



From Father McCabe

Sometimes Jesus’ teachings are difficult to understand, and difficult to live. Yet, Jesus has promised to be with his Catholic Church always, as he promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to the apostles (and their successors) at the Last Supper: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the

Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth... Whoever has my commandments and *observes them is the one who loves me*... The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name – *he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.*” Cf. Jn. 14:15-26.

God gave the Twelve Apostles a special mission: “go... and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, *teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.* And behold I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Clearly, an authentic Christian disciple is a “student follower of Christ” and Jesus will be here for us in the seven sacraments, preeminently in the Holy Eucharist.

And yet, prior to this above passage, in today’s Gospel we hear Jesus speak to the crowds in reference to Moses, the main human author of the Law and the Prophets. “The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.” (Mt. 23:1-3)

It seems that the scribes and Pharisees knew God’s Ten Commandments and their implications, but some did not practice them fully since distracted by worldly wealth. Those who did practice them were not perfect at it, but they practiced the vital art of humbly seeking forgiveness from God and others, and doing penance to repair the damage due to their sins and the sins of others, since we must make satisfaction or reparation for sins.

This sheds light on Jesus’ other mysterious teaching: “*For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails (runs out), you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.*” Lk. 16:6-9.

In other words, the children of this world are constantly making deals and helping each other grow in wealth. We, the children of God’s light and love, are called to help each other grow in spiritual wealth, but we are sometimes not as diligent, even though it is the wealth that Jesus has won for us, since all saving grace and merit come from him.

Anyone who grows wealth knows that they need to get the best deal, constantly learn and network with others. Jesus calls us to do the same with our spiritual wealth, but he puts a strange twist on it so that we might think more deeply about it. He wants us to use “dishonest wealth.”

This “dishonest wealth” is akin to wealth that comes to us when we do not have to work hard for it, such as inheriting a fortune from a relative, or when we win the lottery. In a sense, this is “dishonest wealth” because we did not have to work hard for it, and yet our relationships and effort have paid off.

Similarly, spiritual “dishonest wealth” comes to us as an inherited gift of God’s grace that comes to us through Jesus Christ who worked for it by his life of teaching, suffering, and passionate death upon the cross. By rising to eternal life, he distributes the Father’s blessings to his people, especially to his saints who follow

Him closely, and so they can distribute their own spiritual wealth to those who live according to God’s design.

Anytime we offer up our pain, humiliation or sacrifice for the poor souls in purgatory, they are purified through a partial indulgence and draw closer to the fulness of heaven. Since they are in Christ, they can pray for us, but they can no longer grow in merit by overcoming difficulties. We can ask those souls in purgatory to pray for us, keeping this network of faith – called the spiritual treasury of the Church – active.

Most Christians will have much time in purgatory, unless they are like St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta, or St. Padre Pio who had the stigmata – the wounds of Christ – on his hands, feet and side for 50 years. It is not easy to attain Christ’s commandment: “*Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.*” Mt. 5:48.

But what a consolation to know that we can ask Christ and his Saints in heaven, and the souls in purgatory to help us avoid time in purgatory by helping us seek a plenary indulgence for our own soul and the poor souls in purgatory. The souls in purgatory have not used their God given gifts of time, talent and treasure sufficiently to attain the fulness of heaven, but we can help them, and ourselves, by striving and hopefully attaining and applying a plenary indulgence to them, or to ourselves.

A plenary indulgence is the complete forgiveness or remission of punishment due to sins which have already been confessed by a person and yet they have not fully satisfied the reparation necessary to enter into the fulness of heaven.

The late Pope Francis, as the Vicar of Christ on earth, decreed that we can seek a plenary indulgence by doing these five things: 1) After a diligent examination of conscience, make a good confession, which means confessing the kind and number of mortal sins committed, or serious things omitted, since your last good confession (good for 21 days); 2) Receiving holy communion in the state of grace; 3) Praying for the Pope’s good intentions: one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be; 4) Doing the indulgent spiritual work on the same day as your Holy Communion which includes one of the following: praying the family rosary, or the rosary in front of the tabernacle, or reading sacred scripture prayerfully for 30 minutes, or praying the stations of the cross. And the last and most difficult is 5) Be detached from all sins, even venial sins, while doing those spiritual exercises. This means detesting any temptations and avoiding the near occasion of sin. From Nov. 1-8, the indulgent work (step 4 above) can be visiting a cemetery or praying for a deceased loved one.

Jesus warns us that there are some who will know the faith, like the scribes and Pharisees, but they will avoid doing penance and instead seek worldly pleasures and goods. Whereas Christ’s faithful disciples will seek spiritual treasures so to attain heaven for themselves and their loved ones. They will support all that protects and promotes the sanctity of human life and the fulness of the Catholic faith.

November is dedicated to remembering and praying for our deceased loved ones by the Church. Let us seek a plenary indulgence for ourselves, and for them. If a person seeking a plenary indulgence misses the mark of any of the requirements, know that a partial indulgence is still attained, and so the person is drawn closer to the perfect God of life, love and light, thanks to God’s mercy through Jesus Christ and his Mystical Body, the Church.

Peace in Christ, Fr. Thomas McCabe

News/Events Office hours, generally Mondays, 2:30 – 5:30pm

Meals on Wheels: Desperate need of volunteers in the Goodhue & Bellechester area. Delivery routes require only a small amount of time and often be complete during a lunch break. Contact Amber Merkens at amerkens@threerivervap.org or 507-403-3237

Religious Community Open House: The Office of Delegate for Consecrated Life is sponsoring Religious Communities Open house on Sunday November 8, 2026, from 1 – 4 pm at various local religious communities. Visit where they pray and ask questions to learn more about their life and vocation. Plan and map visits at archspm.org/events/open-house-sunday or scan the QR code for information.



Lasagna Supper: Thursday November 5th at Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota from 4:30-7:00pm. Includes lasagna, salad, French bread and pie. Gluten free & takeout available. Adults - \$13, Ages 6-12 -\$7, and under 5 free, family max. - \$39

Deer Hunters Supper: Bellechester Community Center Fundraiser will be held Fri. November 6 & 20 from 5-8pm at the Bellechester Community Center. Turkey, ham and all the fixings and pie will be served. Takeout available by calling 651-923-4416. Adults \$20, 5-10 \$10, under 5 free.

Undivided Love: Youth and Family Event Night, Wed. Nov. 18th at Holy Trinity Church. 7:00pm refreshments, with Gina Bauer speaking at 7:30. Gina will share the message of chastity to build healthy relationships and true love.

Pope Leo XIV’s Prayer intention for November 2026
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



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-1:00PM, and Thursdays at St. Columbkille from 8:00AM-9:00AM (unless otherwise noted). Spend some time with Jesus!

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 faithformation@holyltrinitygoodhue.org			
Please Pray for: Bob Eppen, Ann Merry, Ed Heppelmann, Ray & Gloria Poncetlet, Dave Buck, Scott Cyert, 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, Bryan Vogel, Steve O'Reilly, Pasul Ryasn, Loretta Froyum, Mary Haas, Bruce Nord, Rick Shane, Marlys Hofgren, Annette Gadiant, Bishop Kevin Kenney, Berdell Gadiant, Ellen Casey, Fr. Kevin Zilverberg, Dave O'Reilly, Maya Keller, Greg & Mary Majerus, Gayle Heppelmenn			
Sat. Oct 31	HT	4:45-5:20pm	Sacrament of Confession
Sun. Nov 1	SM	8:00am-8:20am	Sacrament of Confession
Mon. Nov 2	SM	6:30pm-9:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Mon. Nov 2	HT	7:00pm-8:30pm	Finance Council Meeting
Wed. Nov 4	HT	9:00am-1:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
		2:20pm-3:30pm	1 st -6 th Faith Formation
		7:25pm-8:35pm	7 th -9 th Faith Formation
Thurs. Nov 5	SC	8:00am-8:45am	Eucharistic Adoration & Sacrament of Confession
Fri. Nov 6	SM	7:00-7:45pm	Adoration and Confession
Sa. Nov 7	SC	8:00-8:45am	Adoration and Confession
Sat. Nov 7	HT	4:45pm-5:20pm	Sacrament of Confession
Sun. Nov 8	SM	8:00am-8:20am	Sacrament of Confession
Sunday Collection October 24/25			
Holy Trinity		St. Columbkille	St. Mary
\$346.00		\$943.00	\$761.00
Church	Role	Oct 31/Nov 1	Nov 7/8
HT: Sat. 5:30pm Oct 31 & Nov 7	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Eileen Frischmon
	Cantor	Laural Seither	Eileen Frischmon
	Lector	Bjorn Otterness	
	Servers		Aubriel, Oleana, Stuart O'Reilly
	Ushers	Mike Zorn	
SM:Sun. 8:30am Nov 1 & Nov 8	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Taylor Dowden	Cathy O'Reilly
	Lector	John Huneke	Brian Keller
	Servers	Jackie Eggenberger & daughters Sophia, Emalee	Henry & Noah Keller
	Ushers	Stephen Keller & Ray Keller	Steve Welscher & Jake Letsinger
SC: Sun. 10:00am Nov 1 & Nov 8	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Joel Hernke	Denise Voth
	Lector	Pam Altendorf	Becky Diercks
	Servers	Madalyn, Caleb, Cameron Schofield	Alayna & Mazie Voth
	Ushers	Bruce & Blair McNamara	Chris & JJ O'Reilly