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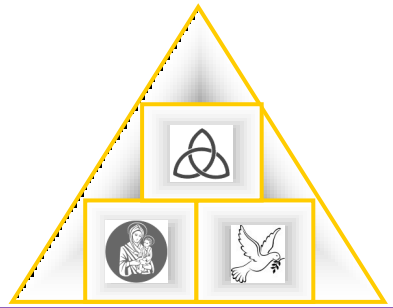
Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 2025

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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 attendance at Mass.

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* Matthew 3: 1-3

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

READINGS

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Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 6	+ Souls in purgatory	(Daily Mass) Is 30:19-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1,5a, 6-8
2nd Sun. Advent	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 7	+Lora Keller	(Sat. Vigil/Sunday Mass) Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
	10:30AM	SC		Parishioners	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Holy Day of Obligation Dec. 8	Deeper conversion of USA	Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4, Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38
	3:30PM	HT		Deeper conversion of our parish	
	8:00PM	SM		Parishioners	
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 9	Brian McLaughlin	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13, Mt 18:12-14
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 10	Brian McLaughlin	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8,10; Mt 11:28-30
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Dec. 11	+Fr. Dennis C. Kampa	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1,9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Fri.			Dec. 12		Zec. 2:14-17 (ps) Jdt 13:18bc,19; Lk 1:26-38
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 13	+Trudy Zorn	(Daily Mass) Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-19; Mt 17:9-13
3rd Sun. Advent	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 14	+Cy & Mary Ellen Reding	(Sat. Vigil/Sunday Mass) Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
	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

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

One of the joys we have as Catholics is being a member of the family of God through our baptism into Jesus Christ. Because we belong to Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church, we can ask the Saints of heaven to help us.

When I was a boy of about 10 years of age I was struggling with Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD, of which our new Deacon Mick also suffers) in the middle of the winter. We had two months of little sunshine, and we all need sunshine on our skin, especially those with darker skin complexion.

Scientifically we know that sunshine on our skin helps our body create vitamin D. When our bodies do not get enough sun to create enough Vitamin D, we feel tired, easily agitated and we do not sleep soundly.

And so there I was in my bedroom feeling very sad and lonely, with very little energy. Then I asked God, "Why is my life so hard, and why are there no more miracles to make it better?"

At that moment, I saw a book on the shelf that I never noticed before. I picked it out and discovered that it was a book about the Saints. I opened it and found the names of Saints that had the same names as my brothers and sisters. I then found and read the chapter about St. Thomas Aquinas.

I learned that sometimes Thomas Aquinas had a difficult life, but he knew how to keep turning to God and the other Saints for help. Thomas Aquinas was often misunderstood, and some of his fellow students even called him a dumb ox.

Yet, he kept praying, receiving the Sacraments, reading the Bible and studying philosophy and theology. After he was ordained a priest for the Dominican religious order, he began to teach about all the wisdom that God had inspired within him. He became a great reflection of God's light to the world, and he wrote beautiful hymns about Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Knowing about some of the Saints and sharing their work and life with others gives glory to God because God is the one who made them holy. It also helps us to continue to grow in the light and warmth of our faith.

On October 13, 2019, Pope Francis canonized Cardinal John Henry Newman. He was an Anglican priest who studied Church history and began to realize that the Catholic Church was the original Church of Jesus Christ. He realized that the fullness of the faith that Jesus Christ taught and lived was still fully intact in the Catholic Church, despite the sins and weaknesses of her members.

Knowing this truth, he realized he had to become a full member of the Catholic Church and so was Confirmed Catholic, and then God called him to be a Catholic priest. Even though some of his Anglican and other Protestant friends shunned him for converting, he knew that certain salvation was found in the Catholic Church.

His life was sometimes difficult, but through prayer and giving glory to God with one voice among other Catholics, he knew that he was in full communion with God.

Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

To become canonized a Saint in the Catholic Church two miracles must be clearly attributed to the deceased holy person and scientifically verified. In the case of St. John Henry Newman who died in 1890, one miracle occurred when a deacon was cured of a crippling back ailment after praying to Cardinal Newman.



The second miracle was much more dramatic. Melissa Villalobos, a wife and mother living in Chicago, Illinois, was saved along with the baby in her womb.

Melissa had four living children but had a miscarriage prior to her sixth pregnancy. This sixth baby was developing well but then there was internal bleeding and Melissa's doctor had to put her on strict bed rest. Medically, they could do nothing for her. Then on May 15, 2013 her bleeding became so bad that she hemorrhaged and collapsed on the bathroom floor.

She was so weak that she could not give a cry for help to her children who were still home from school. Melissa, who had recently heard and did some reading about the holy and deceased Cardinal John Henry Newman prayerfully spoke to him, "Please Cardinal Newman, make the bleeding stop."

At that moment the bleeding stopped and Melissa smelled a heavenly bouquet of roses. She was able to pick herself up, wash up and send her children off to school. Later, she gave birth to a baby girl and named her Gemma, another modern-day saint's name.

The doctors had no scientific explanation of Melissa's sudden cure. It was a miracle – God's direct intervention through the intercession of a Catholic Saint in heaven who answered the prayers of this mother in distress.

Surrounded by family and friends, Melissa and her husband and their other four children celebrated Gemma's baptism into Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church. Gemma now joins her voice with her family's, our voice, and with all the Saints in the heavenly light, as we give glory to God by worshipping Jesus at the Holy Mass for he is the light of the world, and the healing power of God.

With one united voice, Jesus Christ wants us to share fully in his seven sacraments, just as the Catholic Saints did before us, so that we can share in the light of his holiness by giving glory to God, and sometimes even sharing in his miracles.

Peace in Jesus Christ,

Fr. Thomas McCabe

Christmas Program at St. Columbkil: All parishioners' children, including those who don't attend faith formation at Holy Trinity, are invited to partake in the program. The Christmas Pageant is December 21 after the 10:30AM Mass, followed by refreshments (light lunch). Contact Shannon Dicke for more information: (651) 301-5948.

All preschool or kindergartener children are invited to join in a song before the Christmas Pageant at St. Columbkil after Mass on Sun., Dec. 21. Please meet with Shannon Dicke in the back of church after that Mass.

News/Events

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, but open on December 9, normal time, 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Retired Religious Collection: There will be a second collection December 13/14 to support religious elderly Sisters, Brothers, and religious order Priests who have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. The annual Retirement Fund for Religious helps enable many religious communities to meet their pressing retirement needs for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious.

Thank you for your generosity! Special Collection totals--World Mission Sunday: \$1,773.00; Military Services: \$741.05

Diaper Drive: Catholic Daughters is hosting a diaper drive benefiting First Choice Clinic in Red Wing. Donations will be collected now through Epiphany (Jan. 4) at the entry of each church. Diaper sizes 3-7 are in greatest need.

Christmas Gift Card Project: We will be having our joint Holy Trinity/St. Columbkil CCW Gift Card Project again this year, running from December 6-January 10. This project is greatly appreciated by Goodhue County Social Services. It helps many of their clients throughout the year who may slip through the cracks. Businesses to purchase cards from are: Target, Walmart, grocery stores in the Goodhue County area, gas cards from Kwik Trip, Casey's, local stations, or from local vet clinics (some clients have companion animals). Preferred amounts are \$10, \$15, \$20, or \$25. Or if you prefer, you can donate cash or checks made out to Deb O'Connor or Diane Opsahl and we will purchase the gift cards. There will be drop off boxes at both churches or mail cards or donations to: Holy Trinity Parish, Attn: Christmas Gift Card Project, P.O. Box 275. *Diane Opsahl & Deb O'Connor*

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.

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 Frederix, Gabe Ryan, Ryan Zorn, Beth Carlson, Chuck Havrilla, Randy Nardinger, Amy Feely, Alan Gadi-ent, 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

Date	Day	Time	Event
Sat., Dec. 6	HT	4:45-5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Dec. 7	SM	8:20-8:40 AM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., Dec. 8	HT	2:45-3:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., Dec. 8	SM	6:30-7:45 PM	Eucharistic Adoration (8:00PM Mass)
Wed., Dec. 10	HT	9:00-2:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration
Wed., Dec. 10	HT	2:15-3:30 PM	Grades 1-6 Faith Formation
Wed., Dec. 10	HT	7:25-8:35 PM	Grades 7-9 Faith Formation
Thurs., Dec. 11	SC	8:00-8:45 AM	Eucharistic Adoration/Confession (9 AM Mass)
Sat., Dec. 13	HT	4:45-5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession
St./Sun., Dec. 13/14	HT/SM/SC	Mass times	Retired Religious Collection
Sun., Dec. 14	SM	8:20-8:40 AM	Sacrament of Confession

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection:
11/29: \$ 1,565.00

St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection:
11/30: \$ 945.00

St. Mary Church (SM) Collection:
11/30: \$ 2,831.00



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!

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Liturgical Roles on December 8

8:00 AM Mass at St. Mary

Music: Wanda Schafer **Cantor:** Cooper Utley

Lector: Mary Majerus **Servers:** Isaac Ryan

3:30 PM Mass at Holy Trinity

Music: Wanda Schafer **Cantor:**

Lector: Loretta Froyum **Servers:** Phillip and Michael O'Reilly

8:00 PM Mass at St. Mary

Music: Eileen Frischmon **Cantor:** Shelly Jacobson

Lector: Taylor Dowden **Servers:** Danny Keller, Henry Keller

In Between Daily Scripture Reflections by Deacon Mick

Email: mhumbec@comcast.net 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. 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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Church	Role	December 6/7	December 13/14
HT: Saturday 5:30PM Dec. 6 & 13	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Laural Seither	Michelle Matthees
	Lector	Judy Ramboldt	Karin Albers
	Servers	Nora, Brynn, and Lucas Frederick	Aubriel, Oleana, Stuart O'Reilly
SM: Sunday 8:45am Dec. 7 & 14	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Taylor Dowden	Cathy O'Reilly
	Lector	John Huneke	Paricia Mensink
	Servers	Will Poncelet, Isaac Ryan	Derek Stehr
SC: Sunday 10:30am Dec. 7 & 14	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Shannon Dicke	Eleanor O'Reilly
	Lector	Ann Buck	Becky Diercks
	Servers	Jay Roschen, Patrick & Michael O'Reilly	Anthony Aunan, Brady and Liahna McN-

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Faith Formation students practiced one of the Corporal Works of Mercy - feeding the hungry - at a recent service project event. Students enjoyed making sandwiches for the poor.

Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America Memorial Mass and light lunch at Holy Trinity on Tuesday, November 18.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Wednesday, November 26. About 50 attended despite the poor weather.