# Holy Trinity Parish

# First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025

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Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Matthew 24:42

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Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Nov. 29	+Adam Harmon	(Daily Mass) Dn 7:15-17; (Ps) Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36		
1st Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Nov. 30	Parishioners	(Sat. Vigil/Sunday Mass) Is 2:1-5; Ps		
Advent	10:30AM	SC	1100. 30	+Francis & Marjorie McNamara	122:1-9: Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44		
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Dec. 1	+Rose Ferguson	Is 4:2-6 (2nd choice) Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11		
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 2	+For those listed in Red Memorial Book	ls 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17; Lk 10:21-24		
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 3	Brian McLaughlin	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37		
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Dec. 4	Brian McLaughlin	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a		
1st Fri.	8:00PM	SM	Dec. 5	In reparation to Jesus' Sacred Heart	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Mt 9:27-31		
1st Sat.	9:00AM	SC	Dec. 6	In reparation to Mary's Immaculate Heart	(Daily Mass) Is 30:19-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1,5a, 6-8		
	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 6	+ Souls in purgatory	(Saturday Vigil Mass readings below)		
2nd Sun. Advent	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 7	+Lora Keller	(Sat. Vigil/Sunday Mass) Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-		
	10:30AM	SC	Dec. 7	Parishioners	2,7-8,12-13,17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12		

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

Are we prepared to receive Jesus Christ and his heavenly love and peace into our hearts? This Advent, let us make it our goal to be peacemakers by living God's truth in love.

Today's first reading comes from the book of the Prophet Isaiah who prophesies that a virgin will give birth to a child who will bring peace to the world. We know this to be the Blessed Virgin Mary, and her divine Son, Jesus Christ.

We heard how the nations will "beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again... Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!"

As Christians, we have all the means to walk in the light of the Lord in order to bring peace to our homes, our schools and businesses, and eventually the world. We walk in the light of the Lord by doing simple things with great love.

This is what Pope Francis did and preached about. He has traveled to over 30 countries where there has been much conflict between various peoples. His message is the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: Love God and one another. Learn to forgive and talk with one another.

Of course, we need to love God first and foremost because he is the source of love, forgiveness and peace. In loving God above all things, we can truly love our neighbor as our self.

Imagine yourself getting up in the morning and praying with one billion other Catholics, who know that they are called to be peacemakers, by making the sign of the cross and praying, "Our Father, who art in heaven...give us this day, our daily bread...and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". This is the first step of becoming a great peacemaker.

The second step is to love one another by respecting one another. Sometimes we do not always get our way, but does that mean we need to talk about others, when in fact they are trying to do their best to do the right thing in light of the problems in the world.

Unfortunately, many people do not want to talk about the problems, but just want to have fun. But as Catholics, we are called to have fun by solving problems together!

We have had a good example and model of this in Pope Francis. He went into some of the poorest places, and some of the most violent places of the world, to share the message that we must forgive one another – which is the beginning of solving the world's problems.

This is the most difficult thing to do, to forgive one another and begin to talk with one another about our commitment to God's plan of peace, love and truth.

How do we do become peace makers with those who we do not like or avoid? By first praying to God for that person, that we love them and show respect for that person and everyone. We need to put aside our defenses and see what the Gospel of life, the Gospel of sacrificial love and peace is trying to teach us.

## Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

This Advent, these four weeks leading up to Christmas, may families light the Advent wreath before every supper, or whenever most of them can gather together, and pray an "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" for God's peace and true love. By doing this you open yourself up to what our Mother, Mary must have experi-



enced waiting for her newborn child to bring God's light of love and peace into the world.

Let us pray every morning and night with Jesus, "Our Father, who art in heaven... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." And then, honoring Mary, the greatest of all Catholic Christian Saints, "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you."

If we prepare each day by praying to God through Jesus Christ, with the help of Mary, and 1 billion other Catholics, we will be able to travel the new world over as God's peacemakers.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Thomas McCabe

#### In Between

Daily Scripture Reflections by Deacon Mick Email: <a href="mailto:mhumbee@comcast.net">mhumbee@comcast.net</a> to receive them by email weekly.

Perhaps you would be interested in a 2-3 minute daily scripture reflection based on the Gospel for the day - Monday through Saturday (as you see in the insert). In between Sundays, the reflection could be used a number of ways perhaps: individually, within a family, or in a group setting. Let me know through the above listed e-mail and I will create a Bcc group email. Tell others who might be interested, whether in the parish or otherwise. And of course, you can always opt out at any time. Following the Second Sunday in Advent, In Between will be sent out via email to those who wish to receive it. Have a blessed Advent, Dcn Mick

Unfortunately, Sara McNamara has resigned her position as my Administrative Assistant after many years of faithful and fruitful service. At this time, I do not think we can afford an administrative assistant so that means I will spend more time at the office, and will ask Deacon Mick Humbert to continue his free service as an ordained Pastoral Minister.

Sara prefers not to have a going away party, but you can always send her a card expressing your thanks for her wonderful work. On behalf of the parish we thank you and bless you, on your journey to our heavenly home!

Peace in Christ, Fr. Thomas McCabe

Sara writes, "I would like to thank you and parishioners for your kindness and patience with me, and for the opportunity to serve this parish for almost twelve years! It has been a difficult decision to make, but it seems that it is time to step down. May God bless you and the parishioners."

#### **News/Events**

<u>Cemetery Collection:</u> There will be a second collection on the weekend of November 29/30 to support our parish cemeteries. Please consider a donation to insure our cemeteries continue to be well kept and beautiful places to visit and pray for our deceased loved ones.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: Monday, December 8, is a holy day of obligation celebrating the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our country's patroness. There will be an 8:00AM Mass at St. Mary, a 3:30PM Mass at Holy Trinity (preceded by confessions from 2:45-3:20PM), and an 8:00PM Mass at St. Mary (Adoration begins at 6:30 and Confessions will be from 7:00-7:45PM.)

The Parish Office will be closed on December 8.

<u>Diaper Drive</u>: Catholic Daughters is hosting a diaper drive benefiting First Choice Clinic in Red Wing. Donations will be collected from Advent (Nov. 30) to Epiphany (Jan. 4) at the back/entry of each church. Diaper sizes 3-7 are in the greatest need. We look forward to another great donation drive! Thank you!

St. Mary's Goodhue County Christmas Families: If you wish to help make a wonderful Christmas for the families, please place cash or check donations made out to St. Mary's CCW in the box in church. Or you can send donations to Gayle Strauss, 28632 Co. 16 Blvd. Goodhue, by December 14. Any questions call 651-923-4826. Thank you.

<u>Christmas Flowers:</u> To order flowers to adorn the church sanctuary for Christmas, there is an order form for Christmas Poinsettias in the church entries.

<u>Meals on Wheels:</u> If you or a loved one is interested in receiving Meals on Wheels or volunteering to deliver meals, please contact us to start the discussion. Phone (507) 316-0610 Email: oas@threeriverscap.org

Lasagna Supper: The Church of St. Paul in Zumbrota is hosting their First Annual Lasagna Supper on Thursday, December 4, from 4:30-7:00pm. Enjoy the Lasagna, Salad, French bread, and Pie! Free will offering. Hosted by the Church of St. Paul CCW. 749 South Main Street, Zumbrota. Phone: 507-732-5324. All are invited!

Marriage Healing Workshop: Dec. 5-7, Eagan, MN. Looking for marriage help that works? Join thousands of couples who found hope and healing through Retrouvaille's proven program. Through proven techniques and experienced guidance, we help couples rebuild trust, restore communication, and renew their marriage. Your healing journey starts here. 100% Confidential. Find more info at HelpOurMarriage.org.

Holiday Tea: The Church of Saint Michael in Pine Island (451 5th Street SW) is hosting their 52nd Holiday Tea on Saturday, December 6, from 9:00-11:30am. Baked items, Crafts, & Raffle items are available! Enjoy our Holiday Tea Table! Music provided by PI High School students. 507-356-4280

Support, Hope, & Healing after Abortion: Rachel's Vineyard Minnesota Retreat, Jan. 23-25, 2026. If you've lost a child or loved one to abortion you know that the experience comes with many feelings and thoughts like these... 'How could I let myself do this? 'Will I ever be able to forgive myself?' Where were the people who could have helped me? 'Do I have the right to grieve the loss of my child? 'Why hasn't the pain or shame gone away, even after all these years? We understand. Many of our retreat staff have also experienced the pain of abortion. Our retreats offer you a confidential, safe, healing environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful emotions following an abortion experience. The retreats can start the proc-

ess of restoration, renewal, and healing. Visit the Rachel's Vineyard Minnesota website for more information: rachelsvinevardmn.org.

Please pray for: Bob Eppen, Margaret Wagner, Ann Merry, Ed Heppelmann, Ray & Gloria 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 Gadient, Roy Goranson, Susan Brown, Jocelyn O'Reilly, Marci Dillworth, and Bjorn Otterness

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 Sara McNamara, parish Safe Environment Coordinator, at: holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2025:

#### For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Calendar/Events						
St./Sun., Nov. 29/30 HT/SM/SC Mass time		Mass times	Cemetery Collection			
Sat., Nov. 29	HT	4:45- 5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession			
Sun., Nov. 30	SM	8:20-8:40 AM	Sacrament of Confession			
Mon., Dec. 1	SM	6:30-9:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration			
Wed., Dec. 3	HT	9:00-2:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration			
Wed., Dec. 3	HT	2:15-3:30 PM	Grades 1-6 Faith Formation			
Wed., Dec. 3	HT	7:25-8:35 PM	Grades 7-9 Faith Formation			
Thurs., Dec. 4	SC	8:00-8:45 AM	Eucharistic Adoration/Confession (9 AM Mass)			
1st Fri., Dec. 5	SM	7:00-7:50 PM	Eucharist Ador./Confession (8:00 PM Mass)			
1st Sat. Dec. 6	SC	8:00-8:45 AM	Eucharist Ador./Confession (9:00 AM Mass)			
Sat., Dec. 6	HT	4:45-5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession			
Sun., Dec. 7	SM	8:20-8:40 AM	Sacrament of Confession			

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection: 11/22: \$ 384.17 St. Columbkill Church (SC) Collection: 11/23: \$ 983.00 **St. Mary Church (SM) Collection:** 11/23: \$ 1,001.50



## 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		November 29/30	December 6/7				
HT: Saturday 5:30PM Nov. 29 & Dec. 6	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen				
	Cantor	Laural Seither	Laural Seither				
	Lector	Leeta O'Reilly	Judy Ramboldt				
	Servers	Ellie Nardinger, Aubriel, Oleana, Stuart O'Reilly	Nora, Brynn, and Lucas Frederick				
SM:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer				
Sunday 8:45am	Cantor	Cathy O'Reilly	Taylor Dowden				
Nov. 30 &	Lector	Jeremy Keller	John Huneke				
Dec. 7	Servers	Derek Stehr, Isaac Ryan, Cooper Utley	Will Poncelet, Isaac Ryan				
SC:	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen				
Sunday 10:30am	Cantor	Shannon Dicke	Shannon Dicke				
Nov. 30 &	Lector Chris Poncelet		Ann Buck				
Dec. 7	Servers	Brady and Liahna McNamara	Jay Roschen, Patrick and Michael O'Reilly				



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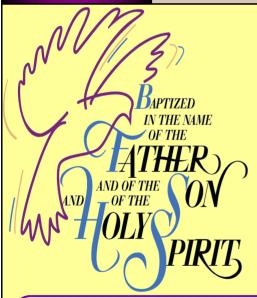
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Congratulations to Ellis Rae Voxland. daughter of Hayden and Megan Voxland, who was baptized on November 9 at the Church of St. Mary!

## Holy Trinity Parish Goodhue High School

Congratulations to our Parish Goodhue High School students on their fine Fall Sports Season!

Cross Country: Macy Buck, Brady McNamara, Brenna Buck. Ellie Nardinger, William

Football: Luke Roschen, Owen Roschen, Toby Lodermeier, Patrick O'Reilly, Cody Ryan, Tim Strauss, Corbin Jaeger, Riley Mirsberger, Jackson Lodermeier

Soccer: Dominic Bartholome, Mackenzie Lodermeier, Avery Peterson Volleyball: Erin Beck, Brooke Lodermeier, Eleanor O'Reilly-Manager

In 1 Cor. 9:24, St. Paul uses a sports analogy to describe our spiritual journey: "Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win."

We are proud of how our students do their best and show respect for everyone!



