# Holy Trinity Parish

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

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

**Building use request:** Call the office.

**Confession:** Sat. 4:45-5:20pm at Holy 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade catechism classes in preparation.

**Confirmation:** Register for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>holytrinitygood-hue@gmail.com</u> by Wednesday noon. The business office reserves the right to edit. **Trustees:** 

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After John (the Baptizer) had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Mk. 1:14-15.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Feb. 17	+Tom Ryan	ls 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Feb. 18	+Becky Arendt	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/ 1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
	10:30AM	SC		Parishioners	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Feb. 19	+Lora Keller	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ Mt 25:31-46
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Feb. 20	Anne Skalicky	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Feb. 21	+Tom Gorman	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thu.	8:00AM	SC	Feb. 22	+Fr. Mike O'Connor	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Fri.			Feb. 23		Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Feb. 24	Grade 3 Faith Formation class	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Feb. 25	Parishioners	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-
	10:30AM	SC	FeD. 20	+Wayne & Jeanette Grill	17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

Mission: We grow together in Christ.

## Welcome to our Parish Churches!



Holy Trinity Church (HT) 211 4th Street North Goodhue, MN 55027



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 often do we think about creation as a partial reflection of the infinite glory of God? We give glory to God when we pray the creed with hearts filled with gratefulness, wonder and awe when we profess, "I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible."

To give glory to God is to praise him for being the Creator of all that is true, life giving, and beautiful. The more we learn about the visible world around us, like the complexity and harmony of a single cell with its thousands of moving parts, the more we are in awe of God. The more we learn about the vastness of the universe, and how the earth is perfectly situated to sustain human life among billions of stars and planets that can't, the more we are in awe of God and want to praise his glory.

These two examples reflect upon God's visible creation. In the creed we also profess that God is the creator of invisible creatures, the angels. We hear about the angels in today's Gospel.

After his baptism in the Jordan river Jesus was driven into the desert by the Holy Spirit for forty days to fast, pray and overcome the temptations of Satan. Satan himself is a fallen angel. He refused to give God glory by choosing not to serve God nor his plan of creation and salvation.

Satan convinced one third of the angels to depart from heaven to roam on the earth. Satan and his demons tempted Jesus in the desert to stop praying, to stop fasting, to stop worshiping God the Father.

But we also hear in today's Gospel about the good angels who serve Jesus Christ. We know that Lent is a time to journey with Jesus in the desert. It is a time to quiet ourselves and to trust completely in God. It is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, but these things are despised by the demons. They will tempt you to stop these acts of faith, hope and love.

Lent is a time to acknowledge that, just as Jesus Christ was tempted by the Devil, but never sinned, so we too will be tempted, but with the help of God's grace and his angels, we can overcome temptations.

One way to overcome the temptations of the Devil and his demons is to think about God's good angels. We can recall how they appeared in the light of God's glory and announced to the shepherds the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in Bethlehem. We can think about how God the Father sent his angel Gabriel to St. Joseph to warn him to take his wife Mary and the baby Jesus to Egypt in order to protect him from King Herod. And how God sent an angel to strengthen Jesus when he was in agony in the garden before his crucifixion. We can meditate on how there were angels at the tomb to announce that Jesus Christ had resurrected from the dead.

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which is a summary of what God wants us to believe and how to live, we read this about the angelic nature: "As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness." (CCC par. #330)



The Catechism continues: "From its beginning until death, human life is sur-

rounded by their watchful care and intercession. St. Basil writes: 'Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.' Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God." (CCC par. 336)

I believe that I have experienced the protection of my guardian angel many times. One example is when I was ten years old. I was playing football in my front yard with my older brother. He threw the ball to me so high and far that I had to run to the very corner of the yard where there was an apple tree. Suddenly I felt something trip me and carry me to the ground. It was a very strange and yet peaceful sensation. But I looked up to see the apple tree branches just in front of me. I truly believe that my guardian angel prevented a terrible accident.

My brothers and sisters baptized in Christ, we give glory to God when we acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the Lord of all creation, visible creation and invisible creation like the angels. We give glory to God when we acknowledge that God has given each believer a guardian angel to help them on their way to heaven.

Please, after receiving Holy Communion, or making a spiritual communion, take some time to thank God for his angels, and how they served Jesus. How they walk with us and inspire prayer, acts of creative love, contrition for our sins, and hopefulness for the mercy of God, especially during this season of Lent.

Peace in Christ, Fr. Thomas 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 Maria Schultz, Safe Environment Coordinator - holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com.



"Communion is the union of man's soul with God. The source of all strength, our Communions could change the world if the fire of the Holy Spirit were really allowed to fall on the earth, and to renew it through you and me." -Servant of God Catherine de Hueck Doherty +1984 (continued next week)

<u>Please pray for:</u> Marcy Dilworth, Susan Brown, Margaret Wagner, Maxine Ryan, Ed Heppelmann, Anne Merry, Ray Poncelet, Dave Buck, Scott Cyert, Jerry Joe Majerus, Louise Heppelmann, Brent Hokanson, Anne Skalicky, Pat Mann, Neil Stehr, Barb Smalley, Jen Berg, Marge Majerus, Connie Havrilla, Shawn Frederixon, Gabe Ryan, Laura Luhman, Colten Zinbar and Ryan Zorn. <u>Contribution Envelopes</u> are now being mailed to parishioners quarterly. If you have not yet received your contribution envelopes and would like to, please contact the Parish Office.

<u>40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil</u>: Ongoing prayer vigil is from Feb. 14 to March 24 in front of Planned Parenthood at 1212 7th St. NW in Rochester to pray for an end to abortion. To join /sign up: www.40daysforlife.com/en/ rochester

**Fish Fries:** You are invited to join the Church of St. Michael's Lenten Fish Fries on Friday evenings during Lent (February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, & 22) from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the Community Room! Both baked & fried fish will be offered! Prices: Adults \$14.00, Children 5-12 \$6.00, and Family maximum \$45.00. *Location:* 451 5th St. SW, Pine Island, MN 55963 Tel: 507-356-4280

<u>Goodhue Lions Spring Brunch:</u> March 3 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Serving pancakes, sausage, Huettl's gritwurst, eggs, toast, rolls, coffee, juice, milk. Adults: \$12 / children 6-12: \$7 / 5 and under: free / bloody Marys: \$7 / mimosas: \$5.

Human Trafficking Presentation: Shining a Light on Sex Trafficking will be presented with Director De-Brea Chambers from Brittany's Place. Join the conversation on Wednesday, February 28, from 11 a.m. - Noon at Guardian Angels Catholic Church (8260 4th Street N, Oakdale, MN 55128, guardian-angels.org, 651-738-2223) <u>or</u> there is also a ZOOM option at 6:00 p.m. Contact Terry at tquinn@guardian-angels.org for more information or to obtain the Zoom link.

#### Dear Parishioners,

We have distributed the Rice Bowl to each of our Faith Formation students. We do have some extra Rice Bowls for you to take home with you. We ask that you enter into the Season of Lent by saying extra prayers, abstaining from certain foods or things (in consultation with the compassionate regulations of the Church and your care giver), and participating in almsgiving – giving money to the poor.

The Rice Bowl provides you that opportunity to give alms to the poor by putting some money in the Rice Bowl throughout Lent and then returning it to the Church on Wednesday, April 3.

Extra prayer, abstaining from good things so that we can give alms to the poor is a way to show our love for Jesus who suffered and died on the Cross to enrich us with his divine life of grace. Lent is a time to follow Jesus Christ more closely within his Church, so that we can reach out to people and help them know God's love and compassion for them. Hopefully, they will then want to become a member or more active member of our Catholic Church and bring Jesus' love and compassion to others. Peace in Christ,

Fr. Thomas McCabe

#### **Small Groups**

We are happy to communicate that we have seven (7) Parish Evangelization Cell Small Groups meeting weekly beginning around Lent of which you can sign up to grow as a "missionary disciple" of Jesus Christ and his Church.

Your participation in these groups will keep our parish and families Christ centered. This initiative by Archbishop Hebda is helping us reach out to those who want to share this Christian journey of divine faith, hope and love with us!

Please go online to review and sign up with a small group @<u>https://archspm.groupvitals.com/groupFinder</u> or go to

holytrinitygoodhue.org under

Ministries: Small Groups for more information.

Calendar/Events							
Sat., Feb. 17	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession				
Sun., Feb. 18	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession				
Sun., Feb. 18	SC	After Mass	Stations of the Cross				
Mon., Feb. 19	SM	6:30PM-9:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament				
Mon., Feb. 19	HT	7:30PM	Pastoral Council Meeting				
Wed., Feb. 21	HT	9:00AM-2:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament				
Wed., Feb. 21	HT	2:15-3:30PM	Faith Formation Grades 1-6				
Wed., Feb. 21	HT	6:30PM	Stations of the Cross				
Wed., Feb. 21	HT	7:25-8:35PM	Faith Formation Grades 7-10				
Thur., Feb. 22	SC	8:00-8:45AM	NO Adoration/Confession. Mass only 8:00AM				
Fri., Feb. 23	SM	8:00PM	Stations of the Cross				
Sat., Feb. 24	Sat., Feb. 24 HT 4:45-5:20PM		Sacrament of Confession				
Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection: 02/10: \$ 1,133.00St. Columbkill Church (SC) Collection: 02/11: \$ 652.00St. Mary Church (SM) Collection: 02/11: \$ 714.80							



#### 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	February 17/18	February 24/25	
HT:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer	
Saturday	Cantor	Katie Ludwig	Aurora Wiskow	
5:30PM Feb. 17 &	Lector Loretta Froyum			
Feb. 24	Servers	Brenna & Eli Buck	Leeta, Aubriel, Oleana, Stuart O'Reilly	
SM:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer	
Sunday	Cantor	Allison Keller		
8:45am Feb. 18 &	Lector	Taylor Dowden	Elizabeth Keller	
Feb. 25	Servers	Henry, Noah, Maya Keller	Zack & Danny Keller	
SC:	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen	
Sunday	Cantor	Denise Voth	Joel Hernke	
10:30am Feb. 18 &	Lector	Pam Altendorf	JJ O'Reilly	
Feb. 25	Servers	Eleanor, Patrick, Francis, Phillip O'Reilly		



### Some snapshots of our Mardi Gras celebration on February 11!

