Holy Trinity Parish

The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple... anyone who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." See Luke 14:25-33

		HOLY	READINGS		
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Sept. 3	+Harry Timm	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Sent 4	Parishioners	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,
	10:30AM	SC		Ray & Marlys McNamara	14-17/ Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Sept. 5	Fr. Thomas Ward	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Sept. 6	+David Rusch	1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b/Lk 6:12-19
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Sent /	Barb Smalley	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-
	8:00PM	SM		For the end to abortion in MN	17/ Lk 6:20-26
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Sept. 8	Leo & Maxine Ryan	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Fri.			Sept. 9		1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Sept. 10	Parishioners	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/ Lk 6:43-49
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Cont 11	+LaWanda Keller & deceased family members	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17,
	10:30AM	SC	Sept. 11	+Charles & Dorothy McNamara	19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Mission: We grow together in Christ.

Welcome to our Parish Churches!



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221 Chester Avenue Bellechester, MN 55027

From Father McCabe

Have you seen the video in the *New York Post* where a woman spontaneously throws herself in front of a speeding car to save the life of a child? It is graphic, but Shanta Jordan did just that on June 5, 2017, when a reckless driver veered onto the sidewalk and slammed Shanta and a young boy into a building. The video is not for the faint of heart, but it demonstrates the courage that some people have for saving innocent human life, even placing themselves in death's pathway.

Within our Catholic Church we have many martyrs who chose to suffer torture and die a horrible death, sometimes a long lasting death, for the truth of God's Ten Commandments, and of his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Why? Because they believed that only the faith of Jesus Christ can save us from something worse than death. Practicing the faith of Jesus Christ saves us from the power of Satan and the second death, consignment to everlasting punishment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses some very strong words to emphasize the battle between the forces of good, and the forces of evil, and what it means to be his disciple. He uses hyperbole – an exaggerated statement – to make a very important point. "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple...In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." See Luke, 14:25-33.

It is important that we understand that Jesus does not want us to "hate" anyone, but that he uses hyperbole to point out that we must love God first and foremost in order to love others, including ourselves, appropriately, otherwise we can get confused about the full message of the Gospel. As well, someone who doesn't like Christianity might use this scripture passage to try to convince us to leave the faith.

If someone were to challenge you with the above Biblical passage, or say that they have left the Christian faith because of its anti-family message that the Bible communicates, it is important that we learn how to answer them calmly, lovingly and wisely, and not distort God's first two Commandments of loving God first, and others as another self.

First, we should admit that there are some confusing stories and statements in the Bible, but that God has given us the Catholic Church to help us better understand these things.

Second, we should remind them that we need to put things in context. For example, everyone would agree that human life is a great value, and that their life is a concrete example of this truth. Ask them if they agree that their life should be protected by violent attacks. Most likely they would say "Yes."

This, of course, corresponds to God's $5^{\rm th}$ Commandment, "Thou shall not kill," and the laws of a civilized country would also prohibit murder.

Third step, you might ask them if it would be "reasonable" to defend them from being killed by another person by using proportionate force, including using mortal force to kill their attacker if their life was in danger. They probably would say, "Yes." to that too.

You can then explain to them that, although every human life is of primary value, there is a *certain context* when a per-

son forfeits their right to life by violently attacking an innocent person, and thus that victim or another person who intends to save life can kill that attacker to save the other person.

Fourth step, remind them that Jesus wants everyone to love God above all things, and appropriately within all things, which would mean everyone would follow the Ten Commandments. However, since we fall short of practicing the Ten Commandments, we need Jesus Christ working through his Church to save us from our sins since his sacrificial love on the cross will save all those who repent of their sins and seek his holiness.

Those disciples who "renounce all his possessions" like the saints and martyrs of the Church, win for themselves and the faithful the true knowledge and grace that the faith is worth living for, and dying for, since it alone can save us from the Evil One. And since martyrdom or rocking the boat among our relationships, even our closest relationships, seems like foolishness to the world, Jesus uses hyperbole to drive the point home that his suffering and death for sinners, is the only true way that our life, and the lives of others, can be saved.

This essential point is so important that Jesus Christ uses hyperbole to emphasize the truth that we should "carry our cross" and follow Jesus on the path of holiness, which sometimes seems like you are seriously disliking those who think otherwise. In fact, the world calls sincere Christians who stand against abortion, so-called gay marriage, and gender ideology as "haters."

Yet, we are called to defend the faith within the frame work that we should love God above all things, and thus we are able to love our neighbor as ourself, and even love our enemies.

That is why in another passage Jesus said, "It is better to pluck out your eye and enter into heaven with one eye, then to sin with your eyes and enter into Gehenna with two eyes." This hyperbole, this exaggeration, points to the fact that we should not die in mortal sin, for those who do not repent of their mortal sins will end up in everlasting punishment. The truth is that, when we hear these hyperboles of Jesus Christ, we want to follow the Ten Commandments so that we can enter into the Perfect Life of heaven, and we can only do this if we love God first and foremost.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Thomas McCabe

A big <u>THANK YOU</u> for all those who are cleaning our three churches and filling out our Adult Liability Waiver forms!! This has the potential of saving insurance expenses for our parish.

<u>Please pray for:</u> 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, Lucas Nordrum, Kellie Peterson, Neil Stehr, Barb Smalley, and Jen Berg.

News and Events

<u>Faith Formation</u> classes will begin for all grades on September 14! Information/registrations have been sent out. If you have not received that mailing and would like your child(ren) in grades 1-12 to participate, please contact the parish office.

Communal Penance Service: All are encouraged to attend a communal penance service with individual confessions, with several priests available, on Tuesday, September 13, at Holy Trinity from 7:00-8:30 p.m. A Vigil Mass for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross will follow at 8:45 p.m.

<u>CCW Meeting:</u> The Holy Trinity and St. Columbkill Councils of Catholic Women will hold a joint CCW meeting on Thursday, September 15, at 7 pm at Holy Trinity. There will be a speaker on the Appalachian Christmas mission.

<u>Congratulations</u> to Kelby and Katelyn (Lexvold) Halling, who were united in the Sacrament of Matrimony on August 27 at St. Columbkill!

<u>Fall Bazaar:</u> All are invited to Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mazeppa for their Fall Bazaar. Sunday, September 18, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ham and Turkey Dinner (\$13), Country Store, and Raffle.

Andrew Dinner: Tuesday, September 20, 6-8 p.m., Archdiocesan Catholic Center, Saint Paul. The Andrew Dinner is an opportunity for men, ages 16 and above, to have dinner with Archbishop Hebda and Fr. David Blume, the Director of Vocations, along with other priests and religious. The evening includes prayer, a meal, conversation about priesthood and religious life, and vocation testimonies. Online registration is required before September 16.

Immaculée Ilibagiza - Rwandan American author & speaker: September 22, 6:30-8 p.m., Saints Joachim and Anne, Shakopee Area Catholic School, Shakopee. Please join us to hear Immaculée Ilibagiza, Rwandan genocide survivor, tell her story of faith, hope, and forgiveness. Immaculée has shared her message around the world, and is also a best-selling author. She is coming to Minnesota to encourage and inspire all of us to great faith and hope as well. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Visit ssjacs.org to learn more.

Fiat Discernment Retreat for Women: September 23-25, Dunrovin Retreat Center, Marine on St. Croix. Single women ages 18-28 who are seeking to do God's will are invited to attend this Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat. Religious sisters from various religious orders, including the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, Pro Ecclesia Sancta Sisters, Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles and the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln, assist by giving talks, leading small groups, sharing testimonies, and providing a joyful witness. Register at fiatministries.org before September 19. Cost is \$100 and includes meals, lodging and materials.

Community Mental Health Forum: Is mental wellbeing important to you? Have you or your family ever been touched by mental illness & wondered what resources for healing are available? Have you ever wondered about how spirituality plays a role in mental wellbeing? St. Luke Lutheran, Holy Trinity, St. John's Lutheran, and the Goodhue County Mental Health Coalition are hosting a Community Mental Health Forum that will respond to these questions on Sunday, Septem-

ber 25, from 6-7:30pm at Goodhue School in Gym 1. We'll have speakers from the Goodhue County Mental Health Coalition, The National Alliance on Mental Illness, and local pastors speaking to the intersection of spirituality and mental wellbeing. Join us and be further equipped for deeper conversations surrounding spiritual and mental wellbeing.

First Choice Clinic Fall Banquet: Registration is open now through Oct. 3 for the Fall Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, October 13, at 12:00 pm or 6:30 pm at Cornerstone Church, 420 W. Third St., Red Wing. Come, see and hear of God's faithfulness to and through His people in our ministry over the past year. Also hear exciting news about our vision to reach more abortion-minded women with the message of LIFE in this post Roe v. Wade world, with your help. Liberty's Restaurant will be catering lunch and supper and will be serving: roast beef, baked potato with sour cream or gravy, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, and gluten-free dessert. Register

at: https://firstchoiceclinic.org/events/

Calendar/Events							
Mon., Sept. 5 SM		6:30-9:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament				
Wed., Sept. 7	HT	9:00AM-2PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament				
Wed., Sept. 7	SM	7:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession				
Thur., Sept. 8	SC	8AM-8:50AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession				
Tues., Sept. 13	HT	7:00-8:30PM	Communal Penance Service				
Wed., Sept. 14	HT	2:15-3:30PM	Faith Formation Grades 1-6				
Wed., Sept. 14	HT	7:25-8:35PM	Faith Formation Grades 7-10				
Wed., Sept. 14	HT/3rd Place	7:25-8:30PM	Faith Formation Grades 11-12				
Thurs., Sept. 15	HT	7:00PM	HT/SC CCW Meeting				

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection: 8/27: \$ 282.00 St. Columbkill Church (SC) Collection: 8/28: \$ 443.15 St. Mary Church (SM) Collection: 8/28: \$ 998.00



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	September 3/4	September 10/11				
HT: Sat.	Musician	Clare Marvin	Wanda Schafer				
5:30pm	Cantor	Terry Buck					
Septem- ber 3 &	Lector	Bjorn Otterness	Maria Halverson				
10	Servers	L., A., O. O'Reilly	Ben Gadient				
SM:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer				
Sunday 8:45am	Cantor	Allison Keller	Allison Keller				
Sept. 4 &	Lector	John Huneke	Pat Mensink				
11	Servers	Addy & Will Poncelet	Zack & Danny Keller				
SC:	Musician	Clare Marvin	Cindy Eppen				
Sunday	Cantor	Shelly Jacobson					
10:30am Sept. 4 &	Lector	Joel Gadient	Barb Lexvold				
11	Servers	Luke, Owen, Jay Roschen	_				



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Fr. Brian Lynch, associate pastor of Transfiguration Catholic Church in Oakdale, MN, gave a fascinating presentation on the Shroud of Turin to Catholic Young Adults on August 28 at Holy Trinity. A former scientist for 3M, he explored various aspects of this image which give evidence that it may be the burial cloth of Jesus.

