Holy Trinity Parish

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 28, 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 Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Cf. Jn. 6:1-15.

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Sat.	5:30PM	HT	July 27	Parishioners	Jer 7:1-11 / Ps 84 / Matt 13:24-30
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	July 28		2Kgs 4:42-44 / Ps 145 / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn
	10:30AM	SC	001 <u>9</u> 20	+Harvey O'Neill	6:1-15
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	July 29	+Ray and LaWanda Keller	1Jn 4:7-16 / Ps 34 / Jn 11:19-27
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	July 30	Linda Bowar	Jer 14:17-22 / Ps 79 / Matt 13:36-43
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	July 31	+Theresa Lorentz	Jer 15:10, 16-21/ Ps 59 / Matt 13:44-46
Thu.	<u>11:30AM</u>	HT	August 1	+Al Grossbach	Jer 18:1-6 / Ps 146 / Matt 13:47-53
Fri.	8:00PM	HT	August 2	Doris McCabe	Jer 26:1-9 / Ps 69 / Matt 13:54-58
Sat.	<u>9:00AM</u> 5:30PM	SC HT		Karin McCabe-Warkel Parisioners	Jer 26:11-16,24 / Ps 69 / Matt 14:1-12
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	August 4	+Helen, Neil and Candace Majerus	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 / Ps 78 / Eph 4:17,
	10:30AM	SC		+Father Joseph LaPlante	20-24 / Jn 6:24-35

Mission: We grow together in Christ.

Welcome to our Parish 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

The Olympic Games: Athletes test their natural, welldisciplined physical virtues. One woman trained six hours every day, six days a week to qualify for the Olympics. Yet, if any athlete takes steroids they would be disqualified, because they disobeyed the rules and spirit of the Games.

Many athletes, even high school athletes, have damaged themselves by taking steroids to "win", but that defeats the purpose. The goal of winning does not justify the means of taking drugs to win. This is an essential moral principle: **The means** (taking illegal drugs) does not justify the end or goal (winning). That is why athletes undergo drug testing – to maintain the integrity of the Games.

Jesus does some testing of his own. In today's Gospel, Jesus asked Philip how to feed the crowd, and it adds "*He said this to test*" Philip. (Jn. 6:1-2). Christ not only tested him but all his disciples, including us. Do we trust him to help us feed the crowd? Hunger is no "game," it is about life and death.

The Apostles almost fail the test if it were not for the boy who listened closely to Jesus when he asked Philip, "*Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?*" The boy offers in faith all that he had: five loaves and two fish.

The Apostles now show their obedient faith when they respond to Christ's request, "*Have the people recline*." Christ received the five loaves and two fish given to him in faith, hope and love, "gave thanks" and performs a miracle. He provides food for five thousand, with twelve baskets left over, helping the twelve Apostles understand that they were to be the leaders of the New Israel in place of the Old Israel that had twelve tribes.

But after this miracle Jesus walks away, another test. He walked away because the people wanted to make him their King of natural gifts. But Jesus has come to usher in the fullness of God's supernatural life of salvation through his Catholic Church's seven Sacraments. These supernatural gifts are given to us through his *one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church,* purchased by his suffering, death and resurrection and the command, "**Do** *this in memory of me*," which is the means to meet all our natural and supernatural needs, if we have sufficient faith, hope and love.

How is Jesus testing us today? He wants us to trust him that a holy life and the moral passing on of human life in the Catholic faith for us and our children is the essential means to attain the goal of heaven. By following God's design of human sexuality and staying in Holy Communion with God through the seven Sacraments of the Church, we can assuredly attain heaven.

The dignity of human life and the transmission of life was addressed in Pope Paul VI encyclical letter **Humanae Vitae** fiftysix years ago. It reminded all Christians and people of good will that God is the immediate giver of life and thus we need to obey God's rules of passing on that gift of life. Jesus spoke through St. Pope Paul VI, and many other saints, regarding the evil consequences of using artificial contraception.

The use of artificial contraception is objectively a mortal sin, since it says "No" to God's purpose of sexual intimacy to both unite and potentially give new life to a baby. God's gift of fully expressing human sexuality is designed to be enjoyed only in marriage between a man and a woman who are open to the two-fold purpose of God's gift of sexuality: the celebration of the couple's union of marriage, and an openness to new life, a baby made directly and immediately by God in his divine image and likeness.

Because the worldly did not heed Jesus' teaching through his Church, the prophesies of Pope Paul VI have come true. He and other erudite ethicists warned that if you take away the true purpose or end goal of human sexuality by using contraception you will have greater infidelity and divorce, greater unwed pregnancies and the breakdown of the family, all of which contributes to poverty, confusion and violence – especially the violence of abortion. Before the so-called "sexual revolution" of the 1960's which promoted hedonism and less discipline, the divorce rate was at about 15%, and about 75% of our citizens were going to Church or Synagogue every weekend. The American family was strong, contraception and abortion were generally illegal, and despite the scourge of some racism, people knew that spiritual discipline within the family was essential to strong family life.



Now the divorce rate is about 50% and only 20% of our country is obeying God's 3rd Commandment –*Remember to keep holy the Sabbath.* Can you imagine if we gave God just 2.5 hours every day to prayer, study, evangelization and service? We definitely would be well-trained spiritual Olympians to attain the greatest goal and reward that last forever!

Olympians sacrifice and give much to attain natural, physical virtues, and we commend them. Jesus himself, the Son of God, gave himself 100% upon the cross to win redemption for those who, with the divine virtues of faith, hope and love, repent and seek his holiness. That is why we worship and follow him since he is the only means to our heavenly Father, for Christ said, "*I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*" Jn. 14:6.

To help us follow him, Jesus gives himself totally to us through his Catholic Church in Holy Communion, the Divine Eucharist, and wants us to respond 100% with the supernatural virtue of the Catholic faith. In this way, Christ assures us that we have chosen the correct means to the ultimate goal – to win a place in heaven by the way we love God and others here on earth.

With Natural Family Planning (NFP) a couple needs to give themselves 100% to God and one another in planning the size of their family in a safe, natural, spiritual and morally acceptable way. That is why the Catholic Church promotes NFP, for it builds up the physical and spiritual relationship of the couple and families. Since the marital embrace needs to be a celebration of both the unifying and procreative dimensions of the covenant of marriage, contraception is wrong since it tries to separate the unifying dimension from the procreative dimension.

The gravest consequence of people not celebrating the true goal of human sexuality by following God's purpose of unity and procreativity is the violent, non-solution of abortion. *Planned Parenthood*, the largest abortion provider, has admitted that 50% of abortions occur because artificial contraception failed. And yet, some public high schools are making artificial contraception freely available to students, promoting that evil contraceptive attitude. Also, condoms cannot prevent HPV, AIDS and many other sexually transmitted diseases, which is a major cause of 20% infertility among childbearing age couples. (There are natural causes of infertility, but through NaPro Technology, remedies have been developed by Dr. Thomas W. Hilgers of the Saint Pope Paul VI Institute. Connect with them online for information).

The boy in today's Gospel believed in Jesus and gave him all that he had, the Apostles followed in faith, and Jesus received this trust and miraculously fed the crowd of five thousand with natural food. Jesus later gave himself totally at the Last Supper to his apostles in the divine Eucharist with the promise of being with them and us until the end of the world and said, "**Do this in memory of me.**" He then sealed his promise by giving his all on the Cross, to rise as the Everlasting Champion over sin and death by winning for us the supernatural food of Eternal Life - the Eucharist.

Truly, we can only receive the benefits of Christ in Holy Communion when we believe fully in the Catholic faith. Welldisciplined as authentic disciples, we can be assured of our passing the spiritual test with the grace and knowledge of the real solution to our individual and societal problems – giving our all to Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist with faith, hope and love. Catholic Vacation Bible Camp - Cathletics: Training <u>To Be Champions For Christ</u> - Space still available. Tuesday and Wednesday, July 30-31 – 9:00AM-12:00PM and Thursday, Aug. 1 – 9:00AM-11:30PM (Mass followed by lunch.) Registration forms are due now!

<u>Volunteers needed for CVBC:</u> "Guardian Angels" (students ages 13-17) are needed to help with CVBC as well as adult volunteers (non-teaching roles). Please contact Maria Schultz at the parish office.

Missionary Cooperation Plan is a program whereby the St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocese works with Deacon Mickey Freisen of the Papal organization Propagation of the Faith, to assign vetted priests (and others) to parishes within the Archdiocese over one weekend. This year Fr. Peter Winimi from the African country of Ghana, will be here to celebrate and preach at all the weekend Masses August 10-11. There will be a second collection during that weekend. The monies collected will be sent to the Propagation of the Faith where it will be pooled and evenly distributed to those parishes/projects that have been approved by the Archdiocese. Fr. Peter Winimi will be assisting at all Masses August 5-12 so that I might have some vacation time. However, since it is always good to spend time with my brother missionary priests, I will be spending some time touring our three churches. Thank you for welcoming him and making him feel at home. Peace in Christ, Fr. Thomas McCabe

St. Mary Church Cleaning: St. Mary's church during August. No cleaning on August 16-17 and 22 due to the parish picnic. Contact Ellen-651-764-0231 or Mag-651-380-8181. Thank you.



<u>Cutest Baby Contest</u> at the Goodhue County Fair (Aug. 6-10) at the MCCL Booth (MN Citizens Concerned for Life). Submit a 4 x 6 photo with baby's name and age (under two years) to: Cutest Baby

Contest, 37298 180th Ave, Goodhue, MN, 55027 <u>by August</u> <u>1st</u>. Please include parents' contact info: name, address & phone number. Stop by the booth to cast your vote!

<u>Volunteers</u> needed to help staff the MCCL booth at the County Fair. Contact Ann Buck for details at 651-764-3087.

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.



"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to Adoration." St. Teresa of Calcutta *www.eucharisticrevival.org* Archdiocesan Message: Anyone with special needs/mental/ physical disabilities age 14 and older, who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to prepare for the sacrament. Classes on Saturday, August 3 and 17th at 9:30-11:30AM at Church of St. Richard, 7540 Penn Ave. S., Richfield. Both classes are mandatory for guardians and candidates. Contact Deacon Eric Gunderson or Sonya Flomo at 651-291-4488 or flomos@archspm.org.

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, Paul O'Reilly, Randy Nardinger, Louise Gilsdorf King and Linda Bowar. Barb Smalley, sister of Mary Haggerty, died. Please pray for her and her family.

Calendar/Events							
Sat., July 27	HT	4:45-5:20PM		Sacrament of Confession			
Sun., July 28	SM	8:20-8:40AM		Sacrament of Confession			
Mon., July 29	HT	6:00PM		Finance Council			
Mon., July 29	SM	6:30-9:00PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament			
Wed., July 31	HT	9:00AM-2:00PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament			
Thur., Aug. 1	SC			<u>NO </u> Mass/Adora sion	tion/Sacrament of Confes-		
Fri., Aug. 2	HT	7:00-7:45PM		Adoration/Sacra	ament/Confession		
Sat., Aug. 3	SC HT	8:00-8:45AM 4:45-5:20PM		Adoration/Sacrament/Confession Sacrament of Confession			
Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection: 7/20: \$ 458.00			St. Columbkill Church (SC) Collection: 7/21: \$1,285.00		St. Mary Church (SM) Collection: 7/21: \$ N/A		

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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	July 27/28	August 3/4					
HT:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Cindy Eppen					
Saturday 5:30PM	Cantor	Laural Seither	Katie Ludwig					
July 27 &	Lector	Karen Albers	Loretta Froyum					
Aug. 3	Servers	Ellie Nardinger, Oleana and Aubriel O'Reilly	Caleb and Madalynn Schofield					
SM:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer					
Sunday	Cantor							
8:45am July 28 &	Lector	Brian Keller	Jeremy Keller					
Aug. 4	Servers	Henry and Maya Keller	Cooper Utley, Isaac Ryan, Stuart O'Reilly					
SC:	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen					
Sunday	Cantor	Eleanor O'Reilly	Shelly Jacobson					
10:30am July 28 &	Lector	Barb Lexvold	JJ O'Reilly					
Aug. 4	Servers	Patrick, Francis, Philip O'Reilly	Luke, Owen, Jay Roschen					

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