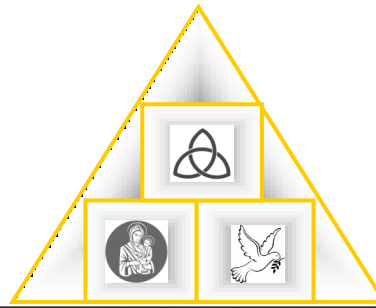


# Holy Trinity Parish

Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

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A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low...and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Lk. 3:4b-5a,6.



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 7	Parishioners	Isa 30:19-21, 23-26 / Ps 147 / Matt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 8	+Cy and Mary Ellen Reding	Bar 5:1-9 / Ps 126 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6
	10:30AM	SC		+Bruce Plonsky	
Mon.	8:00AM <b>8:30PM</b>	SM <b>SM</b>	Dec. 9	+Lora Keller Parishioners	Gen 3:9-15, 20 / Ps 98 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 10	For those listed in the Red Memorial Book	Isa 40:1-11 / Ps 96 / Matt 18:12-14
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Dec. 11	+Fr. Steve Adrian	Isa 40:25-31 / Ps 103 / Matt 11:28-30
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Dec. 12	+Fr. Steve Adrian	Zech 2:14-17 / Jdt 13 / Lk 1:26-38
Fri.			Dec. 13		Isa 48:17-19 / Ps 1 / Matt 11:16-19
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Dec. 14	+Trudy Zorn	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps 80 / Matt 17:9a, 10-13
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Dec. 15	Parishioners	Zeph 3:14-18a / Is 12 / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18
	10:30AM	SC		+Francis and Marjorie McNamara	

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

Last Sunday bulletin I wrote about how Advent is a time of “adventure,” a time of new discoveries and overcoming fear. I preached about hopeful anticipation and joyful preparation for Jesus Christ coming to us in the Eucharist, in the celebration of his birth at Christmas, and when he comes again in glory – of which no one knows the day nor the time – and thus how we should always be vigilant in staying in God’s grace, especially helping those who are exploited.

Out of love for us, Jesus warned us not to become complacent about his coming in glory, “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.” There will be “signs in the sun, the moon.... and on earth nations will be in dismay... People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world...”

Yet, because we faithful are practicing our Catholic Christian faith by staying close to Christ in the sacraments, especially by regularly making a good confession and receiving Holy Communion worthily, worshipping him on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, following the divine truth and serving him in the vulnerable, we will be ready to do what Jesus says to do: “stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

In fact, every time we come to Mass we experience Jesus Christ born on the altar in the Eucharist, and we approach him knowing that his glorious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity has come to us from heaven and he longs to fill us with his heavenly life. When we receive him with fervor we are motivated to advance his Kingdom, the Church, with the help of our leaders, the Pope and our Bishops – the successors of St. Peter and the apostles – who have God’s authority to govern and maintain the truths of the faith, liturgical laws, as well as giving the church spiritual fathers to assist them – the validly ordained priests under their authority.

Jesus Christ said to St. Peter, “... you are rock and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Mt. 16:16-19. The power of the keys is also given to the other apostles, (Mt. 18:15-18), of whom the bishops are successors.

This authoritative love and truth help us stay in the Church and on the path to heaven. This was reaffirmed by Monday’s Gospel from Matthew about the centurion who sought Jesus to heal his servant lying in agony. Jesus is willing to come and cure him, but the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man subject to authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come here,’ and he comes...” When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, ‘Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith.’” Mt. 8:5-10.

**Jesus Christ affirms that listening to legitimate authority is essential for living the life of faith.** Thus, in my Sunday homilies I tried to convey that it was essential that we obey our Archbishop Hebda who spoke to his priests at a recent gathering on the divine liturgy that we should follow the norm of receiving Jesus Christ in the Eucharist standing erect, reflecting the advice of Jesus’ Gospel, “**stand erect, and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.**”

When pressed on the issue by another priest at the

gathering, Archbishop Hebda conveyed his confidence that the faithful would listen to him, since he is the chief liturgist in this archdiocese, and that we should follow the present norm of standing as a united community of faith: to kneel at the consecration of the Eucharist (Christ’s birth on earth sacramentally through the hands of a validly ordained Catholic priest who promises to obey his bishop) and to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist with a humble, grateful and worthy heart by deeply bowing before the Lord and then receiving him while standing erect.

Of course, there are exceptions to this norm when for instance the elderly or disabled faithful are ready to receive Holy Communion but cannot bow or stand.

Some context: When I arrived here at Holy Trinity Parish a few people sometimes would kneel in front of me to receive Holy Communion. It was awkward because that is not the norm and the faithful behind them were sometimes disrupted in their approach, prayer and deep bow. And so, after writing about the situation in the bulletin for two weekends, I placed some kneelers to the side to accommodate those who chose to kneel, since sometimes they left before I was able to greet them to discuss the situation with them. It was not a serious matter in my mind.

However, since I clearly heard Archbishop Hebda’s desire to return to the American bishops’ norm of standing, I have remedied the situation with the help of Jesus’ Gospel “stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” Presently, I know most every regularly attending parishioner and most of the faithful remain for the final blessing and greet me after Mass; but I realize that I had contributed to this dual standard of reverent gestures in receiving Holy Communion and for this I apologize, since Communion should unify us more deeply.

Last Sunday’s homily was not my best, but some parishioners did find it moving, especially commenting about the need to end human trafficking in our state – a cry from heaven to help stop the exploitation of women and children. Other parishioners have questions for me about the reception of Holy Communion and hopefully this article helps address these questions, and I will entertain questions when I am able.

Meanwhile, let us enter the spirit of Advent, a time of adventure, of discovering something new, of embracing the sacrifices of Christ and his Church to prepare all of us, and all his children, for a joyful Christmas of celebrating Christ’s birth, and a blessed life that leads to heaven through Christ and his saints within the Church.

Peace through Christ and Mary,  
Fr. Thomas McCabe

**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.

**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



## News and Events

**Christmas Program at St. Columbkil:** All parishioners' children, including those who don't attend faith formation at Holy Trinity, are invited to partake in the program. The Christmas Pageant is December 22 after the 10:30AM Mass, followed by refreshments (light lunch). Contact Shannon Dicke for more information.

**All preschool or kindergartener children are invited** to join in a song before the Christmas Pageant at St. Columbkil after Mass on Sunday, December 22. Please meet with Shannon Dicke in the back of church after that Mass.

**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.

**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!

**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.

**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. 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, P.O. Box 275. Thank you! --Diane Opsahl and Deb O'Connor.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** "Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter;" Let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Weekends are Feb 14-16, 2025 in Buffalo, MN and May 16-18, 2025 in Buffalo, MN. Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-234-7440 or twincitieswwme.org.



# NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival



*"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship" – Ven.*

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**Faith Formation:** The students will have an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession during Advent. On Wed., Dec. 11 students in Grade 3-4 are scheduled between 2:15-3:30PM and Grade 9 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](mailto:holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com).

### Calendar/Events

Sat., Dec. 7	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sat-Sun. Dec. 7-8	HT-SM-SC	All Masses	2nd Collection for Retired Religious
Sun., Dec. 8	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., Dec. 9	SM	6:30- <b>8:15PM</b>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Dec. 11	HT	9:00AM-2:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Dec. 11	HT	2:15-3:30PM 7:25-8:35PM	Faith Formation Grades 1-6 Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Thur., Dec. 12	SC	8:00-8:45AM	Adoration / Confession
Sat., Dec. 14	HT	4:45-5:20PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Dec. 15	SM	8:20-8:40AM	Sacrament of Confession

**Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection:**  
11/30: \$1,258.00

**St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection:**  
12/1: \$4,802.00

**St. Mary Church (SM) Collection:**  
12/1: \$3,391.00



### *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	Dec. 7/8	Dec. 14/15
HT: Saturday 5:30PM Dec. 7 & Dec. 14	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Laural Seither	Katie Ludwig
	Lector	Bjorn Otterness	Loretta Froyum
	Servers	Brynn and Nora Frederick	
SM: Sunday 8:45am Dec. 8 & Dec. 15	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Cathy O'Reilly	Cathy O'Reilly
	Lector	John Huneke	Patricia Mensenk
	Servers	Danny Keller, Derek Stehr, Cooper Utley	Henry, Noah and Maya Keller
SC: Sunday 10:30am Dec. 8 & Dec. 15	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Tom Schulte	Joel Hernke
	Lector	Becky Diercks	JJ O'Reilly
	Servers	Brady and Liahna McNamara	

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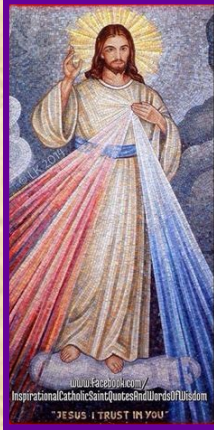
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who trust  
in My mercy."  
*Our Lord to  
St. Faustina Kowalska  
(Diary Entry #687)*

**Communal Penance Service:** All are encouraged  
to attend an Advent Communal Penance Service  
with multiple priests on **Thur., Dec. 19, from 7:30-  
8:30PM at Holy Trinity.** The service begins at  
7:30PM in the church. After a short reflection the  
penitents go to one of the confession areas where one  
of the priests assisting will hear individual confes-  
sions. People can stay for the final prayer as a com-  
munity if they wish, or leave quietly after they com-  
plete their penance.



Plan to attend the 2024 Christmas Pageant after  
Mass on Sunday, December 22 at St. Columbkil.  
This is a photo from last year. The children have  
a special program ready to help us prepare the  
way of the Lord!

Hope to see you there!



*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.