Holy Trinity Parish

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2023

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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.

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Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples. saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." Mt. 23:1-3

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Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Nov. 4	Parishioners	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 / Ps 94 / Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sun.	8:45AM	SM		+Carroll Bartholome	Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 / Ps 131 / 1Thess
	10:30AM	SC	Nov. 5		2:7b-9, 13 / Matt 23:1-12
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Nov. 6	+Gail McLain	Rom 11:29-36 / Ps 69 / Lk 14:12-14
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Nov. 7	+Marvin Zorn	Rom 12:5-16ab / Ps 131 / Lk 14:15-24
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Nov. 8	+Larry Voth	Rom 13:8-10 / Ps 112 / Lk 14:25-33
Thu.	8:00AM	SC	Nov. 9	+lan Sweet	Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / Ps 46 / 1Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22
Fri.		HT	Nov. 10		Rom 15:14-21 / Ps 98 / Lk 16:1-8
Sat.	<u>9:00AM</u> 5:30PM	<u>SM</u> ht	Nov. 11	For all Veterans of Holy Trinity Parish Parishioners	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / Ps 145 / Lk 16:9-15
Sun.	8:45AM	SM		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	

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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



St. Mary Church (SM) 221 Chester Avenue Bellechester, MN 55027

From Father McCabe

How do we handle the mysteries of Jesus Christ's teachings? Sometimes his teachings are clear, "This is how you are to pray: 'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name... give us this day, our daily bread..." (Mt. 6:9-10) This is straight forward, and I am happy to say that many people in our parish, especially among our youth, are taking this to heart and strive to pray every morning and night.

Sometimes Jesus' teachings are difficult to understand, and difficult to live. Yet, Jesus has promised to be with his Catholic Church always, as he promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to the apostles (and their successors) at the Last Supper: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it... Whoever has my commandments and *observes them is the one who loves me...* The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name – *he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.*" Cf. Jn. 14:15-26.

God gave the Twelve Apostles a special mission: "Go... and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, *teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you*. And behold I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Last two verses of the Gospel of Matthew 28:19-20.) It is clear that a Christian disciple is a "student follower of Christ" and that Jesus will be with the faithful always in the seven sacraments, especially and preeminently in the Holy Eucharist.

And yet, prior to this above passage, in today's Gospel Jesus speaks to the crowds in reference to Moses, the main human author of the Law and the Prophets. "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." Mt. 23:1-3

It reminds me of my childhood when one of my older siblings fell short of their own advice to me and said, "Do what I say, not what I do." I think they had just warned me not to swear, but then swore shortly after their exhortation. Still, I respected their authority over me since delegated by my parents.

It seems that the scribes and Pharisees knew God's Ten Commandments (not as suggestions or recommendations, but as essential life principles from God) and their implications, but some did not practice them fully since distracted by worldly wealth. Those who did practice them were not perfect at it, but they practiced the vital art of humbly seeking forgiveness from God and others, and doing penance to repair the damage due to their sins and the sins of others, since we must make satisfaction or reparation for sins.

This explains Jesus' other mysterious teaching: "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails {runs out}, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." Lk. 16:6-9.

In other words, the children of this world are constantly making deals and helping each other grow in wealth. We, the children of God's light and love, are called to help each other to grow in spiritual wealth, but we are sometimes not as diligent, even though it is the wealth that Jesus has worked for since all saving grace and merit come from him.

Anyone who grows wealthy knows that they need to get the best deal, constantly learn and network with others. Jesus calls us to do the same with our spiritual wealth, but he puts a strange twist on it so that we might think more deeply about it. He wants us to use "dishonest wealth."

This "dishonest wealth" comes to us when we do not have to work hard for it but inherit a small fortune from a relative who has died, or we win the lottery. In a sense, this is "dishonest wealth" because we did not have to work hard for it, and yet our relationships and effort have paid off.

Similarly, spiritual "dishonest wealth" comes to us as an inherited gift of God's grace that comes to us through Jesus Christ who worked for it by his life of teaching, suffering, and passionate death upon the cross. By rising to eternal life, he distributes the Father's blessings to his people, especially to his saints who followed him closely, and so they can distribute their own spiritual wealth to those who ask of them according to God's design.

Anytime we unite ourselves to Christ and offer up our pain, humiliation or sacrifice for the poor souls in purgatory, they are purified and draw closer to the fullness of heaven where they will never have to suffer again. Since they are in Christ, they can pray for us,



but they can no longer grow in merit by overcoming difficulties, but we need to ask those souls in purgatory to pray for us, keeping this network of faith active and fruitful.

Most Christians will have much time in purgatory, unless they are like St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta, St. John Vianney, or St. Padre Pio who had the stigmata – the wounds of Christ – on his hands, feet and side for 50 years. It is not easy to attain Christ's commandment: "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." Mt. 5:48.

But what consolation to know that we can ask Christ and his Saints in heaven, and the souls in purgatory to help us avoid time in purgatory by helping us seek a plenary indulgence for our own soul and the poor souls in purgatory. The souls in purgatory have not used their God given gifts of time, talent and treasure sufficiently to attain the fullness of heaven, but we can help them, and ourselves, by striving and hopefully attaining and applying a plenary indulgence to them, or to ourselves.

A plenary indulgence is the complete forgiveness or remission of punishment due to sins which have already been confessed but have not been fully satisfied with the reparation necessary for that soul to enter into the fullness of heaven.

Pope Francis, as the Vicar of Christ on earth, said we can seek a plenary indulgence by doing these five things: 1) After a diligent examination of conscience, make a good confession, which means confessing the kind and number of mortal sins committed, or serious things omitted, since your last good confession; 2) Receiving holy communion in the state of grace; 3) Praying for the Pope's good intentions: one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be; 4) Doing the indulgent work on the same day as your Holy Communion and praying for the Pope, which includes one of the following: praying the family rosary, or the rosary in front of the tabernacle, or reading sacred scripture prayerfully for 30 minutes, or praying the stations of the cross. And the last and most difficult is 5)Be detached from all sins, even venial sins, while doing those spiritual exercises. This means detesting any of the temptations that past sins illicit, and of course avoiding the near occasion of sin.

Jesus warns us that there are some who will know the faith, like the scribes and Pharisees, and sit on the chair of authority, but they will avoid doing penance and seek worldly goods. Whereas Christ's faithful disciples will seek spiritual treasures that will help them attain heaven for themselves and their loved ones. They will support all that protects and promotes the sanctity of human life and the fullness of the Catholic faith.

November is dedicated by the Church for praying for our deceased loved ones. A summary of how to attain a plenary indulgence for them or oneself can be found on the back of this Sunday Bulletin. If a person seeking a plenary indulgence falls short of any of the requirements, know that a partial indulgence is still attained, thanks to God's mercy through Jesus Christ and his Mystical Body, the 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.

Cemetery Collection: The second collection this weekend is for the upkeep of our parish cemeteries. Thank you for your generosity to maintain the beauty of the resting places of our beloved departed.

Holy Trinity/St. Mary CCW: Meeting will be held Thur., Nov. 9 at 7PM at the Goodhue Living Center (after the Spaghetti Dinner). All are invited to the dinner served from 4-7PM, but please RSVP by Sun., Nov. 5 to welcome@goodhueliving.com or call 651-923-1010.

K of C Annual Memorial Mass: 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.

Priest Appreciation: 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!

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

All Saints Day Celebration: Thank you to the "student saints," parents, catechists and many volunteers for helping to make the event a success.

Catholic Daughters of America wish to express their thanks for the many donations received for the Habitat for Humanity.

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

40 Days for Life Closing Prayer Vigil: Join us on Sun., Nov. 5 at 4PM in front of Planned Parenthood in Rochester to pray for the end of abortion. Remember to park other than in the shopping mall parking lot. We hope you will join us!

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. 5 - Fr. Jim Notebaart, St. Mary, New Trier-"The People of God and the Body of Christ." 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."



"O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I would like to be filled with love for you; keep me closely united with you, may my heart be near to yours. I want to be close to you like the apostle John. O Mary of the Rosary, keep me recollected when I say these prayers of yours; bind me forever, with your Rosary, to Jesus of the Blessed Sacrament. Blessed be Jesus, my love." Pope St. John XXIII

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. 4	Sat., Nov. 4 HT 4:45-5:20PM		Sacrament of Confession				
Sun., Nov. 5	HT	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession				
Sun., Nov. 5	HT	12Noon-2:00PM	Small Group Leadership Training-Session VII				
Mon., Nov. 6	SM	6:30PM-9:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament				
Wed., Nov. 8	HT	9:00AM-2:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament				
Wed., Nov. 8	HT	2:15-3:30PM 7:25-8:35PM	Faith Formation Grades 1-6 Faith Formation Grades 7-10				
Thurs., Nov. 9 SC 8:00AM		8:00AM	MASS ONLY <u>NO</u> Adoration of the Blessed Sacra- ment/Confession (9AM Nuvera installation)				
Sat., Nov. 11	Sat., Nov. 11 <u>SM</u> 8:00-8:45AM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament				
Sat., Nov. 11	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession				
SatSun.	HT/SC	After Mass	Priest Appreciation Lunch				
Sun., Nov. 12	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession				
Tues., Nov. 14 HT		6:30PM	K of C Annual Memorial Mass/Installation of Officers				
Sun., Nov. 19 HT 6:30-9:00PM		6:30-9:00PM	Catholic Young Adults				

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection: 10/28: \$492.00

St. Columbkill Church (SC) Collection: 10/29: \$537.05

St. Mary Church (SM) Collection: 10/29: \$395.40

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		November 4/5	November 11/12			
HT:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer			
Saturday 5:30PM	Cantor	Kate Ludwig	Aurora Wiskow			
Nov. 4 &	Lector	Maureen Lodermeier	Lily Peterson			
Nov. 11	Servers		Ellie Nardinger			
SM:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer			
Sunday 8:45am	Cantor	Allison Keller	Allison and Mike Keller			
Nov. 5 &	Lector	Patricia Mensink	Taylor Dowden			
Nov. 12	Servers	Addy and Will Poncelet	Henry Keller, Noah and Maya Keller			
SC:	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen			
Sunday 10:30am	Cantor	Denise Voth	Shelly Jacobson			
Nov. 5 &	Lector	Charlie Dicke	Becky Diercks			
Nov. 12	Servers	Brady and Liahna McNamara				

