

Holy Trinity Parish

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026

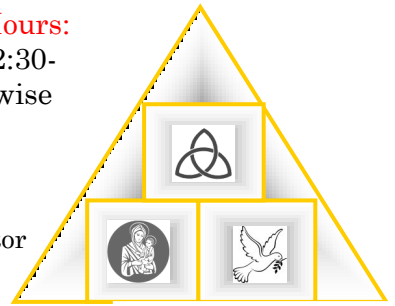
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Building use request: Call the office.

Confession: Sat. 4:45-5:20pm at Holy Trinity, Sun. 8:20am at St. Mary, or by appointment.

Baptism: Call 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 as soon as possible in the fall since there are requirements including weekly Mass attendance.

Marriage: Please call Father McCabe at least one year prior to tentative date.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the office especially if serious illness, near death or upcoming major surgery.

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So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep... Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."
Jn 10:9-10

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	April 25	+ Adam Harmon	(Sun. Vigil Mass) Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3,43:3-4; Jn 10:1-18
Sunday	8:45AM	SM	April 26	Parishioners	Sunday, Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3,43:3-4; Jn 10:1-18
	10:30AM	SC		+ Betty Gorman	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	April 27	+Fr. George Graftsky	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3,43:3-4; Jn 10:1-18
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	April 28	Jack Majerus	Acts. 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wed.	8:00 AM	HT	April 29	+ Mike Augustine	Acts. 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8; Jn 12:44-50
Thurs.	9:00AM	SC	April 30	+ Mike Augustine	Acts. 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27; Jn 13:16-20
1st Fri.	8:00PM	SM	May 1	In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11b; Jn 14:1-6
1st Sat.	9:00AM	SC	May 2	In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary	(AM Mass readings) Acts 13:44-42; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
	5:30PM	HT		+ Alex Pretti	(Sat. Vigil Mass readings below)
Sunday	8:45AM	SM	May 3	+ Fr. George Graftsky	Sunday, Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
	10:30AM	SC		Parishioners	

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



There is only one voice of pure love and truth, the voice of Jesus Christ who is the divine head of the Catholic Church. He is the good shepherd who says, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (Jn 10:10b)

Jesus is the Author of every human life and calls us into being through our mom and dad. He also calls us to worship God the Father through him within Holy Mother Church in order to grow in holiness and, when perfected,

enter into heaven.

Jesus is the Good shepherd who is the Author of our natural life and the natural law, and of our salvation and the supernatural law of grace. He calls all people to voluntarily join his Catholic Church in order to have the abundance of life – the life of grace given to us assuredly through His seven Sacraments.

Jesus Christ is clear in today's Gospel that there will be other shepherds, mostly good but also some bad shepherds who will try to seduce the sheep away from him and his Church family.

Christ warns his followers to follow the truth, for there are bad shepherds of whom he calls "thieves" who come "only to steal and slaughter and destroy life," but Jesus came "so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (Jn 10:10a)

God's gift of life comes to us through our mom and dad, and yet there are voices out there that say children do not need a mom and a dad, which is God's natural order, natural law.

For this reason, we are called to protect every child's natural right to life and promote true family life. We can do this by referring to our country's *Declaration of Independence* that states that God is the giver of inalienable rights, which includes the most fundamental right – the right to life.

I while ago, I was discussing this truth on the internet when another person denigrated the *Declaration of Independence* and said that our only founding document is the *United States Constitution*. He said that the Constitution is completely secular and devoid of any mention of God.

I reread our *United States Constitution* and it gives general principles in the first 12 pages or so, and I almost stopped reading it until I came to article eight, the last article, which states: "*The ratification... Done in convention by the unanimous consent of the States present on the Seventeenth day of September in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven...*" There it was, the essential reference to the Lord God of time and history, of our life and our salvation. Our country was founded on Christian principles, and we must always celebrate that great historical fact.

Unfortunately, some people are confused and want to eliminate God from our Constitution and ignore our *Declaration of Independence* and thus try to rewrite history. Some people want to get rid of Jesus Christ who says that he has come to give life and to give it more abundantly. These people attack the natural law – the foundation of family life and our country based on reason – and some also attack or ignore the supernatural law of God's saving grace that comes to us through Jesus Christ and assuredly and abundantly through His Catholic Church and her seven sacraments.

What a momentous blessing that this is the 2026 year of our Lord Jesus when we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our *Declaration of Independence*. We have the freedom to hear the voice of Jesus come to us today through our first pope, St. Peter, in that first reading from the *Acts of the Apostles*. We hear him reply to those who want to know how to be saved, "Repent and be baptized, every

one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

St. Peter goes on to exhort them by saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." (Acts 2:41) We live in a beautiful, but broken and corrupt world, but with God's help we can intentionally protect human life and intentionally cooperate with his supernatural grace to follow Jesus - the one true voice of life and abundant life - fully found in his Catholic Church, the path of life into the everlasting life of heaven.

Jesus Christ is our Lord and Author of our natural and supernatural lives. He is the Good Shepherd who calls us to be good shepherds in his Name. May we hear his voice of pure love and truth, and follow him within his Catholic Church with joyful hearts intentionally serving life and the abundant life of God's grace by living our baptismal promises.

Peace in the Risen Lord Jesus, Fr. Thomas McCabe

Catechism of the Catholic Church: paragraph #2087: Our moral life has its source in faith in God who reveals his love to us. St. Paul speaks of the "obedience of faith" (Rom 1:5; 16:26) as our first obligation. He shows that "ignorance of God" is the principle and explanation of all moral deviations. (Cf. Rom 1:18-32). Our duty toward God is to believe in him and to bear witness to him.

#2088: The first commandment requires us to nourish and protect our faith with prudence and vigilance, and to reject everything that is opposed to it. There are various ways of sinning against faith: *Voluntary doubt* about the faith disregards or refuses to hold as true what God has revealed and the Church proposes for belief. *Involuntary doubt* refers to hesitation in believing, difficulty in overcoming objections connected with the faith, or also anxiety aroused by its obscurity. If deliberately cultivated doubt can lead to spiritual blindness.

#2089: *Incredulity* is the neglect of revealed truth or the willful refusal to assent to it. "*Heresy* is the obstinate post-baptismal denial of some truth which must be believed with divine and catholic faith, or it is likewise an obstinate doubt concerning the same..."

#2090: When God reveals Himself and calls him, man cannot fully respond to the divine love by his own powers. He must hope that God will give him the capacity to love Him in return and to act in conformity with the commandments of charity. Hope is the confident expectation of divine blessing and the beatific vision of God; it is also the fear of offending God's love and of incurring punishment.

#1777: Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking.

#1756: It is therefore an error to judge the morality of human acts by considering only the intention that inspires them or the circumstances (environment, social pressure, duress or emergency, etc.) which supply their context. There are acts which, in and of themselves, independently of circumstances and intentions, are always gravely illicit by reason of their object; such as blasphemy and perjury; murder and adultery. One may not do evil so that the good may result from it.

#2308: All citizens and all governments are obliged to work for the avoidance of war. However, "as long as the danger of war persists and there is no international authority with the necessary competence and power, governments cannot be denied the right of lawful self-defense, once all peace efforts have failed."

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: 2nd collection, April 25/26. Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States and its territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the USA and its current/former territories are home missions.

Assisting Veterans: The emergency room at the VA hospital in Mpls is in need of new or like new men's shoes for veterans in need. The program in through Closet 54 part of the Red wing auxiliary post. If you can help contact John Huneke 651-764-0223

Church of St. Mary, Bellechester, Graduation Mass: for Alex Klouser and Danny Keller, Sunday May 3, with a small reception to follow after that 8:45 a.m. Mass.

Thanks Mom for Life!

Mother's Day Weekend, May 9-10 flowers available after Masses: Begonias \$8.00, African Violet \$8.00, Mini Rose Bush \$10.00 Proceeds to MCCL (Mn. Citizens Concerned for Life). Help save precious babies.

Deacon Mick's "In Between Sundays" Bible Reflections: Monday thru Saturdays, 5 minute gospel of the day information, reflection and questions through email. If you wish to be included and give it a try please email Dcn. Mick Humbert: mhumbert@comcast.net

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, Zach Siebenaler parish Safe Environment Coordinator, at: holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com.

Calendar/Events

Sat., April 25	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Confessions
Sun., April 26	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., April 27	SM	6:30-9:00PM	Eucharistic Adoration
Mon., April 27	HT	7:00-8:30PM	Finance Council Meeting
Tues., April 28	HT	5:30-6:30PM	First Communion Workshop, students and parents
Wed., April 29	HT	9:00AM-2:00PM	Eucharistic Adoration
Wed., April 29	HT	2:15-3:30PM	Faith Formation, grades 1-6
Wed., April 29	HT	7:25-8:35PM	Faith Formation, grades 7-10
Thurs. April 30	SC	8:00-8:45AM	Conf./Euchar. Adoration (9:00AM Mass)
1st Fri., May 1	SM	7:00-7:45PM	Conf./Euchar. Adoration (8:00PM Mass)
1st Sat., May 2	SC	7:30-8:00AM	Conf./Eucharistic Adoration (8:00AM Mass)
Sat., May 2	Sc	9:00-11:00AM	1st Communion Rehearsal/Confession
Sun., May 3	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., May 4	SM	6:30-9:00PM	Eucharistic Adoration

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April 2026:
 Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection: 4/18/'26: \$527.00	St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection: 4/19/'26: \$2137.00	St. Mary Church (SM) Collection: 4/19/'26 \$722.00
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HEAVEN IN YOUR HOME



GATHERINGS

2026

SAT, MAY 9
Hospitality & Service
 YOU'RE INVITED — KIDS TOO!
 Meet up with other families for fellowship & support in building a faith-filled home!



Additional Information here


Holy Trinity Parish Center
 Goodhue, MN

6:30 pm: **Dinner & Fellowship**

7:00-7:40pm: **Parent Presentation & Small Groups Discussion (while volunteers supervise kids)**

7:40pm: **Fellowship & Dessert**

Garage Sale: The city wide garage sale is May 14-16, however, since we do not have a coordinator we will not participate. Perhaps next year someone or two friends will step up and help coordinate with the 13 volunteers willing to assist.



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). Spend some time with Jesus!

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 Gadiant, Wilma Seither, Susan Brown, Jocelyn O'Reilly, Marci Dillworth, George ZanMiller, Dave Huneke, Paul Huneke and Paul Ryan.

Weekend Ministry Schedule			
Church	Role	April 25/26	May 2/3
HT: Saturday 5:30PM April 25 & May 2	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Eileen Frischmon
	Cantor	Michelle Matthees	Michelle Matthees
	Lector	Kyla Nardinger	Loretta Froyum
	Servers	Ellie Nardinger	
SM: Sunday 8:45am April 26 & May 3	Ushers	Mike Zorn	Mike Zorn
	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Wanda Schafer	Cathy O'Reilly
	Lector	Taylor Buck	Taylor Dowden
SC: Sunday 10:30am April 26 & May 3	Servers	Isaac Ryan, Maybel Ryan, Will Poncelet	Cooper Utley, Danny Keller
	Ushers	Jim Strauss, Ross Freiheit	Tim Huneke, Henry Keller
	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Joel Hernke	Shelly Jacobson
	Lector	Pam Altendorf	Chris Poncelet
	Servers	Brady and Liahna McNamara, Josephine O'Reilly	Nora, Brynn and Lucas Frederick
	Ushers	JJ and Chris O'Reilly	Bruce McNamara

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Confirmation Retreat speaker Calvin Peterson shared his faith story of how God has a hold on us and wants us to grow to become saints. Nikki and Jacob Letsinger, and Regina Poncelet were also witnesses to the faith for our confirmation candidates.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Paul for our worthy candidates. Their immediate family and sponsors are also invited to witness this on Thursday, May 14, 7:00 PM with Bishop Michael Izen.

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates, sponsors and families.



Congratulations to our parish Goodhue School students on their excellent Winter Sports season! **Boys Basketball:** Luke Roschen, Owen Roschen, Jack Buck, Toby Lodermeier, Cody Ryan, Duncan Poncelet, Will Peterson, Corbin Jaeger, Jackson Lodermeier.

Girls Basketball: Mackenzie Lodermeier, Brooke Lodermeier, Aubriel O'Reilly, Ella Nardinger, Oleana O'Reilly, Maggie Strauss.

Dance: Julia Evans, Leetta O'Reilly, Aubriel O'Reilly, Ella Nardinger, Oleana O'Reilly, Maggie Strauss

Wrestling: Patrick O'Reilly, Tim Strauss, Eli Buck, Francis O'Reilly, Stuart O'Reilly

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!