

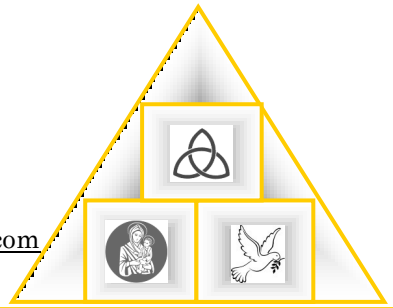
Holy Trinity Parish

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 27, 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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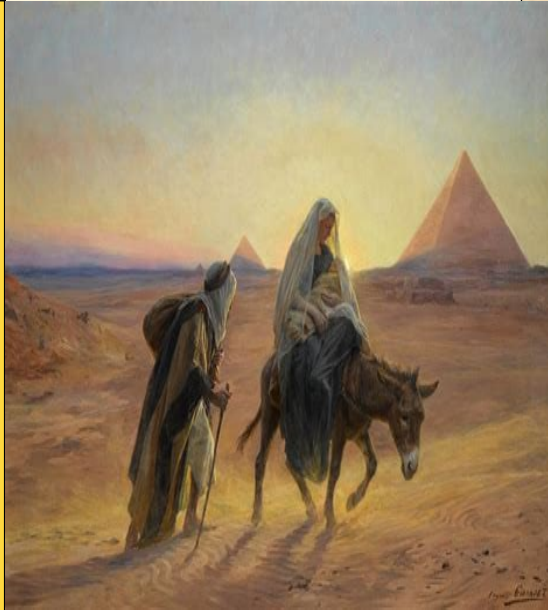
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When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt... That what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my son." Mt 2:13-15

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 27	+John Haas	(Vigil Mass - readings below)
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 28	Parishioners	Sunday, Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15,19-23
	10:30AM	SC		+Wayne & Jeanette Grill	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Dec. 29	+Bernard Gohl	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3,5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 30	+Dave Schimek	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Wed./New Year's Eve	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 31	+Souls in purgatory	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2,11-13; Jn 11-18
	4:00 PM	HT		Jonnetta Mullenbach	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
New Year's Day, Holy Day of obligation	8:45AM	SM	Jan. 1, 2026	Parishioners	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
	10:30AM	SC		+Francis & Marjorie McNamara	
1st Fri.	8:00PM	SM	Jan. 2	+Darren Lexvold and family	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
1st Sat.	9:00AM	SC	Jan. 3	+Chuck & Peg Ryan	1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1,3c-6; Jn 1:29-34
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Jan. 3	Parishioners	(Vigil Mass - readings below)
	8:45AM	SM		+Rita McNamara	
Sun.	10:30AM	SC	Jan. 4	Berdell Gadiant	Sunday, Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mission: *We grow together in Christ.*

Welcome to our Parish Churches!



Holy Trinity Church (HT)
211 4th Street North
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St. Columbkil Church (SC)
36483 County 47 Boulevard
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St. Mary Church (SM)
221 Chester Avenue
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Is God communicating with you? Do you sense his presence in the gift of a new day? Do you see God's image in the family member who says, "Good morning"? What sacrifice are you willing to make to keep that communication open to God and others?

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph - and we learn that the most important thing for family life and our faith life is to communicate regularly with God, one another, and those around us with love, truth and humble openness.

First, we communicate with God by praying to him with Jesus Christ. In offering up our prayers in the morning, we speak to God who is the sustainer of our life and planner of every one of our days. I recommend starting out saying something spontaneous like, "Glorious Jesus, I love you, thank you for this new day. Let's pray." And then pray the prayers that have been handed down by Christ's Catholic Church: Our Father... Hail, Mary... Glory be to the Father... St. Michael the archangel... Angel of God, my guardian dear...

However, for communication to be full communication, we must also listen to God and his Church, so if you have the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, it is wonderful to read a page or two. This morning routine can take 5 or 10 minutes, but it's the best moment of one's life since we live day by day, and when we put God first in your life - Wow, everything becomes a deepening peace and blessing, we grow spiritually.

When we savor the prayers of Jesus Christ's Catholic Church, or the words of the Bible or *Catechism*, we hear how God loves us by giving us life, a new day, a new opportunity to participate in his mission by following the examples of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

But it is not always easy or flawless, for in today's Gospel we see that Joseph had to hastily take Mary and her child Jesus to Egypt, away from King Herod who wanted to destroy the divine child.

When Herod died Joseph received a message from the angel in his sleep and begins to take them back to Bethlehem, but he finds another questionable person in charge there and so take them to Nazareth.

It seems to work out well until Jesus matures and decides to stay at the Temple in Jerusalem after Mary and Joseph began to head home, thinking Jesus was among the relatives in the caravan.

Not finding him there they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. They finally find the child Jesus in the Temple talking with scribes and scholars. Mary expresses the truth of her feelings: "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And Jesus answers with loving honesty, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them." Lk. 2:48-50 Still, the child Jesus went down with them and was obedient to them and grew in wisdom, age and favor (favor can also be translated "grace") in the sight of God and the community around him. Cf. Lk. 2:51-52

Even though the Holy Family is holy, we know that Joseph was not free from the effects of Original Sin and so it seems fair to say that his imperfection led to his lack of communication. Yet, God has used this to show us that Mary, although perfect, felt the normal feelings of anxiety, and had to grow in her faith. And that Jesus, although a divine person, had to grow as a hu-

man being and, as this passage from the Gospel of Luke states: Jesus was obedient to them and went back to Nazareth to grow in wisdom, age and favor before God and the community around him. Lk. 2:51-52



Jesus Christ never sinned, but in every other way he had to grow as any human must grow, and that means coming to a greater understanding of how the world works in human terms. From learning about irregular verbs and speech patterns, to other conventional things like checking in with your parents before spending time at the Temple.

For three days Jesus was learning in the Temple, and after returning to his home town he learned in the synagogue - their Jewish Church - every day, but especially several hours over the Sabbath (for the Jews that's Saturday, not Sunday).

Can you imagine if all families became that God centered? Imagine 2nd and 3rd graders, instead of going to school for six hours a day Monday through Friday throughout the school year to learn about the world, if they would spend just two hours a day learning how to pray to God, how to practice the faith and be joyfully obedient to their Mom and Dad, and how much joy that would bring to households and communities.

And yet, some Christians do understand that bringing their children early to Mass to light a candle, pray the Rosary, or to look at the stain glass windows, or to stay after Mass to talk about what others learned about the faith in today's Gospel; that this hour and a half or more, can lead to great communication skills that will bring happiness to family life and Christian friendships that can last for eternity with the saints.

Loving, truthful, full and open communication is an essential and transferable skill within family life, and really points beyond this world to life in everlasting Holy Communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

By growing in communion with God, his Church, each family member, and the faithful, we will grow in our knowledge, courage and joy to bring Jesus Christ and the truth of the Holy Family to others.

True communication leads to Holy Communion with God and his Catholic Church - the holy family of faith - which inspires us to spread the full Gospel, even when we do so imperfectly (Thank you, St. Joseph!). Yet, we always remain open to learning what loving insights God can bring us when we practice our Catholic faith regularly.

MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Fr. Thomas McCabe

I would like to thank Father and all parishioners for the opportunity to serve the churches of this parish for almost twelve years. May God bless you all and I hope to still see you around at the parish ...but in the pews, not the office! - Sara McNamara



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

News/Events

2026 Calendars are available in the church entries.

Catholic Daughters of America: Annual "Meal in a Bucket" sale for the next few weeks. Pre-order slips are in the church entry. Available meals are BBQ with buns, chili, potato soup, portage soup and cinnamon rolls. All meals are \$9.00/order. Meals will be available for pickup after Mass January 24 in Goodhue and January 25 at St Mary and St Columbkil. Your support is truly appreciated.

Diaper Drive: Catholic Daughters is hosting a diaper drive benefiting First Choice Clinic in Red Wing. Donations will be collected from Dec. 1 to Jan. 6 at the back/entry of each church. Diaper sizes 3-7 are in the greatest need. Thank you!

Gift Card Project: HT/SC CCW Gift Card Project from Dec. 6-Jan. 10. You can donate cash or checks made out to Deb O'Connor or Diane Opsahl and we will purchase the gift cards. Amounts of \$10, \$15, \$20, or \$25 are suggested. Businesses are: Target, Walmart, grocery stores in the Goodhue County area, Kwik Trip, Casey's, and gift certificates from local vet clinics, as some clients have companion animals. Drop boxes are at both churches or you can mail cards or donations to: Holy Trinity Parish, Attn: Christmas Gift Card Project, Box 275.

Heaven in Your Home: The next *Heaven in Your Home* Gathering: January 10, 6:30-8:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church. All families are invited to join us for dinner, discussion, & fellowship. Ideas for living out your faith in a joy filled home will be shared. Child care will be provided. Sign up is not necessary, but helpful.

Email rponcelet@sleepyeyetel.net

Knights of Columbus Free Family Bowling: The first families to fill up 6 lanes can bowl free at Pin and Pool Trail-head bowling, Pine Island, **Sunday, Jan. 18, 3:00 - 4:30 PM.**

Just call Holy Trinity Parish office to reserve your lane!
Transportation and any snacks are your responsibility.

Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God

Mass Times and Liturgical Roles for Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

Holy Day of Obligation honoring the Mother of Jesus Christ

Vigil Mass, Wed., Dec. 31, 4:00PM - Holy Trinity

Music: Cindy Eppen **Cantor:** Laural Seither

Lector: Julia Evans **Servers:** Brenna and Eli Buck

Ushers: Mike Zorn

New Year's Day Mass, Thurs., Jan. 1, 8:45AM - St. Mary

Music. : Wanda Schafer **Cantor:** Taylor Dowden

Lector: Mary Majerus

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister: Diane Ryan

Servers: Danny Keller

Ushers: Jeremy Keller, Ted Keller

New Year's Day Mass, Thurs. Jan.1, 10:30AM - St. Columbkil

Music: Cindy Eppen **Cantor:** Denise Voth

Lector: Becky Diercks

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister: Charlie Dicke

Servers: Brady and Liahna McNamara

Ushers: Bruce McNamara

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, Wilma Seither, Susan Brown, Jocelyn O'Reilly, Marci Dillworth, and Bjorn Otter-

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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, recon-ciliation, and hope.

Calendar/Events

Date	Church	Time	Event
Sat., Dec. 27	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Dec. 28	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., Dec. 29	SM	6:30-9:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed. Dec. 31	HT	9:00-2:00 PM	Confession 2:45-3:45pm (4:00 PM Solemn Adoration Vigil Mass - Mary, Mother of God)
Thurs., Jan. 1	SM	8:20-8:40 AM	Confession (8:45 AM Solemn Mass)
Thurs. Jan. 1	SC	10:30 AM	Solemn Mass - Mary, Mother of God
1st Fri., Jan. 2	SM	7:00-7:45 PM	Adoration/Confess. (Daily Mass 8:00PM)
1st Sat. Jan. 3	SC	8:00-8:45AM	Adoration / Confess. (Daily Mass 9:00 AM)
Sat., Jan. 3	HT	4:45-5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Jan. 4	SM	8:20-8:40 PM	Sacrament of Confession

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection:
12/20: \$ 1,720.00

St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection:
12/21: \$2,714.00

St. Mary Church (SM) Collection:
12/21 \$1,203.00

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Church	Role	Dec. 27/28	Jan. 3/4
HT: Saturday 5:30PM Dec. 27 & Jan. 3	Musician	Eileen Frischmon	Kim Cory
	Cantor	Laural Seither	Kim Cory
	Lector	Kyla Nardinger	Judy Ramboldt
	Servers	Ellie Nardinger	Stuart O'Reilly
	Ushers	Mike Zorn	Mike Zorn
SM: Sunday 8:45am Dec. 28 & Jan. 4	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Cathy O'Reilly	
	Lector	Taylor Buck	John Huneke
	Servers	Isaac Ryan, Cooper Utley	Henry, Noah, Maya Keller
	Ushers	Jim Strauss, Ross Freiheit	
SC: Sunday 10:30am Dec. 28 & Jan. 4	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Shannon Dicke	Shelly Jacobson
	Lector	Barb Lexvold	Chris Poncelet
	Servers	Brady and Liahna McNamara	
	Ushers	Chris O'Reilly, JJ O'Reilly	Bruce McNamara

Jesus Christ voluntarily gives his life to us as a gift! Thanks to all the volunteers who give themselves to the service of God, his church and others! Let us nurture and protect the gift of love that God gives us!

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