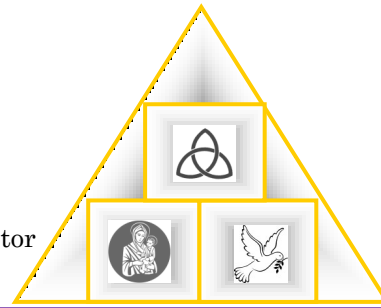


Holy Trinity Parish

Third Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025

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Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! - Luke 13:1-5

(It is so good to know that by our baptism into Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church we can repent and seek God's mercy and holiness, especially being assured forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession and the special grace that comes with it when celebrated honestly.)

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	March 22	Faith Formation Grade 7	Mic 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:18/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	March 23	+Bernard Goihl	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Mt 4:17/Lk 13:1-9
	10:30AM	SC		Parishioners	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	March 24	Curt & Lori Klein family	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	March 25	+Scarlet Rose Kathrein	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	March 26	+Those listed in Red Memorial Book	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Mt 5:17-19
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	March 27	Colton Klein	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Fri.			March 28		Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17/Mk 12:28-34
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	March 29	Parishioners	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/ Lk 18:9-14
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	March 30	+Fr. Arnold "Mike" Sauber	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/ 2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
	10:30AM	SC		Faith Formation Grade 8	

Mission: *We grow together in Christ.*

Welcome to our Parish Churches!



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



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



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

Why does the liturgical season of Lent have forty days (not counting Sundays) of intensified almsgiving, prayer and fasting? God has prepared us for the Lenten season in the Old Testament which prepared all of mankind for the New Testament ushered in by his Divine Son, Jesus Christ.

Forty takes on significance in the very first book of the Bible, *Genesis*. God was displeased with men because they were falling into sin and never repenting of it. God did, however, recognize one man who did repent of sin, Noah. God therefore communicated to Noah about an impending punishment to cleanse the earth of wicked people, people who would not repent of their sins nor strive for virtuous living.

Forty days and forty nights the rain fell, but Noah and his family were saved because they listened to God and built the ark. God purified the earth for them and set a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of his covenant.

Another person sent by God to prepare us for Lent is Moses. Moses saw God's chosen people oppressed by the wicked Pharaoh's enslavement. God then leads the people out of Egypt through Moses to Mt. Sinai. Moses climbed the mountain and communicated with God for forty days and forty nights before receiving the Ten Commandments of the Lord (The Book of Exodus, 24:12-18).

Coming down with the stone tablets Moses realized that the people had rebelled against God and made an idol out of a golden calf of their own making. Moses smashed the stone tablets as a sign of their breaking their covenant relationship with God. He climbed the mountain again. "So Moses was there with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, without eating any food or drinking any water, and he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten words (Ten Commandments)." (Exodus, 34:27-28)

Even after this, some of the chosen of God rebelled and they had to wander forty years, one generation, in the desert. King David picks up on this theme when he is inspired to write Psalm 95, the Word of God, which states:

"Forty years I loathed that generation; I said, 'This people's heart goes astray, they do not know my ways.' Therefore, I swore in my anger: 'They shall never enter my rest.'" (Psalm 95, vs. 10,11)

King David put on sackcloth and ashes when he mourned his sins against God. Both Moses and King David were sent by God to prefigure the role that his Son, Jesus Christ, would fulfill as a prophetic king, ruler over God's chosen people.

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after he is baptized, but before that public ministry "the Spirit drove him out into the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him." (Mark 1:12)

The Gospel of Luke records that during those forty days "He ate nothing during those days." (Luke 4:12)

Jesus Christ did not need to be baptized to be cleansed of Original Sin, nor did he need to fast and pray in reparation for his sins, because he is God the Son – sinless. However, Jesus is also a man and wanted to be a perfect

example for all who would follow him into heaven. He is in fact tempted in every way we are, but never sinned, thus showing us that through prayer and fasting in Christ, we can grow in holiness.



To intensify prayer, fasting and almsgiving is a gift from God that prepares us for the great celebration of Easter. Although we see Jesus fasting and praying in the desert, what about almsgiving? It should be noted that Jesus gave himself over to this discipline for the glory of God and for us. That is why the greatest almsgiving is when a person gives of themselves completely for the cause of advancing God's kingdom – martyrdom – from the Greek word "martyr" which means "witness".

Of course, all this leads to our celebrating Christ's resurrection when we rejoice in the promise of Eternal Life and hopefully taste the sweetness of the virtues we have grown through our observance of Lent. Do we realize the growth all at once, probably not, but that is why we celebrate the Easter Season for 50 days, before the Solemnity of Pentecost.

For even after Jesus rose from the dead, he spent forty days revealing himself periodically until he ascended into heaven to sit forever at the right side of the throne of God the Father. We read in the Acts of the Apostles (which follows the Four Gospel Books and tells of the early Church): "He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit". (Acts. 1:3-5)

Ten days later, both the Risen Lord Jesus and the Father sent the Holy Spirit upon the Church at Pentecost, which is considered the birthday of the Church because the faithful apostles and disciples begin to fulfill their God given mission by evangelizing the people around them.


Pentecost this year is Sunday, June 8th, but the Saturday before (June 7th) Archbishop Hebda wants to have a prayer gathering and celebration at the Cathedral of St. Paul. He wants me to be there with two representatives from the parish who have been involved with the PECS (Parish Evangelization Cell System) training. Please prayerfully consider joining me that whole day on Saturday, June 7th, ending with the Mass of the Vigil of Pentecost at the Cathedral, and call me soon.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Thomas McCabe

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• "When you are before the Altar
• where Christ reposes, you ought
• no longer to think that you are
• amongst men but believe that
• there are troops of Angels and Archangels, standing with
• you and trembling with respect before the Sovereign Master
• of Heaven and earth. Therefore, when you are in Church, be
• there in silence, fear and veneration!" - St. John Chrysostom

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News and Events

Jubilee Year Indulgence/Cathedral Guided Tour: Let's visit the Cathedral of St. Paul for a special Jubilee Year Indulgence! Friday, May 9, Mass at HT 9:00 am (**optional**), brunch after Mass at the Goodhue Depot (**optional, your expense**), Coach Bus boards at 11:45 am at Holy Trinity parking lot (\$10 per person, families no more than \$50) and departs at 12:00 for Cathedral Guided Tour which begins at 2:10 pm for about 1 hour. Coach Bus returns to HT around 4:30 pm. 25 spaces available. RSVP to parish office by April 1! Anonymous donor subsidized the bus fee. Praise God for our generous parishioners!

Madonna Supper: The annual CCW Madonna supper will be Thursday, March 27. Meal will be at 7 pm, guest speaker will be Chris Poncelet about his time in China.

40 Days for Life: Prayers to End Abortion - now until April 13. *40 Days for Life* is a Christian organization that takes a peaceful, prayerful approach to this controversial issue to move hearts and minds. This prayer campaign is on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at 1212 7th Street NW, Rochester. If you would be interested in making an appointment with God to pray for all involved in this issue go to 40daysforlife.com/rochester to register and sign up. For more information contact Margaret Mulligan at 40daysforliferoch@gmail.com. Even if you are not able to pray at the Planned Parenthood location, please pray daily during this campaign for an end to violence against children in the womb! Suggested prayer intentions: <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/pro-life-rosary-prayer-intentions>

Easter Flowers: It's time to order flowers to beautify our churches for the Easter season! Order forms are in the church entries. The deadline to order is April 6.

Do you know...? Our third grade Faith Formation class is on a quest to identify the relics contained in the altars of St. Mary's, Holy Trinity and St. Columbkil. The students would appreciate any information you could provide. Please contact Fr. McCabe or Eva Diercks at 651-380- 9248.

SAVE THE DATE! May 15-17, 2025 - Holy Trinity Parish Garage Sale Fundraiser, Bake Sale, Food Stand. Start gathering items to donate to the sale! Proceeds to benefit our Youth Faith Formation. Sponsored by our churches of Holy Trinity, St. Columbkil, and St. Mary. Additional information to follow at a later date.

Part-time Maintenance/Custodial Position: A person 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. depending on skill and experience. Snow removal before office hours, Masses 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 30 and provide references. The Essential 3 Safe Environment program (background check, Code of Conduct and VIRTUS training) will need to be completed.

Fish Fries: Friday evenings during Lent , serving from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM! Both baked & fried fish will be offered! Prices: Adults \$15.00, Children 5-12 \$6.00, and family maximum \$45.00. TAKE OUT AVAILABLE! Location: Church of St. Michael, 451 5th St. SW, Pine Island.

Please pray for: Bob Eppen, Chuck and Diane Ryan, Wanda Schafer, 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, Marci Dillworth, Alan Gadiant, Jameson Letsinger, 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 March 2025:

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Calendar/Events

Sat., March 22	HT	4:45-5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., March 23	SM	8:20-8:40 AM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Mar. 23	SC	After Mass	Stations of the Cross
Mon., Mar. 24	SM	5:00-9:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mon., Mar. 24	HT	5:30 PM	Finance Council Meeting
Wed., Mar. 26	HT	9:00AM-2:00 PM	Adoration with Benediction at 2:00 PM
Wed., Mar. 26	HT	2:15-3:30 PM	Grades 1-6 Faith Formation Class
Wed., Mar. 26	HT	6:30PM	Stations of the Cross
Wed., Mar. 26	HT	7:25-8:35 PM	Grades 7-12 Faith Formation Class
Thurs., Mar. 27	SC	8:00-8:45 AM	Adoration/Confession (Daily Mass 9:00 AM)
Thurs., Mar. 27	HT	7:00PM	CCW Madonna Supper
Fri., March 28	SM	7:30PM	Stations of the Cross
Sat., March 29	HT	4:45-5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession

**Holy Trinity Church
(HT) Collection:**
3/15: \$ 619.00

**St. Columbkil Church
(SC) Collection:**
3/16: \$ 440.00

**St. Mary Church
(SM) Collection:**
3/16: \$ 2,824.00



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

Weekend Ministry Schedule

Church	Role	March 22/23	March 29/30
HT: Saturday 5:30PM March 22 & 29	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Aurora Wiskow	Laural Seither
	Lector	Lily Peterson	Loretta Froyum
	Servers	Brynn and Nora Frederick, Ellie Nardinger	Leeta, Auriel, Oleana, Stuart O'Reilly
SM: Sunday 8:45am March 23 & 30	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor		
	Lector	Patricia Mensink	Jeremy Keller
	Servers	Henry, Noah, Maya Keller	Danny Keller, Cooper Utey
SC: Sunday 10:30am March 23 & 30	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Joel Hernke	Tom Schulte
	Lector	Pam Altendorf	Becky Diercks
	Servers	Eleanor, Patrick, Francis, Philip O'Reilly	Jay Roschen, JJ and Jenna O'Reilly

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Congratulations to Eloise Bailey Gallik, daughter of Matthew & Maria Gallik, who was baptized on January 12 at the Church of St. Mary!

BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Some of our Catholic Young Adult group members celebrating Saint Patrick's Day with a corned beef, cabbage, potato, and carrot meal, plus shepherd's pie and dessert - green cupcakes.

