Holy Trinity Parish The Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2024

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Office Hours: Mondays **10am-2pm** at HT.

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: Contact the office 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 for 7th and 8th grade catechism classes in preparation.

Marriage: Please call Father McCabe at least nine months prior to tentative date.

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

Pastoral Care of the Sick: If you move to a nursing home/care facility, would like a priest to visit, or are unable to attend Mass and would like Communion at home, contact the office.

Funerals: Contact the office.

Mass Intentions: Mail to the office or place in collection. (\$10/Mass suggested.)

Bulletin Items: Email to <u>holytrinitygood-hue@gmail.com</u> by Wednesday noon. The business office reserves the right to edit. **Trustees:**

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When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who hear it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Luke 2:15-20

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Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 21	Parishioners	Songs 2:8-14 / Ps 33 / Lk 1:39-45
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 22	+Cy and Mary Ellen Reding	Mic 5:1-4a / Ps 80 / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45
	10:30AM	SC	Dec. 22	3rd Gr. Faith Formation	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Dec. 23	+Bob and Mary Heppelmann	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Ps Lk 1:57-66
Tue.	<u>4:00PM</u>	HT	Dec. 24	+Ed and Gerry O'Connor	2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Ps /Lk 1:67-79
Wed.	8:45AM	SM		Parishioners	lsa 62:11-12 / Ps 97 / Titus 3:4-7 / Lk 2:15-20
	10:30AM	SC	Day Dec. 25	+Rodney (Rudy) Tutewohl	
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Dec. 26	+Ralph McNamara	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 / Ps Mt 10:17-22
Fri.	<u>8:00 AM</u>	SM	Dec. 27	Success of PECS (Parish Evangelization Cells)	1Jn 1:1-4 / Ps / Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sat.	<u>9:00AM</u>	<u>HT</u>	Dec. 28	For an end to abortion	1Jn 1:5-2:2 / Ps / Mt 2:13-18
	5:30PM	ΗT	Dec. 20	+John Haas	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 29	Parishioners	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Ps / Col 3:12-21 / Ps /
	10:30AM	SC	Dec. 29	+Darlene Beach	Lk 2:41-52

Mission: We grow together in Christ.

Welcome to our Parísh Churches!



Holy Trinity Church (HT) 211 4th Street North Goodhue, MN 55027



St. Columbkill Church (SC) 36483 County 47 Boulevard Goodhue, MN 55027



St. Mary Church (SM) 221 Chester Avenue Bellechester, MN 55027

From Father McCabe MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: Ask for a sign from the Lord, your God; let it be deep as the nether world, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!" Then he said: "Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary men, must you also weary God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel," Is. 7:10-14.

For a child is born to us, a son is given us: upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, From David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this! Is. 9:5-6

For he who has become your husband is your Maker; his name is the Lord of hosts; Your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, called God of all the earth. Is. 54:5

"But even now if my people would listen, if Israel would walk in my paths, in a moment I would subdue their foes, against their enemies unleash my hand. Those who hate the Lord would tremble, their doom sealed forever. But Israel I would feed with the finest wheat, satisfy them with honey from the rock." Ps. 81:14-17.

So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem [meaning – house of bread], because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to their firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:3-7

After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Mt. 2:9-11.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. Mt. 26:26-28

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race: the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Jn. 1:1-5

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son



of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you... Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven... whoever eats this bread will live forever." Jn.6:52-58 [While in the state of grace – not aware of any unconfessed mortal sins after an examination of conscience – when a practicing Catholic receives Holy Communion while loving God above all else, and perseveres in this grace-filled relationship, that person will not die a spiritual death (not repent of mortal sin) and thus will live forever.]

When he had said this, he showed them [Peter and the faithful apostles] his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [Jesus] said to them again, "peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sin you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jn. 20:20-23. [Talk about 20/20 vision! The night of Christ's resurrection – proving that he has conquered sin and death as the Lord of life and salvation – Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Confession - a shower for the soul].

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled [fifty days after Christ rose from the dead] they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Acts of the Apostles (Acts) 2:1-4

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter [said] to them, "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."... Those who accepted this message were baptized and about three thousand persons were added that day. They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles." Acts 2:37-43.

And so the Church of Jesus Christ, the Mystical Body of the Crucified and Risen Lord, born of Mary, continues God's ministry fully and substantially through his Catholic Church until he comes again in glory!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Fr. Thomas McCabe

News and Events

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. Catholic Daughters will match \$1000 worth of diapers donated. Diaper sizes 3-7 are in the greatest need. Thank you!

Gift Card Project: Annual Holy Trinity/St. Columbkill CCW Gift Card Project from Dec. 1 thru Jan. 5. It which helps clients of Goodhue County Social Services who may slip through the cracks throughout the year. 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. Thank you! --Diane Opsahl and Deb O'Connor. Catholic Daughters "Meal In A Bucket" Sale: Preorder slips are in the back of Church for the next 4 weeks. Meals are BBQ with Buns, Chili, Potato Soup, Portage Soup and Cinnamon Rolls. Orders available for pick up Jan. 18-19 after Mass. Your support is truly appreciated.

Jan. 18-19 after Mass. Your support is truly appreciated. Solemníty of Holy Mary, Mother of God Mass Tímes and Líturgícal Roles for Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 Vigil Mass, Tue., December 31 - 4:00PM - St. Mary Music: Wanda Schafer Cantor: Taylor Dowden Lector: Brian Keller Servers: Danny Keller New Year's Day Mass, Wed., Jan. 1, - 10:00AM - Holy Trinity Music. : Wanda Schafer Cantor: Laural Siether Lector: Karen Albers Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister: Mary Majerus Servers: Eli & Brenna Buck New Year's Day Mass, Wed., Jan. 1, - 8:00PM - St. Columbkill Music: Cindy Eppen Cantor: Denise Voth Lector: Chris Poncelet Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister: Charlie Dicke Servers:





"Everyone, make the Holy Hour, and you will discover as you leave the divine Presence that if you move among people in the world, they will say of you as the maid said of Peter, 'You have been with Christ.' And then at the end of a lifetime spent in adoration of the Lord, and in love of the Blessed Mother, of the Blessed Sacrament, when you come before the Lord do you know what He will say to you? He will say, 'I heard my Mother speak of you." - Ven. Fulton Sheen ww.perpetualeucharisticadoration.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, Ryan Zorn, Beth Carlson, Chuck Havrilla, Randy Nardinger, Wilma Seither. Linda Bowar and Alan Gadient.

Holy Trinity is dedicated to protecting children and vulnerable adults. Volunteers serving with minors and vulnerable adults must complete requirements before engaging in ministry. Maria Schultz, Safe Environment Coordinator - holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com.

Calendar/Events						
Sat., Dec. 21	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession			
Sun., Dec. 22	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession			
Mon., Dec. 23	SM	6:30-9:00PM	Adoration (w/Confession 7:30 -8:45PM)			
Tues., Dec. 24	HT	2:30-3:45PM	Sacrament of Confession			
Wed., Dec. 25	HT		NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament			
Wed., Dec. 25	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession			
Wed., Dec. 25	HT		NO Faith Formation Classes			
Fri. Dec. 27	<u>SM</u>	7:00-78:45AM	Adoration / Confession			
Sat., Dec. 28	<u>HT</u>	8:00-8:45AM	Adoration / Confession			
Sat., Dec. 28	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession			
Sun, Dec. 29	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession			

Holy Trinity Church	St. Columbkill Church	St. Mary Church
(HT) Collection:	(SC) Collection:	(SM) Collection:
12/21: \$ 3,137.00	12/22: \$ 3,650.00	12/22: \$ 2,192.00



Behold the Lamb of God!

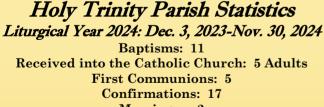
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays at St. Mary from 6:30-9:00PM, Wednesdays at Holy Trinity from 9:00AM-2:00PM, and Thursdays at St. Columbkill from 8:00AM-9:00AM (unless otherwise noted). Come and spend some time with Jesus!

Weekend Ministry Schedule							
Church Role		Dec. 28/29	Jan. 4/5, 2025				
HT:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Cindy Eppen				
Saturday 5:30PM	Cantor	Laural Seither	Katie Ludwig				
Dec. 28	Lector	Maureen Lodermeier	Loretta Froyum				
& Jan. 4	Servers	Leetta, Aubriel, Oleana, and Stuart O'Reilly	Ben Gadient and Corbin Jaeger				
SM:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer				
Sunday 8:45am	Cantor		Cathy O'Reilly				
Dec. 29 &	Lector	Taylor Buck	John Huneke				
Jan. 5	Servers	Henry, Noah, Maya Keller	Will Poncelet				
SC:	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen				
Sunday 10:30am	Cantor	Shannon Dicke	Shelly Jacobson				
Dec.29 &	Lector	Pam Altendorf	Becky Diercks				
Jan. 5	Servers Jay Roschen, Jenna and J O'Reilly		Brady and Liahna McNamara				



Thotos from the Christmas Tageant at St. Columbkill Church on December 22, 2024!





Marriages: 2 Anointings: 29 Funerals/Burials: 8 Masses: 396 Communion Services: 23 at Goodhue Senior Living Holy Communion Visits: 149

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2024: For Pilgrims of Hope We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.







Young Adult Christmas Caroling and potluck on December 22, 2024!