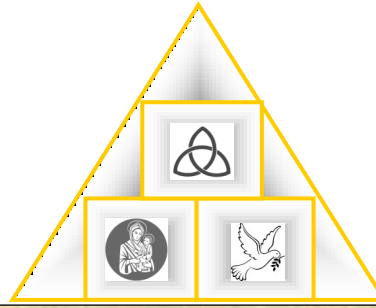


Holy Trinity Parish

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024

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Jesus said to his disciples... "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." Lk. 21:34-36.



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Nov. 30	Parishioners	Rom 10:9-18 / Ps 19 / Matt 4:18-22
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 1	+Bob and Mary Heppelmann	Dn 7:13-14 / Ps 93 / Rev 1:5-8 / Jn 18:33b-37
	10:30AM	SC		+Harvey O'Neill	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Dec. 2	+Ray and LaWanda Keller and Deceased Family	Isa 2:1-5 / Ps 122 / Matt 8:5-11
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 3	+Ron Gilbertson	Isa 11:1-10 / Ps 72 / Lk 10:21-24
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 4	+Rose Ferguson	Isa 25:6-10a / Ps 23 / Matt 15:29-37
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Dec. 5	+Ralph McNamara	Isa 26:1-6 / Ps 118 / Matt 7:21, 24-27
Fri.	8:00PM	HT	Dec. 6	Protection of Children	Isa 29:17-24 / Ps 27 / Matt 9:27-31
Sat.	9:00AM	HT	Dec. 7	End to Drug Trafficking	Isa 30:19-21, 23-26 / Ps 89 / Matt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
	5:30PM			Parishioners	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 8	+Cy and Mary Ellen Reding	Jer 33:14-16 / Ps 25 / 1Thess 3:12-4:2 / Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
	10:30AM	SC		+Bruce Plonsky	

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

From Father McCabe

Advent is a time of adventure. When in the middle of an adventure you are not sure what you will discover and a certain amount of fear is a natural feeling that keeps you vigilant and alert, prepared for anything. This is what today's Gospel is describing with regard to Jesus' coming in glory. Advent, then, is not only a time of preparation for Christmas – Jesus coming into the world as a vulnerable infant – but also a time of preparation for the Lord Jesus coming in his glory to judge everyone at once – the final judgment of the nations – in light of how they served Jesus Christ with their time, talent and treasure.

Even Mary had the natural feeling of fear when heavenly signs proclaimed the coming of the Christ child. Imagine praying and having an angel show up saying, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you...Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." That is how the Archangel Gabriel greeted Mary as found in the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

Although frightened, Mary did not die of fright or run away, because she was a prayerful young woman who entrusted herself to God's love and protection. Her head was bowed in prayer, and she stood her ground and welcomed the call to be at the service of God and others as the Mother of Jesus Christ. Mary said, "Yes" to true love, and that love took on flesh within her to conquer all of our disproportionate fears, even the fear of death.

This is God's initial work, and this is Mary's cooperating work. They worked together to bring Jesus into the world. Even today, here and now, Mary and the angels are surrounding us as we cooperate with God to bring Jesus into the world through our hearts, hands and voices – preeminently through the Holy Mass, the Divine Liturgy.

The word "liturgy" comes from the Greek word that means the "work of the people", and we say "Divine Liturgy" when God and man work together to bring about Jesus Christ in his divine word and sacraments, especially in the Holy Eucharist.

The word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word meaning "Thanksgiving." For we Catholic Christians, the Holy Mass is the highest form of thanksgiving because Jesus Christ is present to us Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in order to cleanse us of our venial sins and make our imperfect works and thanksgivings throughout the week a sacred offering to God the Father.

When the Lord Jesus Christ comes again in his glory there will be many awesome signs in the sky. And although some degree of fear is natural like Mary's fear when the Archangel greeted her, those of us who, like Mary, practice entrusting ourselves daily in prayer to God and his love in the morning and at night, and before our meals, can always be ready for the second coming of Jesus in his glory.



Loving God by living in his sanctifying grace and following Jesus Christ conquers all our disordered fears, even the fear of sacrificing ourselves for God and others. That is why we work at preparing ourselves for Jesus' coming at every Holy Mass, by going to confession if necessary and calling to mind our venial sins saying: "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." Or sometimes in the Greek language "Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison." We should not worry about the awesome signs so much as how we can continue to grow in our spiritual life of prayer and service, forgiveness, faith, hope and love.

God loves each one of us, and God the Father and Holy Mother Church want to feed us with Jesus' divine life in the Holy Eucharist so that we can grow stronger in our faith, hope and love. By cooperating weekly in God's Divine Liturgy with Mary, our Advent will truly be an "adventure" of discovering how we can stand ready before Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the son of Mary.

Peace in Jesus Christ through Mary,
Fr. Thomas McCabe

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Not A Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times:

Mon., Dec. 9 - 8:00 AM - St. Mary

Mon., Dec. 9 - 6:30 PM Adoration; 8:15PM Benediction;
8:30 PM Mass - St. Mary

First Sunday of Advent

HOPE

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 Luffman, Colten Zimbar, Ryan Zorn, Beth Carlson, Chuck Havrilla, Randy Nardinger, Wilma Seither, Linda Bowar and Alan Gadiant.

News and Events

Diaper Drive: Catholic Daughters is hosting a diaper drive benefiting First Choice Clinic in Red Wing. Donations will be collected from Advent (Dec 1) to Epiphany (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!

Christmas Flowers for Jesus: There are order forms in the church entries for Christmas poinsettias. Deadline for ordering from Blooms on Broadway is Sat., Dec. 7.

St. Mary's of Bellechester Goodhue County Christmas Families: If you wish to help make a wonderful Christmas for the families, please place cash or check donations made out to St. Mary's CCW in the box in Church or send to Gayle Strauss, 28632 County 16 Blvd., Goodhue, MN 55027 by Sun., Dec. 8. Questions? Call 651-923-4826.

Knights of Columbus: Mon., Dec. 9 the KofC meeting at Sts. Peter and Paul in Mazeppa. Social at 6:30 PM, Regular Meeting at 7:00PM. Lunch afterward.

Gift Card Project: Annual Holy Trinity/St. Columbkil CCW Gift Card Project from December 1 thru January 5. It helps clients of Goodhue County Social Services who may slip through the cracks throughout the year. Included is a list of businesses to purchase cards from or you can donate cash or checks made out to Deb O'Connor or Diane Opsahl and we will purchase the gift cards. We usually ask for amounts of \$10, \$15, \$20, or \$25. Businesses are: Target, Walmart, grocery stores in the Goodhue County area, gas cards from Kwik Trip, Casey's, local stations, and we have purchased 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, P.O. Box 275. Thank you for your support with this project. --Diane Opsahl and Deb O'Connor.

2nd Collection For Retired Religious: Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need - usually for little or no pay. Please give generously in your prayers and also financially on December 7-8. Thank you!

Thank You For Donation: "We wish to once again express gratitude for your ongoing support for our mission at Holy Family Catholic Church in Booneville, KY. Your donations are gratefully received. May you be blessed for your gift...." Sister Judy Donohue.



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Faith Formation: The students will have an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession during Advent. On Wed., Dec. 4 students in Grade 6 are scheduled between 2:15-3:30PM and Grades 7 and 8 from 7:25-8:35PM.

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.

Calendar/Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
Sat., Nov. 30	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Dec. 1	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., Dec. 2	SM	6:30-9:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Dec. 4	HT	9:00AM-2:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Dec. 4	HT	2:15-3:30PM 7:25-8:35PM	Faith Formation Grades 1-6 Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Thur., Dec. 5	SC	8:00AM	Mass only NO Adoration/Confession
Fri., Dec. 6	HT	7:00-7:45PM	Adoration/Confession (First Friday)
Sat., Dec. 7	SC HT	8:00-8:45AM 4:45-5:20PM	Adoration/Confession (First Saturday) Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Dec. 8	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession

**Holy Trinity Church
(HT) Collection:**
11/23: \$ 140.00

**St. Columbkil Church
(SC) Collection:**
11/24: \$ 538.00

**St. Mary Church
(SM) Collection:**
11/24: \$1,597.00



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	Nov. 30/Dec. 1	Dec. 7/8
HT: Saturday 5:30PM Nov. 30 & Dec. 7	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Michelle Matthees	Laural Seither
	Lector	Judy Ramboldt	Bjorn Otterness
	Servers	Brenna and Eli Buck	
SM: Sunday 8:45am Dec. 1 & Dec. 8	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Taylor Dowden	Cathy O'Reilly
	Lector	Jeremy Keller	John Huneke
	Servers	Addy and Will Poncelet	Danny Keller, Derek Stehr, Cooper Utley
SC: Sunday 10:30am Dec. 1 & Dec. 8	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Denise Voth	Tom Schulte
	Lector	Ann Buck	Becky Diercks
	Servers	Eleanor, Patrick, Francis, Philip O'Reilly	Brady and Liahna McNamara

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CCC #546: Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough; deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word?... One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to "know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven." For those who stay "outside," everything remains enigmatic.

The 6th Grade Faith Formation students and catechist prayed with Father McCabe as he blessed the Advent wreath during Faith Formation Class on Wednesday, November 20.

Congratulations to our Parish Goodhue High School students on their fine Fall Sports Season!

Cross Country: Jack Buck, Macy Buck, Lily Peterson, Brady McNamara

Football: Austin Bartholome, Nathan Beck, Caleb Kurtti, Craig Kurtti, Jacob Ryan, Luke Roschen, Owen Roschen, Riley Mirsberger, Toby Lodermeier, Patrick O'Reilly, Cody Ryan, Tim Strauss

Soccer: Kendyl Lodemeier, Mackenzie Lodermeier

Volleyball: Briana Lodermeier, Maya Poncelet, Erin Beck, Jessie Monjaraz-Mendez, Ellie Jennings, Nora Frederick, Eleanor O'Reilly, Manager

In 1 Cor. 9:24, St. Paul uses a sports analogy to describe our spiritual journey: "Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win."

