

# Holy Trinity Parish

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

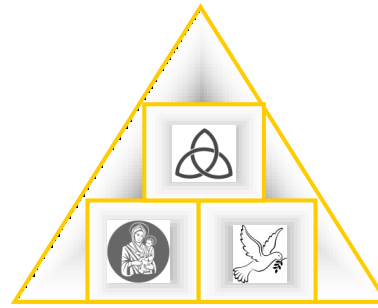
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Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Jn. 14:6-7.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	May 6	Parishioners	Acts 13:44-52 / Ps 98 / Jn 14:7-14
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	May 7	+Bob Heppelmann	Acts 6:1-7 / Ps 33 / 1Peter 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12
	10:30AM	SC		+Henry and Betty Gorman	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	May 8	Anne Skalicky	Acts 14:5-18 / Ps 115 / Jn 14:21-26
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	May 9	+Bernard Gohl	Acts 14:19-28 / Ps 145 / Jn 14:27-31a
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	May 10	Shawn Frederixon	Acts 15:1-6 / Ps 122 / Jn 15:1-8
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	May 11	Leo and Maxine Ryan	Acts 15:7-21 / Ps 96 / Jn 15:9-11
Fri.			May 12		Acts 15:22-31 / Ps 57 / Jn 15:12-17
Sat.	9:00AM 5:30PM	HT HT	May 13	+Fr. Gene Tiffany Parishioners	Acts 16:1-10 / Ps 100 / Jn 15:18-21
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	May 14	+LaWanda Keller and Deceased Family Members	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / Ps 66 / 1Pet 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21
	10:30AM	SC		+Ian Sweet	

Mission: *We grow together in Christ.*

*Welcome to our Parish Churches!*



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



**St. Columbkil Church (SC)**  
36483 County 47 Boulevard  
Goodhue, MN 55027



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

## From Father McCabe

When my grandfather was dying of stage four cancer, I wondered why he decided not to take any extraordinary medicine to overcome it. I now understand that he was offering up his suffering to God through Christ, and thereby growing in merit.

This was my mother's dad. A man of few words but much prayer and a great 500 card player. At my last visit as a young boy, we did not speak much, but I remember telling him, "Grandpa, I love you." He smiled softly and gazed into the horizon. It was a moment of prayer and peaceful surrender.

Weeks later, I was coming home from school and saw a bird fluttering up near the telephone wires. I watched it struggle for a couple of moments, and then said, "Let go, and you will be free." The bird let go and flew toward the setting sun.

At that moment I remembered that my parents had visited my grandpa the night before, and so I ran home and rushed through the door, hugged my mom, and asked, "How is Grandpa doing?" She said, "Honey, I think he might be getting better. Last night he was talking with your dad about some of the fishing trips they went on together."

Then the phone rang, and I just knew. My mom answered the phone and began to cry. It was grandma who called to say that grandpa was on his way to heaven. That bird letting go and flying into the sun, I truly believe, was a sign from God to me that my grandpa had let go and was on his way home to heaven.

I was honored to be a pall bearer with my two older brothers and three cousins. I remember praying for him at the wake and seeing his hands holding his Rosary, as if in perpetual prayer. As we carried his coffin to his place of rest, I felt the weight of his body – that temple of the Holy Spirit that will rest at that cemetery until resurrected and glorified on the Last Day.

As I grew in my faith, I realized that my grandpa had taught me that we can unite our sufferings to our Lord Jesus and grow in merit to grow our soul's capacity for God's divine life within us for all eternity. We do this by living the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, like praising God in song, praying for the living and the dead, uniting our sufferings to his, forgiving others, instructing the ignorant and correcting others lovingly from their errant ways.

Today's Gospel touches on the truth that we can grow in meriting a higher place in heaven because, as Jesus says, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places."

For instance, when talking about the growth of our life in God, Jesus tells the parable of the Sower who sowed some seed. Some seed fell on the foot path and the birds ate them. Some seed fell on shallow soil and when the sun came out to test the plants they withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among the briars and produced fruit, but that fruit never matured and was choked off. One can see that the Devil, our broken nature and the world are opposed to our producing spiritual fruit that will last forever.

Jesus Christ goes on to say, "And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit. It came up and grew and yielded thirty, sixty and hundredfold." He added, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear." Cf. Mk. 4:1-20.

Jesus clarified and said that the "seed" is the word of

God which should be accepted and motivate us to do good works in his Name, thus determining one's fruitfulness or capacity for God for all eternity. Hopefully we are striving to go beyond where we are at and produce a hundred-fold like the great saints who gave 100% of their time, talent and treasure to the saving mission of Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church.

In our second reading today, St. Peter says, "let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (Cf. 1 Peter 2:1-5) He alludes to the importance of coming to Holy Mass weekly to offer our prayers and works through Jesus Christ in order to have them purified and assuredly made "acceptable" to God.

Just prior to the above quote, St. Peter writes, "Rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, insincerity, envy, and all slander: like newborn infants, long for pure spiritual milk so that through it *you may grow into salvation*, for you have tasted that the Lord is good."

In his second letter St. Peter writes about the end of the world, and judgement day when everything will be revealed as we await a "new heaven and a new earth" 2 Peter 3:11-13.

"Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace... since you are forewarned, be on your guard not to be led into the error of the unprincipled and to fall from your own stability. *But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.* To him be glory now and to the day of eternity. Amen." Cf. 2 Pt.

Here's how St. Paul writes about growing in merit, "I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." Rom. 12:1-2.

It is such a joy to know and live our parish mission statement: *We grow together in Christ* and that many are taking advantage of the opportunities for spiritual growth and service for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Thomas McCabe



**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, Neil Stehr, Barb Smalley, Jen Berg, Mary Ellen Reding, Ann Austreng, Marge Majerus, Connie Havrilla, Al Brinkman, Shawn Frederixon, Kellie Peterson, Timothy Casey and Gabe Ryan.

## News and Events

**May Crowning of Mary** will take place May 6 & 7 at all weekend Masses. First Communicants and Confirmation Candidates will assist.

**Mother's Day Flowers:** "Thank Mom for Life" on Mother's Day with a plant and a "Thanks Mom for Life" button attached. Begonias, Mini Rose Bushes and African Violets will be available at all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 13th and 14th. Suggested donation for each is \$8.00 and proceeds will go to Goodhue County MN Citizens Concerned for Life. This project honors "Moms" and raises funds to save precious lives by furthering pro-life efforts. (Donations are not tax deductible for income tax purposes.) Any questions-call Ann Buck 651-764-3087.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting:** The K of C Council 2751 will meet at St. Peter and Paul's, Mazeppa on Monday, May 8. We need seven Knights to be there at 6:00PM for the insurance presentation. Social and planning will follow with the Regular Meeting at 7:00PM and a light lunch afterwards.

**Annual Family Rosary Procession:** Sunday, May 7 gather at the State Capitol at 1:30PM and the procession begins at 2:00PM from the State Capitol to Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul. As a public witness to our Catholic Faith during the month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, come to the annual Rosary Procession. Parishes are encouraged to bring banners to represent their communities. First Communicants are invited to wear their First Communion attire.

**Parish Mission Talks:** All are invited to attend three talks on the theme "*The Light of the Holy Spirit*" by Fr. David Gunter, MIC, on the evenings of May 8-10, at 7:00PM at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota (749 S. Main Street).

**Cemetery Collections May 13 and 14:** We will have a second collection May 13 & 14 to keep our cemeteries maintained and looking beautiful. Please consider giving in honor of a departed loved one.

**Catholic Young Adults:** Spring is in the air – finally! Join us for volleyball, a picnic and praying the Rosary in Rosie's Park, Goodhue, Sunday, May 21, 6:30PM to 10:00PM. RSVP at Holy Trinity Parish office.

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 at: holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com.

Calendar/Events			
Sat., May 6	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sat. & Sun., May 6/7	HT/SM/SC	All Masses	May Crowning of Mary
Sun., May 7	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., May 8	SM	5:15-9:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., May 10	HT	9:00-2:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thur., May 11	SC	8:00-8:45AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession
Sat., May 13 Our Lady of Fatima	HT	8:00-8:45AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Confession
Sat., May 13	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sat-Sun., May 13-14	HT/SM/SC	All Masses	2nd Collection for Cemetery
Fri., May 19	HT	6:00-8:00PM	10th Grade Pizza Party and Confirmation Adoration/Confession

**Holy Trinity Church  
(HT) Collection:**  
04/29: \$228.00

**St. Columbkil Church  
(SC) Collection:**  
04/30: \$764.00

**St. Mary Church  
(SM) Collection:**  
04/30: \$958.00



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

### Weekend Ministry Schedule

Church	Role	May 6/7	May 13/14
HT: Sat. May 6 5:30PM & Sat. May 13	<b>MUSICIAN</b>	Wanda Schafer	Cindy Eppen
	<b>CANTOR</b>	Kate Ludwig	
	<b>LECTOR</b>	Karen Albers	
	<b>SERVERS</b>	Brynn and Nora Frederick, and Madalynn Schofield	
SM: Sunday May 7 8:45am & Sunday May 14	<b>MUSICIAN</b>	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	<b>CANTOR</b>	Taylor and Samantha Dowden	Allison Keller
	<b>LECTOR</b>	Jeremy Keller	John Huneke
	<b>SERVERS</b>	Zach and Danny Keller	Zach and Danny Keller
SC: Sunday May 7 10:30am & Sunday May 14	<b>MUSICIAN</b>	Wanda Schafer	Cindy Eppen
	<b>CANTOR</b>	Shelly Jacobson	Eleanor O'Reilly
	<b>LECTOR</b>	Chris Poncelet	
	<b>SERVERS</b>	Leeta, Aubriel and Oleana O'Reilly	Brady and Lianna McNamara Patrick and Francis O'Reilly

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**April 30, 2023**



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- Griffin Marquardt
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- Inex O'Reilly
- Sophia Payne
- Riley Peterson
- Eli Roschen
- Isaac Ryan
- Mayna Voth



While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins..." c.f. Matt 26:26-29

