Holy Trinity Parish Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2025

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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.)

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Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear | say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you... Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them... Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Cf. Luke 6:27-38

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Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Feb. 22	Faith Formation Grade 5	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Feb. 23	+Norbert Frawley	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38	
	10:30AM	SC	Feb. 23	Parishioners		
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Feb. 24	+Alan Brinkman	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 & 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13	
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Feb. 25	+Grant Schimek	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a & 2, 3ac-4, 3b & 9c- 10/Mk 8:14-21	
Wed.	8:00AM	ΗT	Feb. 26	Shannon & Frank Gauer	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26	
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Feb. 27	+Francis & Marjorie McNamara	Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23/Mk 8:27-33	
Fri.			Feb 28		Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/ Mk 8:34—9:1	
Sat.	9:00AM	SC	March 1	Youth & Family Ministry	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-	
	5:30PM	HT	Marchin	Mary Haas	19	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Marah 2	Parish Young Adult Group	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor	
	10:30AM	SC	March 2	Parishioners	15:45- 49/Lk 6:27-38	

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

Jesus Christ is God, and since God has made us in his image and likeness, we are to reflect the life of Jesus by following him with the help of his divine grace and the teachings and prayers of Holv Mother church.

In today's Gospel of Luke, 6:27-38, Jesus proclaims to his disciples, "... love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

This can be very difficult for us because of the effects of original sin. Even though original sin was washed from our soul at our Christian Baptism, we still have the effects of original sin which means that our free will is weak, our intellect is dark, and we struggle with internal disorder called "concupiscence" - we are inclined to sin if we do not have the virtues to overcome the temptation to sin.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) defines concupiscence: Human appetites or desires which remain disordered due to the temporal consequences of original sin, which remain even after Baptism, and which produce an inclination to sin. (For further study see, CCC: 1264, 1426, 2515)

We know how radical Jesus' mission is to love the weak and the vulnerable, and seek justice for them, but we are also called to love those who hate us, and who mistreat the vulnerable. So, does Jesus' radical love mean that we just let people walk over us, or the most vulnerable? Or does true love include the fullness of the Gospel which includes the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy, simultaneously?

The Corporal Works of Mercy include giving drink to the thirsty, but if a man at a bar asks you to buy him a drink when he is already intoxicated, doing so would not be true love. For true love and true mercy is wanting the best for the person, not just giving them what they want.

That is why we need to know and employ the Spiritual Works of Mercy so to help us have true love for others. If a person at a bar insists that, since you are a Christian, you must buy him a drink, it is important to employ reason and one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Perhaps the Spiritual Work of Mercy, "Admonish the sinner" comes to mind, but would that be effective?

I think another Spiritual Work of Mercy is more appropriate in this case. I have had moments as a priest and as a seminarian (mostly as a college seminarian!) when I employed the Spiritual Work of Mercy "Console the afflicted", as well as another Spiritual Work of Mercy, "Counsel the doubtful" at some bars since so many people there are looking for true meaning in life and are seeking to deal with pain in their life.

Jesus also proclaims in today's Gospel that we should "stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned." But if I had not judged someone to be in need of "consolation" or "counsel" I would never have interacted with them when they were truly in need. If I were to condemn the person as "hopeless," I would have walked away and not interacted with them. In the Biblical context, Jesus uses the words do not "judge"

and "condemn" as meaning that we should not *judge rashly*, nor *condemn* a person by considering them hopeless for healing and salvation, a definitive judgment which is left for God alone.



In one case after interacting with a per-

son at a bar, the person admitted losing sight of the path to healthy relationships, especially with God, and thus was jeopardizing their ultimate gift of happiness - salvation.

So does Jesus want me to "stop judging" all together, or does he want me to judge rightly and help them to stop sinning by seeking virtue; for sin always leads to further distance from our true selves, true love, our true God, whereas virtue brings us closer to God - true and lasting happiness.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church helps us to understand the true context of these words. We read in the CCC paragraph # 2475, under the section, Offenses Against Truth: Christ's disciples have "put on the new man, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." By "putting away falsehood," they are to "put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander."

#2477 Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. He becomes guilty:

> - of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor;

> - of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them,

> - of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them.

#2478 To avoid rash judgment, everyone should be careful to interpret insofar as possible his neighbor's thoughts, words, and deeds in a favorable way:

> Every good Christian ought to be more ready to give a favorable interpretation to another's statement than to condemn it. But if he cannot do so, let him ask how the other understands it. And if the latter under stands it badly, let the former correct him with love...

Fortunately, in today's Gospel Jesus reaffirms another essential Christian action, "Forgive and you will be forgiven." Before sleep, or before Holy Communion, it is a joy to review with the Lord Jesus one's day or week, examine one's conscience to see all the good that God is doing through us, but also to see our venial sins and then, with Jesus, pray: "Our Father, who art in heaven.... Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..." Amen.

Peace in Christ, Fr. Thomas McCabe

tar;...you also know its power. " - St. John Chrysostom

"The wise men adored this body when it lay in the manger;...they prostrated themselves before it in fear and trembling....Now you behold the same body that the wise men adored in the manger, lying upon the al-



Eucharistic Revival

Mardi Gras Fundraiser: Bring your family and friends to celebrate Mardi Gras at the Goodhue Lions Building on Sunday, February 23, from noon to 3:00 p.m. This is a great fun family event to celebrate Mardi Gras – Fat Tuesday, a Catholic tradition to mark the last day before starting Lent. (Okay, we are a little early as Ash Wednesday is March 5.) Free-will offering for Mardi Gras-themed food, with American cuisine options. Take out available. Fun games and activities for the family and take a chance at winning in corn hole too! Proceeds go to Youth and Family Ministry, Faith Formation, and 10% to First Choice Clinic in Red Wing. Join us for this FUN event! Questions, want to volunteer: contact Ann Buck at 651-764-3087.

<u>CDA Meeting</u>: Catholic Daughters Court St. Mary Peter #1864 will meet Monday, February 24, at Holy Trinity in Goodhue. We will gather at 6:30 pm for our light meal and the meeting will follow at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. Call Jeanette at 507-251-7269 with any questions.

St. Columbkill Potluck and Special Meeting, Sunday, March 2, after 10:30 AM Mass for potluck, then review bids for *proposed* Church addition at 1:00 PM. Fortunately, leadership for the Archdiocese Capital Campaign set our start date for the diocese wide campaign for 2026-2027, whereas St. Paul, Zumbrota and St. Michael began their share of the campaign this past January since they are in the pilot stage.

Part-time Maintenance/Custodial Position: At least 21 years of age with a MN Driver's License can apply. A practicing Catholic is preferred, since no employee of the Catholic Church can be a counter witness to the Catholic faith. Work up to 6 hours per week, \$14-\$17/hr. Snow removal before Mass and Faith Formation classes and other events at Holy Trinity; grounds care, maintain riding mower, some custodial and maintenance work at each church. Call Fr. McCabe at 651-923-4472 by March 15 and provide references. The Essential 3 (Code of Conduct, back-ground check, & VIRTUS training) will need to be completed. **Goodhue Lions Spring Brunch:** March 2, 8:30AM-12:30PM.

Grandparents Bingo: Sunday, March 2, at 2:00pm at Holy Trinity Church in Goodhue. No charge--prizes and snacks provided. Any questions, contact Angela at 651-380-2108.

Understanding PTSD & Veterans in Crisis Presentation: Dr. Steve Lansing and Lake City coauthor B. Wayne Quist will present their new book, "Veterans in Crisis" on Sunday, March 2- from 6-7:30pm at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Goodhue. The public is welcome for this important community service event on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and suicide prevention. Dr. Lansing is a top specialist in PTSD, a licensed mental health counselor, and a retired veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and his presentation will provide valuable information for veterans, first responders, and all people affected by PTSD (from military service or otherwise), and their caregivers. His talks are designed for the general public, easy to understand and often humorous. No registration necessary.

40 Days for Life Opening Prayer Vigil: Join Fr. David Medow in front of Planned Parenthood on Tuesday, March 4, at 5 pm for a prayer vigil to begin the 40 Days for Life prayer campaign. Feel free to park at St. Pius Church parking lot and walk down. For info about 40 Days: <u>https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/rochester</u>

Young Adult Retreat: Rochester Catholic Young Adult Group is having a retreat March 7-9 at the Alverna Center in Winona for adults aged 18-early 30's. The retreat is for Lent, and the topic is prayer! For more information, see the flyer in the church entry or contact 507-218-5676, or email abbyeslater@gmail.com.

Pickleball Tournament: The second annual pickleball fundraiser for First Choice Clinic will be on March 8, beginning at 10 a.m. at Goodhue School. You won't want to miss out on the fun! Food will be served for a free will donation throughout the event. Please contact Kevin at 651-301-5239 with questions.

Pancake Breakfast: Sts. Peter & Paul, Mazeppa - 9AM-12:30PM on March 9. Please join us for Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Beverages. Free will donations accepted to benefit local food shelves.

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, Alan Gadient, Jameson Letsinger, and Roy Goranson.

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: holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February 2025: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Calendar/Events							
Sat., Feb. 22	HT	4:45-5:20 PM		Sacrament of Confession			
Sun., Feb. 23	SM	8:20-8:40 AM		Sacrament of Confession			
Sun., Feb. 23	Goodhue Lions bldg.	Noon-3:00PM		Mardi Gras celebration/fundraiser			
Mon., Feb. 24	SM	<u>5:00</u> -9:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament			
Mon., Feb. 24	ΗT	5:30PM		Special Finance Council Meeting			
Wed., Feb. 26	HT	9:00AM-2:00 PM		Adoration with Benediction at 2:00 PM			
Wed., Feb. 26	HT	2:15-3:30 PM		Grades 1-6 Faith Formation Class			
Wed., Feb. 26	HT	7:25-8:35 PM		Grades 7-12 Faith Formation Class			
Thurs., Feb. 27	SC	8:00-8:45 AM		Adoration/Confe	ssion (Daily Mass 9:00 AM)		
Sat., March 1	SC	8:00-8:45 PM		First Saturday Ado	ration/Conf. (Mass 9:00 AM)		
Sat., March 1	HT	4:45-5:20 PM		Sacrament of Confession			
Sun. March 2	SC	11:30 AM		Pot luck/ 1:00 PM meeting: building addition			
(HT) Collection: (SC				bkill Church ollection: \$ 618.00	St. Mary Church (SM) Collection: 2/16: \$ 1,831.00		

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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

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Church	Role	Feb. 22/23	March 1/2				
HT:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer				
Saturday 5:30PM	Cantor	Aurora Wiskow	Michelle Matthees				
Feb. 22 &	Lector	Lily Peterson	Loretta Froyum				
March 1	Servers	Ellie Nardinger	Leeta, Aubriel, Oleana, Stuart O'Reilly				
SM:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer				
Sunday 8:45am	Cantor	Cathy O'Reilly					
8:45am Feb. 23 &	Lector	Brian Keller	Jeremy Keller				
March 2	Servers	Addy and Will Poncelet	Henry, Noah, Maya Keller				
SC:	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen				
Sunday	Cantor	Joel Hernke	Shannon Dicke				
10:30am Feb. 23 &	Lector	Pam Altendorf					
March 2	Servers	Eleanor, Patrick, Francis, Philip O'Reilly	Madalyn & Caleb Schofield				

