

# Holy Trinity Parish

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

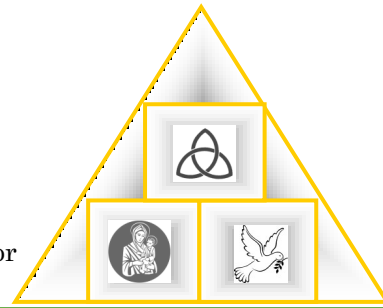
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Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." *[Luke 12:49-51]*

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	August 16	+Bernard Goihl	(Daily read.) Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5,7-11; Mt 19:13-15
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	August 17	+Souls in Purgatory	(Sat. Vigil & Sunday) Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18 Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
	10:30AM	SC		Parishioners	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	August 18	+Ray & LaWanda Keller	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37,39-40,43ab,44; Mt 19:16-22
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	August 19	Curtis Joel Olson	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	August 20	+Adam Harmon	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	August 21	+Paul O'Reilly	Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5,7-10; Mt 22:34-40
Fri.			August 22		Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	August 23	Parishioners	(Daily read.) Ru 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17; Ps 128; 1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	August 24	+Alan Brinkman	(Sat. Vigil & Sunday) Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1b-2; Heb 12:5-7,11-13; Lk 13:22-30
	10:30AM	SC		+Betty Gorman	

*Mission: We grow together in Christ.*

*Welcome to our Parish Churches!*



**Holy Trinity Church (HT)**  
211 4th Street North  
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**St. Columbkille Church (SC)**  
36483 County 47 Boulevard  
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**St. Mary Church (SM)**  
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Jesus said he had come to light a blazing fire on earth. A raging forest fire is dramatic and destructive. We see images of this on the news. Yet, it is interesting to note that the giant sequoias, the largest trees on earth that live in California, need fire to regenerate.

Fire does things to help that tree propagate. Fire opens the pinecone so that the sequoia seeds can fall out onto the soil. Fire burns away the underbrush, so that there is less competition for water and more space to receive sunshine.

We need the fire of the Holy Spirit to regenerate our spiritual lives. The Holy Spirit comes to us at baptism and his gifts continue to grow within our soul when we faithfully worship God in the sacraments, especially regular attendance at Mass and Confession, daily prayer and living out our baptismal call to serve God and those who are most in need within our family and neighbors.

The Sacrament of Baptism is completed by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament recalls how the Holy Spirit was poured upon the apostles and disciples 50 days (Pentecost) after Jesus rose from the dead.

The Holy Spirit manifested itself as tongues of fire over the heads of the apostles and disciples, who thus purified their souls and illuminated their minds so that they would go and preach the Gospel of Christ to the world.

Just as a wildfire can destroy undergrowth that suppresses new life of sequoia trees, the fire of the Holy Spirit divides us from sin and unites us closer to God and one another. The Holy Spirit wants to consume the sin in our life so that the divine truth of God can move us to proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ more readily.

It is important to keep this in mind when we read today's Gospel selection. For Jesus said that he wants to bring *not peace, but division* which is caused by the sword of the Spirit which divides sin from our lives, so that we can be united more fully to God and one another, and perfectly united in heaven. Jesus Christ truly wants our families to be united in sanctifying grace, which is to be free from all mortal sins of serious disrespect for God and one another.

Sometimes the Holy Spirit will divide us, or separate us, but only to unite us more deeply with himself and one another. This can happen on a natural level when God calls a man or a woman to enter the military. Some of the family might be proud, others might not be happy with the avocation to help defend our country's principles, especially when some of these principles seem to be called into question by many in our country.

On a supernatural level, Jesus Christ will call young men and women to a religious vocation. They will be divided from the secular world, that is, separated from many natural goods of the world like having a family, or having a salaried career in order to be trained to be a spiritual father, or a spiritual brother or religious sister for the good of the supernatural family life of Christ's

Church.

Again, many family members will think it is a waste of time, a waste of life, since they want the Church to change, but do not want to change for Christ and his church and sometimes do not want others to change dramatically for the service of the church.

You can read many stories of the saints who experienced this throughout the history of the Catholic Church. Take the example of St. Thomas Aquinas, whose family tried to prevent him from becoming a Dominican Order priest. His parents wanted him to become a Benedictine monk and powerful abbot at the influential Italian Abbey of Monte Casino. His family even kidnapped him and separated him from free society for almost two years. His brothers even hired a woman to try to convince him to divide himself from the priesthood altogether, but he chased her from his room with a burning log from his fire when she refused to leave him alone.

The Devil tries to separate us from God's saving grace through mortal sin which, if the person does not repent from, leads to the fires of hell. But if a person receives the final grace of repentance, as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy offers, then the person can be saved. Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church have the mission to separate us from the devil and sins, especially mortal sins, by the fire of the Holy Spirit that illuminates our hearts and souls. The fire of the Holy Spirit purifies us to live for God and so help others on the way to salvation.

It is easy to imagine forest fires, but hard to imagine how those giant sequoia trees are helped by those fires to thrive and increase. With Christ's divine knowledge, let us purify our imaginations and our lives by the fire of the Holy Spirit by praising God with hearts full of gratitude and love for his mercy, and grow in the practice of the faith that leads to our definitive salvation in heaven.

*"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you will renew the face of the earth."*

*O God, who did instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit right judgment in all things, and ever to rejoice in his consolations, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen."*

Peace in Christ, Fr. Thomas McCabe

In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church's* Glossary, "GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:" *Permanent dispositions that make us docile to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The traditional list of seven gifts of the Spirit is derived from Isaiah 11:1-3: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord*



**Heaven in Your Home Gatherings** aim to bring families together and bring a “taste of heaven” into their homes. The gatherings offer families formation, fellowship, and the tools needed to live and pass on the faith to their children. Five times during the year (every other month) a Heaven in Your Home Gathering will be at Holy Trinity Church in Goodhue from 6:30-8:00 PM. The first gathering will be on Saturday, September 13. All families are invited with supervision for the kids after dinner and a teen room for the middle schoolers and up. Sign up is not necessary, but helpful. Email Regina Poncelet at rponcelet@sleepyeyetel.net. We hope you can join us!

**The parish office will be closed** on Monday, August 18, but the phone will still be forwarded for emergencies.

**Catechetical Institute (CI):** St. Joseph in Red Wing will be a virtual host site for the CI, *Pillars Program*, starting in Fall 2025! This is a great opportunity for adult faith formation! Deadline August 25th. Information/register at <http://www.cistudent.com/2025-2027-class-info/>

**HT Parish Catechist Meeting** Tues., Aug. 26, at HT, 6:30-8:30PM. Catechists, subs and potential catechists are invited. For those who love passing on the Catholic faith, we need 1 catechist for Wednesday sessions: afternoon 2:10-3:30PM, and 1 for evening, 7:25-8:35PM, with some students arriving 15 minutes early! Background check is necessary.

Parish Financial Report (excluding cemeteries): April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025	Holy Trinity	St. Columbkill	St. Mary
<b>Income</b>	<b>21,006.16</b>	<b>170,761.74*</b>	<b>30,266.22</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>17,410.71</b>	<b>19,814.81</b>	<b>24,559.00</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>3,595.45</b>	<b>150,946.93</b>	<b>5,707.22</b>
Budgeted Income	19,931.25	21,793.75	23,655.50
Budgeted Expense	19,898.75	21,701.25	23,622.50
Budgeted Net	32.50	92.50	33.00

\*Included in St. Columbkill income is \$149,550.00 capital improvement income.

### Recover Sunday as a Day for the Lord and Family: The 12 themes of how to reclaim Sundays

To kick off *Synod Year III—Parents as Primary Educators of Their Children in the Ways of the Faith*—the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is pleased to publish 'Reclaiming Sundays: Recover Sunday as a Day for the Lord and Family.' The guide lays out monthly themes and practical suggestions for families to build lasting habits and anchor their week in a joyful, prayerful and restful observance of Sunday, and helps inform and inspire parents to understand and fulfill their responsibility as the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Find the monthly guide at: <https://missionsupport.archspm.org/resources/reclaiming-sundays-monthly-guide-pdf/>

**Reclaiming Sundays:** Sunday is a day which is at the very heart of the Christian life. Let us open our time to Christ, that He may cast light upon it and give it direction. He is the One who knows the secret of time and the secret of eternity, and He gives us “His day” as an ever-new gift of His love. The rediscovery of this day is a grace which we must implore, not only so that we may live the demands of faith to the full, but also so that we may respond concretely to the deepest human yearnings. Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human. (Pope St. John Paul II, Dies Domini, 7)

**PT Faith Formation/Catholic Activities Assistant Needed:** Must be a practicing Catholic, be at least age 21, and have a MN Driver's License. Average about 10 hours per week, \$16-\$22/hr. depending on skill set. This includes VBC in Summer, and weekly help with the bulletin. The Essential 3 Safe Environment protocol (background check, Code of Conduct and VIRTUS training) will need to be completed. Contact Fr. McCabe at 651-923-4472.

**Please pray for:** Bob Eppen, Margaret Wagner, Ann Merry, Ed Heppelmann, Ray Poncelet, Dave Buck, Scott Cyert, Jerry Joe Majerus, Louise Heppelmann, Brent Hokanson, Anne Skalicky, Neil Stehr, Jen Berg, Marge Majerus, Shawn Frederixon, Gabe Ryan, Ryan Zorn, Beth Carlson, Chuck Havrilla, Randy Nardinger, Amy Feely, Alan Gadiant, Roy Goranson, Susan Brown, Jocelyn O'Reilly, Marci Dillworth, and John 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: [holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com).

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August 2025:

#### For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

### Calendar/Events

Sat., Aug. 16	HT	4:45- 5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Aug. 17	SM	8:20-8:40 AM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Aug. 17	HT	6:30-9:00PM	Catholic Young Adults gathering
Mon., Aug. 18	SM	6:30-9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
Wed., Aug. 20	HT	9:00-2:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs., Aug. 21	SC	8:00-8:45 AM	Eucharistic Adoration/Confession (9:00AM Mass)
Sat., Aug. 23	HT	4:45- 5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Aug. 24	SM	8:20-8:40 AM	Sacrament of Confession

**Holy Trinity Church  
(HT) Collection:**  
8/9: \$ 845.00

**St. Columbkill Church  
(SC) Collection:**  
8/10: \$ 549.00

**St. Mary Church  
(SM) Collection:**  
8/10: \$ 523.00



### 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!

### Weekend Ministry Schedule

Church	Role	August 16/17	August 23/24
HT: Saturday 5:30PM August 16 & 23	<b>Musician</b>	Eileen Frischmon	Cindy Eppen
	<b>Cantor</b>	Katie Ludwig	Michelle Matthees
	<b>Lector</b>	Loretta Froyum	Kyla Nardinger
	<b>Servers</b>	Brynn, Nora, Lucas Frederick	Ellie Nardinger
SM: Sunday 8:45am August 17 & 24	<b>Musician</b>	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	<b>Cantor</b>	Eleanor O'Reilly	Cathy O'Reilly
	<b>Lector</b>	Taylor Buck	Brian Keller
	<b>Servers</b>	Isaac Ryan, Henry Keller	Danny Keller, Derek Stehr
SC: Sunday 10:30am August 17 & 24	<b>Musician</b>	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	<b>Cantor</b>	Joel Hernke	Eleanor O'Reilly
	<b>Lector</b>	Michael Poncelet	JJ O'Reilly
	<b>Servers</b>	Brady/Liahna McNamara, Caleb/Madalyn Schofield	Patrick, Francis, Phillip O'Reilly



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## Catholic Young Adults, ages 18+ -

Are you looking for an opportunity to  
practice charity toward your neighbor?

Please join us on Sunday, August 17, at Holy Trinity  
to make sandwiches for Source MN, an outreach for  
the poor. 6:30-7:15PM potluck, 7:15-7:45 prayer,  
7:45-9:00PM making sandwiches.

Below is a photo from 2023, in the process of making  
sandwiches, and below right is our 2024 session,  
showing the finished product. Together, let's feed  
the hungry!



Pictured above is part of the great catch of fish that Fa-  
ther McCabe landed this past weekend in Wisconsin!  
(Unlike the parable, however, he was not fishing all night,  
nor was the catch so huge that the boat began to sink.)  
Thank you so much for your help while Fr. Notebaart was  
filling in at our churches!



**Loaves & Fishes**

