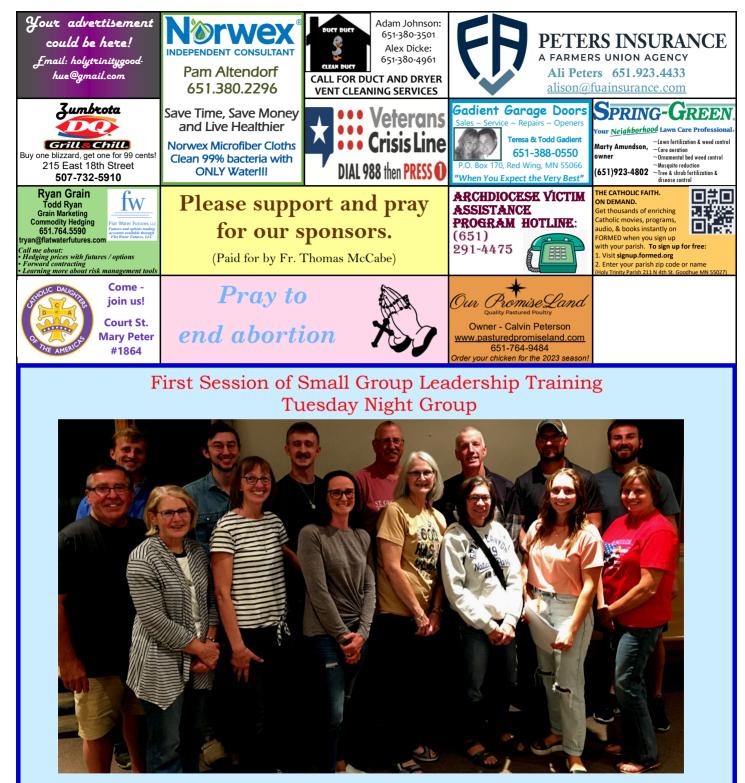
Holy Trinity is dedicated to protecting children and vulnerable adults. Volunteers serving with minors and vulnerable adults must complete requirements before engaging in ministry. Contact - Maria Schultz, Safe Environment Coordinator at: holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com.

Calendar/Events							
Sat., Sept. 23	HT	4:45-5:20PM		Sacrament of Confession			
Sun., Sept. 24	ΗT	8:20)-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession			
Sun., Sept. 24	HT	12Noon-2:00PM		Small Group Lead	lership Training-Session 1		
Mon., Sept. 25	SM	<u>5:15PM</u> -9:00PM		Adoration of the B	lessed Sacrament		
Mon., Sept. 25	HT	<u>5:45PM</u>		Finance Council Meeting			
Wed., Sept. 27	HT	9:00-2:00PM		Adoration of the B	lessed Sacrament		
Wed., Sept. 27	HT	2:15-3:30PM 7:25-8:35PM		Faith Formation G Faith Formation G			
Thur., Sept. 28	SC	8:00-8:45AM		Adoration of the Ble	ssed Sacrament/Confession		
Fri., Sept. 29	SM	8:00-8:45AM		Adoration of the Ble	ssed Sacrament/Confession		
Sat., Sept. 30	HT	4:45-5:20PM		Sacrament of Con	fession		
Sun., Oct. 1	SM	8:20-8:40AM		Sacrament of Con	fession		
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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. Columbkill from 8:00AM-9:00AM (unless otherwise noted). Come and spend some time with Jesus!

	Weekend Ministry Schedule							
Church	Role	September 23/24	September 30/October 1					
HT:	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Wanda Schafer					
Saturday 5:30PM	Cantor	Katie Ludwig						
Sept. 23	Lector	NET Ministries	Karen Albers					
& Sept. 30	Servers	William Peterson and Corbin Jaeger						
SM:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer					
Sunday 8:45am	Cantor	Allison Keller	Allison Keller					
Sept. 24	Lector	Brian Keller	Jeremy Keller					
& Oct. 1	Servers	Addy and Will Poncelet	Zack and Danny Keller					
SC:	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen					
Sunday 10:30am	Cantor	Shelly Jacobson	Shannon Dicke					
Sept. 24	Lector	Michael Poncelet	Charlie Dicke					
& Oct. 1	Servers	Eleanor, Patrick and Francis O'Reilly						



<u>Front Row:</u> Jim Strauss, Ann Buck, Regina Poncelet, Brittany O'Reilly, Mary Majerus, Jane Lexvold, Haley Lexvold, Denise Voth; <u>Back Row</u>: Jeremy Keller, Chris Poncelet, Cooper Utley, Greg Majerus, Bruce McNamara, Eric Ryan, Matthew Buckingham

Opportunity to join Sunday Small Group Leadership Training on Sunday, September 24 at 12Noon-2:00PM at Holy Trinity.

Parish Evangelization Cells System: Cell Leader Formation Manual: "There's a line from the fifth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, which is the key to this whole understanding of the fundamental importance of small groups. It says, "[All] day long, both at the temple and in their homes, they did not stop teaching and proclaiming the Messiah, Jesus" (Acts 5:42)