Holy Trinity Parish

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12, 2023

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Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
The foolish ones.

when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps... [T]he bridegroom was long delayed... While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. The door was locked... [T]he other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." cf. Mt. 25:1-13.

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Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Nov. 11	Parishioners	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / Ps 145 / Lk 16:9-15	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Nov. 12	+Raymond and LaWanda Keller and Deceased Family Members	Wis 6:12-16 / Ps 63 / 1Thess 4:13-18 / Matt 25:1-13	
	10:30AM	SC		+John Altendorf		
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Nov. 13	+Al Brinkman	Wis 1:1-7 / Ps 139 / Lk 17:1-6	
Tue.	8:00AM 6:30PM	НТ	Nov. 14	+Kellie Peterson +Deceased K of C Members	Wis 2:23-3:9 / Ps 34 / Lk 17:7-10	
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Nov. 15	Shawn Frederixon	Wis 6:1-11 / Ps 82 / Lk 17:11-19	
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Nov. 16	+Cecil McNamara	Wis 7:22b-8:1 / Ps 119 / Lk 17:20-25	
Fri.		HT	Nov. 17		Wis 13:1-9 / Ps 19 / Lk 17:26-37	
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Nov. 18	Parishioners	Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9 / Ps 105 / Lk 18:1-8	
Sun.	5:5	8:45AM	SM	Nov. 19	+Harley Welscher	Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / Ps 128 /
	10:30AM	SC	1107.19	+Rita McNamara	1Thess 5:1-6 / Matt 25:14-30	

Mission: We grow together in Christ.

Welcome to our Parish Churches!



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St. Columbkill Church (SC) 36483 County 47 Boulevard Goodhue, MN 55027



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From Father McCabe

One ministry I do as a priest is help comfort people at the death of a loved one. I had to learn this over time, because helping people work through pain, suffering and death is difficult for me.

When I meet with the family for funeral preparations, we first pray and allow God's presence to comfort us. Then, one of the questions I ask is: Did this person have any special prayers or devotions on their journey to God?

It is a joy for me to hear that many prayed before meals or were devoted to praying the Rosary or reading the Bible. I see many people in our parish communities visiting the graves of their loved ones, and hopefully sharing memories and praying that they enter into the fullness of heaven.

I have visited my grandparents' graves with my parents to share memories and to pray for them. One memory my parents shared was that they would go to confession weekly, as well as take a weekly bath. Times were more challenging 70 years ago, but in some ways, they were simpler and more focused on heavenly things.

Another question I ask when preparing for a funeral is: Did this person have any words of wisdom that they often shared?

I know one phrase of wisdom my dad would share was, "Save your money." Anytime we asked him if we could get a new bike, or new skateboard, or whatever, he would say, "Save your money." We took that wise phrase of personal responsibility to heart.

Most of my siblings and I worked by delivering newspapers and baby-sitting, and we saved our money to buy things that were wholesome, as well as Christmas and birthday gifts for our brothers and sisters. As we grew older we began to save for college. This took discipline and the ability to say "No" to junk food, movies and video games.

My dad's words of wisdom for higher goods in this life can be applied to the goal of eternal life, with a modification. Instead of saying, "Save your money," he could have said, "Make sure to save your soul."

Actually, he said that through his actions. He made sure that we went to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of obligation. When one older brother came home from college and decided to sleep late on Sunday morning, my dad wisely said, "If you are staying under this roof, you go to Mass every weekend to thank God for his blessings."

In today's Gospel, we have five wise virgins and five foolish virgins. The five wise virgins saved plenty of oil in order to be prepared for the arrival of the bridegroom and enter the wedding banquet.

The five foolish virgins did not save enough oil and had to go buy some in the middle of the night, consequently, they missed out on the wedding party, it was too late for them, the door had been locked.

The five wise virgins remind me of the wisdom of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She passed on her wisdom to her religious sisters telling them that serving others is



not enough, because you will burn out. Before serving others, you need to pray before the Lord, especially in the tabernacle. Meditate on God and open your mind and heart to Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth." St. Mother Teresa (Aug. 26, 1910 – Sept. 5, 1997)

By serving God first and letting him serve you by giving you his love, then you can serve those in need and still have some love and energy leftover to welcome Jesus into your heart once again before retiring to sleep.

In today's Gospel, the oil for the lamp is a symbol of our individual responsibility for being prayerful. We are called to unite ourselves to God and love him in the Sacraments by growing in the wisdom of our Catholic faith. Then when the Lord comes to bring us to our heavenly homeland – the eternal wedding banquet – we know we are prepared to meet him and all those who passed on their word and example of Christian wisdom to us.

It is good and replenishing to pray for our deceased loved ones who did their best at passing on their wisdom and their Christian example. They help us to be responsible for the most important thing in the world, saving our soul through Christ and his Church, so that we can help save souls by introducing Christ to others.

May the Holy Oil received at our Baptism, and the Sacred Chrism received at our Confirmation, help us to wisely take that personal responsibility of individual prayer and study, and communal worship and service to heart. In this manner, we will enter into the eternal wedding banquet where our soul will be perfectly united to God in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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, Mark Ryan, Pat Mann, Neil Stehr, Barb Smalley, Jen Berg, Mary Ellen Reding, Marge Majerus, Connie Havrilla, Shawn Frederixon and Gabe Ryan.

News and Events

<u>K of C Annual Memorial Mass</u>: Knights, Catholic Daughters and spouses or guests are invited to the Yearly Mass for our deceased at Holy Trinity on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 PM. Installation of K of C Council #2751 officers will take place afterwards and a light lunch will follow at 7:30PM.

<u>Priest Appreciation:</u> The CCW will be hosting a Priest Appreciation lunch after Mass at Holy Trinity on Saturday, Nov. 11 and at St. Columbkill on Sunday, Nov. 12. All are invited!

<u>SC CCW Harvest Meals and Bake Sale:</u> Sun., Nov. 19 after 10:30AM Mass. All proceeds support CCW projects. Please join us for our annual fundraiser!

<u>St. Mary Church</u> is collecting food items for the area Food Shelves. Donations can be left at the back of the church during the month of November.

Early Bulletin Deadline: The articles for the bulletin for Sunday, November 26 are due by Noon on Mon., November 20.

Warm Hearts & Warm Blankets Project: The HT/SC CCW Fleece Tie Blankets Project has begun. Fleece tie blankets of various sizes are constructed and donated to Goodhue County Social Services. The social workers give them out as needed throughout the year. Some kits for tying are available in tubs located in the back of the church. Alternatively, members are encouraged to purchase fleece pieces of your choice. Please return completed blankets to the tubs or contact Sharon Watson or Maureen Lodermeier. Thank-you for sharing your time, treasures, & talents.

Eucharistic Revival: Liturgy and Life Series: As part of the US Bishops' Eucharistic Revival underway to renew our appreciation for what we celebrate at Mass, the tri-parish community of St. John's in Vermillion, St. Mary in New Trier, and St. Mathias in Hampton are hosting a Liturgy and Life Series. Each evening will be 4-5PM with a reception afterwards. All are invited. Sun., Nov. 12 - Vicki Klima, St. Mathias, Hampton-"Full Conscience and Active Participation." Sun., Dec. 3 - Fr. Michael Joncas, St. John the Baptist, Vermillion-"Summit and Source of the Church's Life."



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"Everything can be borne between two Masses. If every morning we eat the Bread of saints, we will be able to face any kind of day. We will plunge into the sea of fire and come out burning, ready to go forth and light fires of love." (Servant of God (+1984) Catherine de Hueck Doherty (continued next week).

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								
Sat., Nov. 11 HT 4:45-5:20PM		4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession					
Sun., Nov. 12 HT 8:20-8:40AM		8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession					
Mon., Nov. SM 6:30PM-9:00PM		6:30PM-9:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament					
Wed., Nov. 15	HT	9:00AM-2:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament					
Wed., Nov.	HT	2:15-3:30PM	Faith Formation Grades 1-6					
15		7:25-8:35PM	Faith Formation Grades 7-10					
Thurs., Nov. 16	SC	8:00-8:45AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession					
Sat., Nov. 18	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession					
Sun., Nov. 19	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession					
Sun., Nov. 19	HT	6:30-9:00PM	Catholic Young Adults					
Mon., Nov. 20	HT	7:30PM	Pastoral Council Meeting					
Mon., Nov. 20	SM	6:30-9:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament					
Wed., Nov. 22	HT		No Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-6 No Faith Formation Classes Grades 7-12					
Wed., Nov. 22 HT 7:00PM		7:00PM	Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service					

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection: 11/4: \$ 798.00 St. Columbkill Church (SC) Collection: 11/5: \$2,371.00 St. Mary Church (SM) Collection: 11/5: \$ 367.00



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. Columbkill from 8:00AM-9:00AM (unless otherwise noted). Come and spend some time with Jesus!

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Weekend	IVIIIIISUV	Schedule

Church Role		November 11/12	November 18/19
HT:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
Saturday	Cantor	Aurora Wiskow	Kate Ludwig
5:30PM Nov. 11 &	Lector	Lily Peterson	Karen Albers
Nov. 18	Servers	Ellie Nardinger and Brenna Buck	Nora and Brynn Frederick
SM:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
Sunday 8:45am	Cantor	Allison Keller	Allison Keller
Nov. 12 &	Lector	Taylor Dowden	Jeremy Keller
Nov. 19	Servers	Henry Keller, Noah and Maya Keller	Danny and Zack Keller
SC:	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
Sunday 10:30am	Cantor	Shelly Jacobson	Eleanor O'Reilly
Nov. 12 &	Lector	Becky Diercks	Chris Poncelet
Nov. 19	Servers	Patrick and Francis O'Reilly	Luke, Owen and Jay Roschen

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All Saints Day Celebration October 28, 2023



The All Saints Day Celebration was a great success! Thank you to the "student saints," parents, catechists and many volunteers especially Ann Buck, Diane Ryan, Chris Poncelet, Marie McNamara, Regina Poncelet and Teresa Buck.