Holy Trinity Parish

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2023

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Building use request: Call the office.

Confession: Sat. 4:45-5:20pm at Holy Trinity, Sun. 8:15am 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 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.

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. (\$7/Mass suggested.)

Bulletin Items: Email to <u>holytrinitygood-hue@gmail.com</u> by Wednesday. The business office reserves the right to edit.

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John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... I saw the

Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him....he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." John 1:20-34

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		HOLY	MASS SC	HEDULE	READINGS	
Sat.	5:30 PM	HT	Jan. 14	+John Haas	Heb 4:12-16 / Ps 19 / Mk 2:13-17	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Jan. 15	+Norbert Frawley	ls 49:3, 5-6 / Ps40 / 1Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34	
	10:30AM	SC		Parishioners	1.29-04	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Jan. 16	+Bob Heppelmann	Heb 5:1-10 / Ps110 / Mk 2:18-22	
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Jan. 17	+David Rusch	Heb 6:10-20 / Ps 111 / Mk 2:23-28	
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Jan. 18	+Therese Bien	Heb 7:1-3,15-17 / Ps 110 / Mk 3:1-6	
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Jan. 19	+Lloyd Ryan	Heb 7:25-8:6 / Ps40 / Mk 3:7-12	
Fri.			Jan. 20		Heb 8:6-13 / Ps 85 / Mk 3:13-19	
Sat.	9:00AM	HT	Jan. 21	For the End to Abortion		
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Jan. 21	+Bonnie Sawyer	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 / P 47 / Mk 3:20-21	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	lan 00	Parishioners	ls 8:23-9:3 / Ps 27 / 1Cor 1:10-13,17 / Matt 4:12-23	
	10:30AM	SC	Jan. 22	Fourth Grade Faith Formation Class		

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

I want to put this Sunday's Gospel into historical context and how the Jews might have heard John's announcement of Jesus: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." We go back to the second book of the Bible, Exodus.

We read there that the Pharaoh of Egypt was the most powerful man around the year 1200 B.C. The Pharaoh had enslaved the Hebrews, the Jewish nation. He was afraid that the Israelite slaves would keep increasing rapidly in his country in spite of their cruel life of slavery.

At a certain point, to practice his own form of socialism, Pharaoh ordered all the Hebrew midwives to throw any baby boy born of any Jewish mother into the river to be drowned. This clearly is an abuse of power.

Fortunately, two midwives named Shiphrah and Puah, feared the Lord and did not listen to Pharaoh's unjust law. They saved many babies from being killed and one of them was Moses.

The mother of Moses hid the baby boy among the reeds in a papyrus basket and had her own daughter watch over him. Soon the Pharaoh's daughter came down to the river and found the baby boy and adopted him as her own. She named the boy Moses, which means, "drawn from water."

Moses realized over time that he has been adopted, that he was born of a Hebrew slave. He tries to help his own people by defending them but accidently kills an Egyptian task master. He flees into the wilderness and becomes a shepherd until God calls him - when he was eighty years old to return to Egypt and confront Pharaoh, commanding him to release the Jewish slaves.

God gives him the mission to bring them to the promised land flowing with milk and honey – and freedom – with the help of Aaron, his brother-in-law, who was eighty-three years old.

Of course, when Moses demands that Pharaoh release the Israelites from slavery in order to worship the One True God, Pharaoh denies his request. Moses warns him that God will then afflict Egypt with plagues until he obeys God's desire.

After each plague Moses makes the request of Pharaoh to release God's people, and Pharaoh denies him even as the plagues become more severe. The last plague, the tenth plague, Moses tells Pharaoh that God is the author of life and death, and that the Lord God will send the Angel of Death to Egypt to take the first born of all Egyptians to his judgment seat, if he does not set God's people free.

God knew that Pharaoh was drunk on power and would refuse, and so he had the Hebrews prepare a ritual that would set them apart and guard them from the Angel of Death. God commanded Moses to tell the faithful Jews to procure a male, unblemished lamb, sacrifice it, and put some of its blood on the lentil and the doorpost of their homes, for this is the night of the "Passover."

The Jews were to roast and eat the Passover Lamb with unleavened bread (this foreshadows Christ in the Holy Eucharist, for he is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!), and be prepared to leave Egypt for the promised land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and freedom to worship the One True God of life and salvation.

That night the Angel of Death passed over all the faithful Jews who listened to God through Moses, those who ate of the Passover Lamb with humble praise and thanksgiving. Yet, that same night the Egyptians were thrown into much confusion and weeping as all their firstborn children were dying, because God is the giver of life and death, and he warned of this consequence if the leader of the Egyptians did not obey his commands. Pharaoh himself lost his first-born child and ordered the Jews to leave Egypt.



The faithful Jews who had listened to God through Moses followed him to the promised land. But first they had to be purified, pass through the Red Sea while being pursued by the Egyptian army, receive the Ten Commandments of God, and wander in the desert for forty years. Finally, they crossed **the Jordan river** and entered the promised land; a land flowing with milk and honey, and freedom to worship God.

What does this have to do with today's Gospel? Everything, because when John the Baptist baptizes Jesus at **the Jordan river** and calls out, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!" Everyone who was a practicing Jew would know that Jesus, this man from Nazareth, was somehow going to be the Passover Lamb and save everyone from sin.

John the Baptist testifies, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain on him... He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit."

My friends in Christ, at our Baptism we passed through the Red Sea and received the Ten Commandments. We were led by the Holy Spirit to First Confession and First Communion to eat of the Lamb of God, Jesus, the unleavened bread, and so have the strength and wisdom to choose to be sealed by the Holy Spirit at our Confirmation.

Now that many of us have been Confirmed, we need to stand up to the Pharaohs in this world who are promoting abortion and social engineering; those who do not protect children from transgenderism and all the confusion of a world that denies God the Creator of Life and Salvation, and denies the Authority of Jesus Christ and his plan of salvation found fully in His Catholic Church.

May we receive Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, in the Holy Eucharist with hearts purified by the Holy Spirit. May we be strengthened by Jesus Christ to know and serve God who is the author of our life and freedom, to serve and worship him above all, and to love and serve him in the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.

Peace in the Christ, the Lamb of God, Fr. Thomas McCabe

Thank you to all who submitted the recent Parish Census form. We are comparing the results to the last census. More information forthcoming. Extra forms are still available at the church entrances.

Please pray for: 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, Kellie Peterson, Neil Stehr, Barb Smalley, Jen Berg, Mary Ellen Reding, Greg Poncelet, Ann Austreng, Marge Majerus, Connie Havrilla, Al Brinkman and Shawn Frederixon. Warm Hearts-Warm Blankets Project: The Warm Hearts Warm Blankets project is coming to an end January 15, 2023. If you have a blanket for the project please drop it off at Holy Trinity or St. Columbkill Church or contact Maureen Lodermeier (651-764-0390) or Sharon Watson (651-764-9646). Thank you for your generosity!

Pro-Life Activities: There are several activities scheduled to pray for the end of abortion. **Saturday, January 21** at Holy Trinity there is Adoration, Confession, Holy Mass and Rosary for Life beginning at 8:00AM. On **Sunday, January 22** at Holy Trinity beginning at 6:30PM there will be a CYA social, potluck, pro-life video. However, all are invited to Adoration, Confession, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary for Life starting at 8:15PM. **Monday, January 23** is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - 7:00PM Rosary for Life at St. Mary's during regular Adoration 6:30-9:00PM.

Postcards to MN Senator/Representatives: Abortion advocates in the Minnesota legislature have introduced the PRO Act. This bill, if passed, would put in state law the right to *abort an unborn baby at any time until birth, for any reason.* Your help is needed to send a postcard to our MN Rep and Senator to encourage them to vote for life. Postcards are located at church entrances.

(CYA) Catholic Young Adults (19-45+) will meet on Sunday, January 22, at Holy Trinity from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Social/Potluck 6:30-7:45, Short Pro Life video 7:50-8:15 p.m., Adoration/Confession and Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary for Life 8:15 - 9:00 p.m. Please RSVP at <u>frmccabe@bevcomm.net</u> and tell us what you can bring to the potluck, and the number in your party. God bless you and your family!

2023 Donation Envelopes: There may be a slight delay in the arrival of the new envelopes for parishioner contributions. They will be in the church entrances as soon as they arrive. Until then, please feel free to use the temporary envelopes in the entrance (be sure to write your name on the envelope). Thank you for your patience!

Men's Silent Retreat: Are you craving peace and solitude? Let God meet you at our beautiful retreat location in Lake Elmo, MN. Join us for a Men's Silent Retreat at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House **January 19 – January 22**. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. Free-will donation. More info at 651-777-1311.

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Safety on Icy Sidewalks: Due to the icy and snowy weather, please use caution when entering and exiting the churches. We are not always able to shovel and sand/salt as extensively as desired for weekday Masses and events. At Holy Trinity it is best to use the "Canopy Entrance" (furthest west) since there are no steps. At St. Columbkill, please use the entry way furthest south, which also has no outdoor steps and leads to the community room, past the bathroom and into the church. Thank you for your consideration. Fr. McCabe

Calendar/Events					
Mon., Jan. 16	SM	5:15-9:00PM	Adoration		
Mon., Jan. 16 HT		6:00-7:15PM	Finance Council Meeting		
Mon., Jan. 16 HT		7:30-8:30PM	Pastoral Council Meeting		
		9:00-10:00AM	"Rescued" Book Study		
Wed., Jan. 18 HT		9:00-2:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		
Wed., Jan. 18 HT		2:15-3:30PM	Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-6		
Wed., Jan. 18 HT		7:25-8:35PM	Faith Formation Classes Grades 7-10		
Thur., Jan. 19 SC		8:00-8:50AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession		
Thur., Jan. 19 HT 9:00-11:00AM		Quilting			
Sat., Jan. 21 HT		8:00-8:45AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/ Confes- sion/Rosary for Life		
Sun, Jan. 22 HT		6:30-9:00PM	CYA Social/Potluck/Pro-life Video/Adoration/Confession/Chaplet/Rosary		
Mon., Jan. 23	SM	7:00PM	Rosary For Life		
			Regular Adoratior	n (6:30-9:00PM)	
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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	January 14/15	January 21/22	
HT: Sat.	Musician	Kathryn Peterson	Wanda Schafer	
5:30pm	Cantor	Taylor & Samantha Dowden	Katie Ludwig	
Jan. 14 & Jan. 21	Lector Bjorn Otterness		Barb Lexvold	
	Servers	Ben Gadient		
SM:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer	
Sunday	Cantor	Allison Keller	Allison Keller	
8:45am Jan. 15 &	Lector	Taylor & Samantha Dowden	Jeremy Keller	
Jan. 15 & Jan. 22	Servers	Addy & Will Poncelet	Zach and Danny Keller	
SC:	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen	
Sunday	Cantor	Tom Schulte	Joel Huneke	
10:30am	Lector	Barb Lexvold	Becky Diercks	
Jan. 15 & Jan. 22	Servers	Eleanor, Patrick & Francis O'Reilly	JJ and Jen O'Reilly	



Rescued - Book Study Group



Each Tuesday morning from 9:00-10:00 in January and February a group is meeting to discuss the book Rescued: The Unexpected and Extraordinary News of the Gospel by Fr. John Riccardo. It's not too late to join and learn more about applying the Gospel to our lives!

Contact Regina Poncelet for more information.