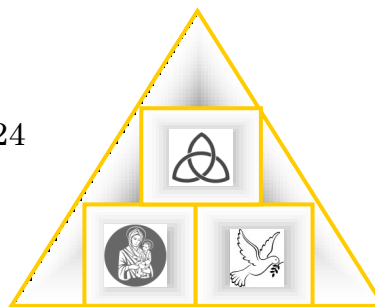


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Jesus said, "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna...where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched." Cf. Mk. 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. *Thank God the Church of Jesus Christ is here to explain this Bible passage! Please read my bulletin article on the inside cover.*



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Sept. 28	+Paul O'Reilly	Ecc1 11:9-12:8 / Ps 90 / Lk 9:43b-45
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Sept. 29	+Cy and Mary Ellen Reding	Num 11:25-29 / Ps 19 / Jam 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
	10:30AM	SC		Parishioners	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Sept. 30	+Connie Havrilla	Job 1:6-22 / Ps 17 / Lk 9:46-50
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Oct. 1	+Paul O'Reilly	Jb 3:1-3,11-17,20-23/Ps 88/Lk 9:51-56
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Oct. 2	+Connie Havrilla	Job 9:1-12,14-16/Ps 88/Matt 18:1-5, 10
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Oct. 3	+Ralph McNamara	Job 19:21-27 / Ps 27 / Lk 10:1-12
Fri.	8:00PM	HT	Oct. 4	+Fr. Robert Valit	Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 / Ps 139 / Lk 10:13-16
Sat.	9:00AM	SC	Oct. 5	+Fr. Robert Valit	Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119 / Lk 10:17-24
	5:30PM	HT		Parishioners	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Oct. 6	+Norbert Frawley	Gen 2:18-24 / Ps 128 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16
	10:30AM	SC		Fr. David Nowicki	

Mission: *We grow together in Christ.*

Welcome to our Parish Churches!



Holy Trinity Church (HT)
 211 4th Street North
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St. Mary Church (SM)
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From Father McCabe

There is a lot to unpack in today's Gospel.

Jesus Christ uses strong language called **hyperbole** to emphasize important truths about living a virtuous life and attaining heaven. To summarize Jesus said, "If you sin with your eye, pluck it out, or sin with your hand or your foot, cut it off. It is better to enter into heaven blind or maimed, than to end up unrepentant in Gehenna or hell with your body intact."

Gehenna is another word for hell, because Jesus Christ describes it as an unquenchable fire, where "their worm dies not." Their "worm" is their conscience that reminds those in hell forever that they could have repented from their mortal sins and followed Jesus Christ in his Church. Yet, they chose not to repent of their serious sins and proclaim the truth of God's Ten Commandments of life, love and wisdom.

Instead, they freely chose to follow their own opinion even though they know their opinion excludes the absolute saving truth of God's natural law, what our *Declaration of Independence* calls "self-evident" truths which God has written on every human heart. Among these are the human right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" in that order and within the context of that truth which precedes it: the "Laws of Nature and Nature's God" which gives it proper meaning.

Does that mean that only practicing Catholics go to heaven? No, because from today's Gospel passage we read that someone who was not in the "company" of Jesus' Apostles were using Jesus's name for a "mighty deed" – in this case, casting out demons. Jesus says that those who use his name for a "mighty deed" cannot at the same time speak ill of him.

If that person uses Jesus' name to cure, cast out demons or call others to follow Jesus Christ who perfectly followed God's Ten Commandments, and they themselves follow the Holy Commandments of God and repent of their sins when they fall short, but do not through their own fault know Christ's Church, they will make it into heaven because of the grace Jesus Christ won for them by being born of the Virgin Mary.

However, non-Catholics most likely will spend many years in purgatory, because they may not have many people praying for them and offering Masses for them after they die. This highlights the importance to catechize and teach people the fullness of what Jesus Christ, the divine head of the Catholic Church, teaches.

In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, we read in paragraph #1867: *The catechetical tradition also recalls that there are "sins that cry out to heaven": the blood of Abel, the sin of the Sodomites, the cry of the people oppressed in Egypt, the cry of the foreigner, the widow and the orphan, injustice to the wage earner.*

#1868: *Sin is a personal act. Moreover, we have a responsibility for the sins committed by others when we cooperate in them: - by participating directly and voluntarily in them; - by ordering, advising, praising, or approving them; - by not disclosing or not hindering them*

when we have an obligation to do so; - by protecting evil-doers.

Jesus said, "If they are not against us, they are for us." This means that if non-Catholics allow us to practice the fullness of our Catholic faith freely so that we can follow the natural law of God's creation, and God's supernatural law of his saving grace and truth, then they are "for us" and perhaps on the way of becoming Catholic Christians themselves.

However, if anyone says that we must approve abortion, contraception, illegal drugs, so-called homosexual marriage, or the greed of exploiting the poor, then they oppose us. Or if they say that we cannot have a Eucharistic procession in public space, or talk about our faith with others, then they are against us and the Catholic bishops who regulate these acts of worship and evangelization. It seems that some politicians oppose us, but it is important to discern which politician has tried to limit evil, while maintaining freedom of speech and religion, and the most fundamental human, God given right, the right to life.

Jesus Christ uses hyperbole as a response to those who promote others to harm the little ones who believe in him or are open to him – the Source and Goal of their life. If people try to tell Catholics that they should not believe some part of the faith, or persuade them to believe something that is contrary to what Jesus Christ has taught us, he warns, "*Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.*" Mk. 9:42.

Of course, Jesus Christ wants everyone to come to the fullness of the saving truth of God through honest and reasonable dialogue, and thus come to believe that God has created everyone for the good things of the earth, and the great things of heaven, beginning with Baptism and the call to follow God with the help of his other sacraments. Jesus wants us to realize that those who are not Catholic, but allow us to freely practice our faith, are themselves possibly open to becoming Catholic, of being fully initiated into the company of the one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.

Hopefully we are ready to invite them to journey with us, to ask questions, and to seek the fullness of the Catholic truth. Together, baptized into Christ and his Catholic Church with the proper guidance from our pope and bishops, we form the company of Jesus Christ which holds the deepest principles of respect for God and all people, as we grow in our understanding of this gift of divine faith that leads us most certainly to Eternal Life.

Peace through Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Thomas McCabe



Thank you for helping pay the \$1,000 deductible for replacing stained vestments due to leaky roof at Holy Trinity. We have \$250 to go. Please note "HT Liturgy account" in memo. The roof is repaired. Thank you!

News and Events

Finance Council will meet on Monday, Sept. 30 at 5:45PM at Holy Trinity.

St. Mary's Harvest Bazaar - Sat., Oct. 5 from 9:00-2:00. Please contact your Chairpersons to set up a time to work. Hall set up is Wed., Oct. 2, 7:00PM. Friday morning, Oct. 4 at 9:00AM will cook soups. Contact Ellen for donation of food items. 651-923-4222. Any help is appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who participated in St. Mary's scholarship auction. The generous donations of items and the great bidders made this another great auction.

Priest Appreciation Celebration: The CCW will host a Priest Appreciation lunch after Mass at Holy Trinity on Saturday, Oct. 5 and at St. Columbkil on Sunday, Oct. 6. All are invited!

Knights of Columbus Council #2751 will meet on Mon., Oct. 14 at Sts. Peter and Paul in Mazeppa. Social begins at 7:00PM and regular meeting at 7:30PM.

Freedom and Life Men's Retreat with Deacon Ralph Poyo, New Evangelization Ministries on Oct. 11-12 at All Saints Catholic Church, Lakeville. Register at www.allsaintschurch.com/men. Or email menofvirtue@allsaintschurch.com

First Choice Clinic Annual Pro-life Banquet: Thurs., Oct. 10 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Red Wing; NEW this year - Silent Auction. Guest Speaker Ann Marie Cosgrove, Founder of Silent No More MN. No cost to attend; register for 12Noon or 6:30PM at friendsoffirstchoice.org or call 651-267-4357.

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 Maria Schultz, Safe Environment Coordinator - holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com.

Please pray for: Marcy Dilworth, Susan Brown, Margaret Wagner, Maxine Ryan, Ed Heppelmann, Anne Merry, Ray Poncelet, Dave Buck, Scott Cyert, Jerry Joe Majerus, Louise Heppelmann, Brent Hokanson, Anne Skalicky, Neil Stehr, Jen Berg, Marge Majerus, Shawn Frederixon, Gabe Ryan, Laura Luhman, Colten Zinbar, Ryan Zorn, Beth Carlson, Chuck Havrilla, Randy Nardinger, Louise Gilsdorf King, Wilma Seither and Linda Bowar.


Calendar/Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
Sat., Sept. 28	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Sept. 29	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., Sept.30	SM	5:00-9:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Oct. 2	HT	9:00AM-2:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Oct. 2	HT	2:15-3:30PM 7:25-8:35PM	Faith Formation Class Grades 1-6 Faith Formation Class Grades 7-12
Thur., Oct. 3	SC	8:00-8:45AM	Adoration / Confession
Fri., Oct. 4	HT	7:00-7:45PM	Adoration / Confession
Sat., Oct. 4	SC HT	8:00-8:45AM 4:45-5:20PM	Adoration/Confession Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Oct. 5	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession

**Holy Trinity Church
(HT) Collection:**
9/21: \$ 287.00

**St. Columbkil Church
(SC) Collection:**
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**St. Mary Church
(SM) Collection:**
9/22: \$2,430.00



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Catholic Young Adult group, ages 18+ will be gathering at Samantha and Taylor Dowden's home for social, potluck, bonfire and rosary, Sunday, October 20, 6:30- 9:00PM. Call the office to RSVP and let us know the number of friends and food to share. *Bring your own chair and beverages. Bring food to garage and see you soon!*



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!

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Church	Role	September 28/29	October 5/6
HT: Saturday 5:30PM Sept. 28 & Oct. 5	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Katie Ludwig	Michelle Matthees
	Lector	Loretta Froyum	Judy Ramboldt
	Servers	Caleb and Madalynn Schofield	Brynn and Nora Frederick
SM: Sunday 8:45am Sept. 29 & Oct. 6	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor		Taylor Dowden
	Lector	John Huneke	Taylor Buck
	Servers	Henry, Noah and Maya Keller	Will and Addy Poncelet
SC: Sunday 10:30am Sept. 29 & Oct. 6	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Eleanor O'Reilly	Joel Hernke
	Lector	Charlie Dicke	Chris Poncelet
	Servers	Patrick, Francis and Philip O'Reilly	Brady and Liahna McNamara



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