

# Holy Trinity Parish

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

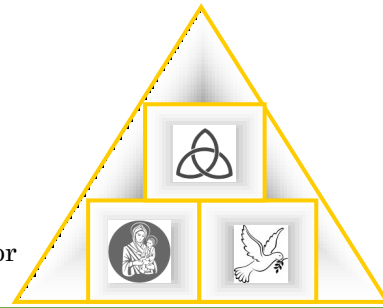
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Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." ... Then he will say... 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth..."

Cf. Luke 13:22-30

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	August 23	Parishioners	(Daily read.) Ru 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17; Ps 128; 1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	August 24	+Alan Brinkman	(Sat. Vigil & Sunday) Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1b-2; Heb 12:5-7,11-13; Lk 13:22-30
	10:30AM	SC		+Betty Gorman	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	August 25	+Souls in Purgatory	1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a,9b; Mt 23:13-23
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	August 26	+Adam Harmon	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3,4-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	August 27	Curtis Joel Olson	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12b; Mt 23:27-32
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	August 28	Kendyl Lodermeier	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Fri.			August 29		1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1,2b,5-6,10-12; Mk 6:17-29
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	August 30	+AJ Harmon	(Daily read.) 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1,7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	August 31	Parishioners	(Sat. Vigil & Sunday) Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19,22-24a; Lk 14:1,7-14
	10:30AM	SC		Bob Eppen	

*Mission: We grow together in Christ.*

*Welcome to our Parish Churches!*



**Holy Trinity Church (HT)**  
211 4th Street North  
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**St. Columbkille Church (SC)**  
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**St. Mary Church (SM)**  
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## From Father McCabe

“Lord, will many be saved?” Jesus responded, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” (Luke 13:23-24)

I was in a foreign restaurant eating alone when I saw a middle-aged couple at a distant table. They ate, talked and laughed with humble elegance, and sometimes he would lean over and whisper in her ear. They were deeply in love, and it was beautiful to behold.

There were other couples dining, but they seemed to be distant from one another. It is true, everyone there was eating, but not everyone was feeding one another with their loving attention and conversation like this couple.

After paying the bill, the man stood up and walked behind her. He then drew her chair back from the table and wheeled her away. It was only then that I saw that she was in a wheel chair.

I said to myself, “I wonder how much they have endured together?” I thought of the vows given in front of God and his Church in the Sacrament of marriage, “I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.”

I thought of all that my Mom and Dad had been through raising seven children. Many of us regret the childish antics and moments of neglecting duties of faith and family, but never do we regret my parent’s constant faith, hope, love and forgiveness, and their reasonable discipline.

In today’s Gospel Jesus is asked if only a few will be saved. He answers that many will not have the strength of faith, hope and love to endure the trials that lead to a strong, deepening love that follows him and his bride to the heavenly banquet table. As we read in the New Testament: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” (John 14:15), and “Loving God means keeping his commandments.” (1 John 5:3).

Many of those who never repented of their mortal sins nor practiced their faith fully might say that they ate with Jesus at his Eucharistic table and even listened to him with faith. And yet, since they did not love God above all serious sins and did not strive against them by repenting, Jesus will say to them, “I do not know you, nor where you are from. Depart from me you evildoers!” (Luke 13:24-25)

God knows us and where we are from when we share our lives, our struggles with temptations, handing over even our sins and weaknesses to Jesus and his Church. For all this comes from a humble and grateful heart touched by God’s grace and mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Confession.

Many do not have the strength of faith to confess their sins with a whisper in the confessional and thus miss out on the heart-to-heart conversation of God’s forgiveness,

## Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

absolution and love through Jesus Christ. Instead of having their sins absolved and its effects eliminated through penance with the help of Holy Mother Church, their mortal sins and their effects will be seen by all on the Last Day. As Jesus says, “There will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”



Let us remember and rejoice that on the night of Jesus’ Resurrection, the night that he proved beyond a doubt that he is God, Jesus appeared to the Apostles and breathed on them the Holy Spirit saying, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of sincere men they will be forgiven. If you hold them bound, they will be held bound.” (Cf. John 20:20-23)

Some people come to eat at the Lord’s table and leave immediately after, sometimes because of an emergency, which is acceptable, but often because they choose not to put God first in their life. They may not know how to strengthen their love by quietly thanking God from their humble heart while waiting for the final blessing which completes the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

It is sometimes difficult to be in the presence of the Lord awaiting his purifying love, but as true disciples let us recall what St. Paul writes in today’s second reading: *“My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reprov’d by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges.” Endure your trials as “discipline”; God treats you as sons. For what “son” is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it.*” (Heb 12:5-11)

It is only through loving discipline that one has the courage to live for God and others. Reasonable discipline and loving correction will prevent a child from becoming spoiled, ungrateful and unwilling to follow even the most basic Commandments of God. Instead, reasonable discipline will help any man, woman and child suffer out of love for Christ and his Bride the Church, as well as for their family and friends. They will learn to love God above all things, in order to love others and themselves appropriately.

Someone had the courage to ask Jesus, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” And Jesus replied, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.”

Only those whom the Lord knows to be humbly imperfect and yet have courageously striven to truly repent and love will be saved; and will be forever fed at the table of God’s eternal happiness, intimacy and wisdom.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Thomas McCabe

## News/Events

**Heaven in Your Home Gatherings** aim to bring families together and bring a “taste of heaven” into their homes. The gatherings offer families formation, fellowship, and the tools needed to live out their faith and pass it on to their children. Five times during the year (every other month) a Heaven in Your Home Gathering will take place at Holy Trinity Church in Goodhue from 6:30-8:00 PM. The first gathering will take place on Saturday, September 13. Families of all ages are invited to attend. There will be supervision for the kids after dinner and even a teen room for the middle schoolers and up. Sign up is not necessary, but helpful. Email Regina Poncelet at rponcelet@sleepyeyetel.net. We hope you can join these gatherings that help families live out your faith in a joyful home!

**St. Paul Seminary Catechetical Institute is coming to Red Wing!** The Church of St. Joseph, Red Wing, Fall 2025. This is intense adult faith formation! Deadline August 25. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.cistudent.com/2025-2027-class-info/>

**HT Parish Catechist Meeting** Tues., Aug. 26, at HT, 6:30-8:30PM. Catechists, subs and potential catechists are invited. For those who love passing on the Catholic faith, we need 1 catechist for Wednesday sessions: afternoon 2:10-3:30PM, and 1 for evening, 7:25-8:35PM, with some students arriving 15 minutes early! Background check is necessary.

**A Big Thank You!** To the Holy Trinity Church CCW who helped with the Parish Picnic after the Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and for the help at Genevieve Robbins' funeral visitation and reception. Also, thanks to the Knights of Columbus, and all those who participated with prayers and food, and those who stayed after Mass to honor those parishioners aged 85+. It was a joyful celebration and a tasteful meal!

**Praise God!** Our parishioners know to fast one hour before receiving Jesus Christ sacramentally in Holy Communion, except for water/medicine. This so called “Eucharistic fast” includes abstaining from gum, juice and coffee, so we might prepare more intentionally and be hungry for the Lord. The homebound/nursing home parishioners and those who assist should fast at least 15 minutes, unless emergency.

### Recover Sunday as a Day for the Lord and Family: The 12 themes of how to reclaim Sundays

To kick off *Synod Year III—Parents as Primary Educators of Their Children in the Ways of the Faith*—the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is pleased to publish 'Reclaiming Sundays: Recover Sunday as a Day for the Lord and Family.' The guide lays out monthly themes and practical suggestions for families to build lasting habits and anchor their week in a joyful, prayerful and restful observance of Sunday, and helps inform and inspire parents to understand and fulfill their responsibility as the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Find the monthly guide at: <https://missionsupport.archspm.org/resources/reclaiming-sundays-monthly-guide-pdf/>

**Reclaiming Sundays:** Sunday is a day which is at the very heart of the Christian life. Let us open our time to Christ, that He may cast light upon it and give it direction. He is the One who knows the secret of time and the secret of eternity, and He gives us “His day” as an ever-new gift of His love. The rediscovery of this day is a grace which we must implore, not only so that we may live the demands of faith to the full, but also so that we may respond concretely to the deepest human yearnings. Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human. (Pope St. John Paul II, Dies Domini, 7)

**PT Faith Formation/Catholic Activities Assistant Needed:** Must be a practicing Catholic, be at least age 21, and have a MN Driver's License. Average about 10 hours per week, \$16-\$22/hr. depending on skill set. This includes VBC in Summer, and weekly help with the bulletin. The Essential 3 Safe Environment protocol (background check, Code of Conduct and VIRTUS training) will need to be completed. Contact Fr. McCabe at 651-923-4472.

**Please pray for:** Bob Eppen, Margaret Wagner, Ann Merry, Ed Heppelmann, 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, Ryan Zorn, Beth Carlson, Chuck Havrilla, Randy Nardinger, Amy Feely, Alan Gadiant, Roy Goranson, Susan Brown, Jocelyn O'Reilly, Marci Dillworth, and John McCabe.

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### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August 2025:

#### For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

### Calendar/Events

Sat., Aug. 23	HT	4:45- 5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Aug. 24	SM	8:20-8:40 AM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., Aug. 25	SM	6:30-9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
Wed., Aug. 27	HT	9:00-2:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
Thurs., Aug. 28	SC	8:00-8:45 AM	Eucharistic Adoration/Confession (9:00AM Mass)
Sat., Aug. 30	HT	4:45- 5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Aug. 31	SM	8:20-8:40 AM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., Sept. 1	SM	<b>8:30 PM</b>	Labor Day <b>8:30 PM Mass ONLY</b> , No C/Ad

**Holy Trinity Church  
(HT) Collection:**

Not available at this time

**St. Columbkil Church  
(SC) Collection:**

Not available at this time

**St. Mary Church  
(SM) Collection:**

Not available at this time



### 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. Columbkil from 8:00AM-9:00AM (unless otherwise noted). Come and spend some time with Jesus!*

### Weekend Ministry Schedule

Church	Role	August 23/24	August 30/31
HT: Saturday 5:30PM August 23 & 30	<b>Musician</b>	Cindy Eppen	Wanda Schafer
	<b>Cantor</b>	Michelle Matthees	Aurora Wiskow
	<b>Lector</b>	Kyla Nardinger	Maureen Lodermeier
	<b>Servers</b>	Ellie Nardinger, William Peterson, Ben Gadiant	Stuart, Oleana, Aubriel, Leeta O'Reilly
SM: Sunday 8:45am August 24 & 31	<b>Musician</b>	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	<b>Cantor</b>	Cathy O'Reilly	
	<b>Lector</b>	Brian Keller	Jeremy Keller
	<b>Servers</b>	Danny Keller, Derek Stehr	
SC: Sunday 10:30am August 24 & 31	<b>Musician</b>	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	<b>Cantor</b>	Eleanor O'Reilly	Denise Voth
	<b>Lector</b>	JJ O'Reilly	Barb Lexvold
	<b>Servers</b>	Patrick, Francis, Phillip O'Reilly	Brady and Liahna McNamara



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As we honored Mary's Assumption into heaven at the Vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14 - a solemnity of holy obligation - we also had our Annual Parish Picnic and honored our senior members 85+ years old, and thanked them for their perseverance in faith and utilization of their gifts to build up our community spiritually and materially. We thank the Holy Trinity CCW, Knights of Columbus and all those who participated and provided a wonderful time of prayer, praise and a scrumptious potluck!