Holy Trinity Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) March 30, 2025

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"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." But his father ordered his servants, "Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found." Then the celebration began. Luke 15:21-24

		HOLY N	IASS SCH	READINGS	
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	March 29	Parishioners	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/ Lk 18:9-14
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	March 30	+Fr. Arnold "Mike" Sauber	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/ 2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
	10:30AM	SC	IVIAICII 30	Faith Formation Grade 8	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	March 31	+Lora Keller	ls. 65:17-21; Ps. 30; Jn. 4:43-54
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	April 1	+Dave & Grant Schimek	Ez. 47:1-9; Ps. 46, Jn. 5:1-16
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	April 2	+Fr. Arnold "Michael" Sauber	ls. 49:8-15; Ps. 145; Jn. 5:17-30
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	April 3	For more holy priests	Ex. 32:1-14; Ps. 106; Jn; 5:31-47
1st Fri.	8:00PM	SM	April 4	Conversion of non-practicing Catholics	Wis. 2:1a,12-22; Ps. 34; Jn. 7:1-2,10,25-30
1st Sat	9:00AM	SC	April 5	Reparation to the Imm. Heart of Mary	Jer. 11:18-20; Ps. 7; Jn. 7:40-53
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	April 5	Charlie Poncelet & family	ls. 43:1-2, Ps. 126:1-6, Phil. 3:8-14Jn. 8:1-11
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	April 6	Parishioners	ls. 43:1-2, Ps. 126:1-6, Phil. 3:8-14Jn. 8:1-11
	10:30AM	SC	April 6	+Beverly Jean Brickzin	

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

We look upon the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and see the horrible consequences of our sins, as well as the mercy of God. Just one venial sin disfigures one's soul and shuns the fullness of God's infinite Love leaving us for dead, yet, through Jesus' crucifixion, and our baptism into Christ, God holds out to us the grace of repentance and forgiveness through his Church by his instituting the Sacrament of Confession to assure our salvation.

Let us trust the words of Jesus: "If you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Mt. 5:2324.

We sometimes offend Jesus Christ our brother, and, in a sense, push sanctifying grace out of our soul when we commit sins against God and others, especially mortal sins which completely pushes God's saving grace out of one's soul. Thus, the person needs to be reconciled to God and his Church through the Sacrament of Confession before receiving Holy Communion, which is why we normally offer it before the weekend Masses.

A person of the age of reason commits a mortal sin when these three conditions are simultaneously present: 1. The action or omission is of grave moral matter: 2. They reasonably know this to be true (since God speaks to every conscience); and 3. They freely choose to do it. Jesus clearly states: "Wicked designs come from the deep recesses of the heart: (specific mortal sins in parenthesis have been added): acts of fornication (sex outside of Christian marriage), theft, murder (abortion, euthanasia), adulterous conduct (viewing pornography), greed (not contributing to the church), maliciousness (prejudice), deceit (harmful lies), sensuality (homosexual sex, masturbation, contraception), envy, blasphemy (contradicting God and His Church), arrogance (assuming authority that one does not have like trying to change the definition of marriage), an obtuse spirit (dismissing any of the teachings of the Church out of pride). All these evils come from within and render a man impure." Mk. 7:21 -23

A mortal sin on one's soul at death would prevent that person from ever entering heaven. *But praised be Jesus Christ!* who calls us especially during this season of Lent, to repent of our sins with sorrow, confess the kind and number of mortal sins to a Catholic priest to the best of one's ability, and make satisfaction by repairing the damage done by those sins. Making "satisfaction" or "repairing" what has been damaged is called "reparation" and can be accomplished by seeking a plenary or partial indulgence, extra prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

The Apostle James, in his Letter (Epistle) found in the New Testament, writes: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world." James 1:27



He also writes: "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed...if anyone among you should stray from the truth and someone brings him back, he should know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins." James 5:16, 19-20

Let us trust in the Lord's mercy by receiving the Sacrament of Confession with hearts contrite and grateful for the certain gift of salvation. Let us invite our Catholic friends and families to join us in this celebration of God's infinite mercy. No sin is so great that God's merciful love can't take it away through Jesus' Sacrament of Confession, so long as the person confesses it, truly attempts to amend his life, and does not hold back any serious sins.

This sacrament is truly the path of humility and love for Jesus and for his sacrificial crucifixion and saving death for us. Because of our Baptism into Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and his Catholic Church, the Sacrament of Confession is the assured fount of sanctifying grace which restores us to God's friendship and his Church. The Sacrament of Confession and the other sacraments are channels of God's grace and fill up the soul that is dry and parched from walking in the desert of Lent. When we have the temptation to believe that maybe we have had more than our fair share of suffering and temptation, all we need is to look upon Jesus crucified and realize he suffered greatly, and was perfectly innocent. We then appreciate that Jesus poured out his love completely, that we might grow into the true missionary disciples he wants us to be.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Thomas McCabe

"Go with Him, as His inseparable companion, to the wedding feast of Cana, and drink of the wine of His blessing. Let you have ever before



you the Face of the Lord, and look upon His beauty, and let your earnest gaze turn nowhere away from His most sweet countenance. Go before Him into a desert place and see the wonder of His works, where He multiplied in His own Holy Hands the bread that sufficed the great multitude. Go, my brother, go forward, and with all the love of your soul follow Christ wherever He may go... And lovingly behold Him as taking bread into His hands, He blesses it, and breaks it, as the outward form of His own Immaculate Body; and the chalice which He blessed as the outward form of His Precious Blood, and gave to His Disciples; and be you also a partaker of His sacraments." - St. Ephrem of Syria (306-373)

News and Events

Jubilee Year Indulgence/Cathedral Guided Tour: Let's visit the Cathedral of St. Paul for a special Jubilee Year Indulgence! Friday, May 9, Mass at HT 9:00 am (optional), brunch after Mass at the Goodhue Depot (optional, your expense), Coach Bus boards at 11:45 am at Holy Trinity parking lot (\$10 per person, families no more than \$50) and departs at 12:00 for Cathedral Guided Tour which begins at 2:00 pm for about 1 hour. Coach Bus returns to HT around 4:30 pm. 18 spaces available. RSVP to parish office by April 1! Anonymous donor subsidized the bus fee. Praise God for our generous parishioners!

40 Days for Life: Prayers to End Abortion - now until April 13. 40 Days for Life is a Christian organization that takes a peaceful, prayerful approach to this controversial issue to move hearts and minds. This prayer campaign is on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at 1212 7th Street NW, Rochester. If you would be interested in making an appointment with God to pray for all involved in this issue go to 40daysforlife.com/rochester to register and sign up. For more information contact Margaret Mulligan at 40daysforliferoch@gmail.com. Even if you are not able to pray at the Planned Parenthood location, please pray daily during this campaign for an end to violence against children in the womb! Suggested prayer intentions:

https://www.usccb.org/prayers/pro-life-rosary-prayer-intentions

<u>Easter Flowers</u>: It's time to order flowers to beautify our churches for the Easter season! Order forms are in the church entries. The deadline to order is April 6.

<u>Do you know...?</u> Our third grade Faith Formation class is on a quest to identify the relics contained in the altars of St. Mary's, Holy Trinity and St. Columbkill. The students would appreciate any information you could provide. Please contact Fr. McCabe or Eva Diercks at 651-380-9248.

SAVE THE DATE! May 15-17, 2025 - Holy Trinity Parish Garage Sale Fundraiser, Bake Sale, Food Stand. Start gathering items to donate to the sale! Proceeds to benefit our Youth Faith Formation. Sponsored by our churches of Holy Trinity, St. Columbkill, and St. Mary. Additional information to follow at a later date.

Part-time Maintenance/Custodial Position: A person at least 21 years of age with a MN Driver's License can apply. A practicing Catholic is preferred, since no employee of the Catholic Church can be a counter witness to the Catholic faith. Work up to 6 hours per week, \$14-\$17/hr. depending on skill and experience. Snow removal before office hours, Masses and Faith Formation classes and other events at Holy Trinity; grounds care, maintain riding mower, some custodial and maintenance work at each church. Call Fr. McCabe at 651-923-4472 by April 30 and provide references. The Essential 3 Safe Environment program (background check, Code of Conduct and VIRTUS training) will need to be completed.

<u>Fish Fries:</u> Friday evenings during Lent, serving from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM! Both baked & fried fish will be offered! Prices: Adults \$15.00, Children 5-12 \$6.00, and family maximum \$45.00. TAKE OUT AVAILABLE! Location: Church of St. Michael, 451 5th St. SW, Pine Island.

<u>SAVE THE DATE</u>: COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE WITH MULTIPLE PRIESTS, TUES. APRIL 15, 7:30-8:30 pm AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH. <u>Please pray for:</u> Bob Eppen, Diane Ryan, Wanda Schafer, Margaret Wagner, Maxine Ryan, Ed Heppelmann, Anne Merry, 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, Laura Luhman, Ryan Zorn, Beth Carlson, Chuck Havrilla, Randy Nardinger, Marci Dillworth, Alan Gadient, Roy Goranson, Susan Brown, Jocelyn O'Reilly.

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April 2025: For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Calendar/Events							
Sat., March 29 HT 4		4:45-5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession				
Sun., March 30	SM	8:20-8:40 AM	Sacrament of Confession				
Sun., Mar. 30	SC	After Mass	Stations of the Cross				
Mon., Mar. 31	SM	6:30-9:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament				
Wed., April 2	HT	9:00AM-2:00 PM	Adoration with Benediction at 2:00 PM				
Wed., April 2	HT	2:15-3:30 PM	Grades 1-6 Faith Formation Class				
Wed., April 2	HT	6:30PM	Stations of the Cross				
Wed., April 2	HT	7:25-8:35 PM	Grades 7-9 Faith Formation Class				
Wed., April 2	3rd Place	7:30PM	Grades 10-12 Faith Formation				
Thurs., April 3	SC	8:00-8:45 AM	Adoration/Confession (Daily Mass 9:00 AM)				
1st Fri., April 4	<u>SM</u>	7:00- 7:25PM	Adoration/Confession (7:30 Stations of the Cross)				
1st Fri., April 4	<u>SM</u>	7:30 PM	Stations: For conversion of nonpracticing Catholics, (8 PM Mass)				
1st Sat. April 5	<u>sc</u>	8:00-8:45 AM	Adoration/Confession (Daily Mass 9:00 AM)				

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection: 3/22: \$ 289.00 St. Columbkill Church (SC) Collection: 3/23: \$ 998.00

St. Mary Church (SM) Collection: 3/23: \$ 1,411.00



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		March 29/30	April 5/6				
HT: Saturday 5:30PM March 29 & April 5	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen				
	Cantor	Laural Seither	Michelle Matthees				
	Lector	Loretta Froyum	Maureen Lodermeier				
	Servers	Leeta, Auriel, Oleana, Stuart O'Reilly	Caleb Schofield, Derek Stehr				
SM:	Musician	Eileen Frischmon	Wanda Schafer				
Sunday 8:45am	Cantor	Cathy O'Reilly					
March 30 & April 6	Lector	Jeremy Keller	Brian Keller				
	Servers	Danny Keller, Cooper Utley	Addy & Will Poncelet				
SC:	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen				
Sunday	Cantor Tom Schulte						
10:30am March 30	Lector	Becky Diercks	Chris Poncelet				
& April 6	Servers	Jay Roschen, JJ & Jenna O'Reilly	Brady & Liahna McNamara				

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Faith Formation students in grades 10-12 experienced elements of ancient Passover meal celebrations on March 19 at The Third Place.





"Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, 'Go and procure lambs for your families, and slaughter the Passover victims. Then take a bunch of hyssop, and dipping it in the blood that is in the basin, apply some of this blood to the lintel and the two doorposts. And none of you shall go outdoors until morning. For when the LORD goes by to strike down the Egyptians, seeing the blood on the lintel and the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over that door and not let the destroyer come into your houses to strike you down.

'You will keep this practice forever as a statute for yourselves and your descendants. Thus, when you have entered the land which the LORD will give you as he promised, you must observe this rite. When your children ask you, 'What does this rite of yours mean?' you will reply, 'It is the Passover sacrifice for the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt; when he struck down the Egyptians, he delivered our houses.

Then the people knelt and bowed down, and the Israelites went and did exactly as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron." - Exodus 12:21-28