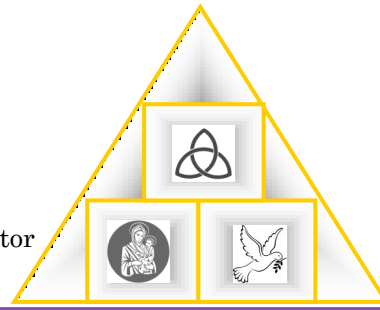


# Holy Trinity Parish

*Second Sunday of Lent* March 16, 2025

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Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. - Luke 9:28b-32

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE						READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	March 15	+Grant Schimek	Dt. 26:16-19; Ps. 119; Mt. 5:43-48	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	March 16	Parishioners	Gen. 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27/Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36	
	10:30AM	SC		+Darlene Barker		
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	March 17	John and Doris McCabe	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13/Jn 6:63c, 68c/Lk 6:36-38	
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	March 18	+Those listed in Red Memorial Book	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Ez 18:31/Mt 23:1-12	
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	March 19	+Cal Fulton	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22/Ps 84:5/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a	
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	March 20	More ordained priests	Jr 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/Lk 8:15/Lk 16:19-31	
Fri.			March 21		Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Jn 3:16/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	
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 Gohl	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		

Mission: *We grow together in Christ.*

*Welcome to our Parish Churches!*



**Holy Trinity Church (HT)**  
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**St. Columbkil Church (SC)**  
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**St. Mary Church (SM)**  
 221 Chester Avenue  
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Have you ever climbed a mountain? The higher you climb the greater distance you can see. But this is true only when our eyes are good, open and we have sufficient light.

This is similarly true when we climb the mountain of God's holiness. We can see Jesus and choose to follow him when we have the light of faith, grace and grow in virtue, even though we may be distracted by the evil in the world.

Xi Jinping and China's communist regime have destroyed hundreds of Catholic churches, schools, and have enslaved Muslim Uyghars (Wee-gars). They discriminate against those who do not agree with their form of communism wherein God is shackled by their government, and the people oppressed.

Only when communists acknowledge God as the source, sustainer and goal of every human life will they begin to see Jesus Christ as the light of the fullness of faith and life. If they believe in today's Gospel, they will see that Jesus chose from among his Twelve Apostles three of his closest: Peter, James and John to climb Mount Tabor with him. This was not to discriminate unjustly against the other apostles, but rather to accomplish God's plan of our salvation, the salvation that comes by listening to God's only Son, who is Truth, through the Church as God has designed it with St. Peter and the other apostles being succeeded by the Pope and the Bishops of today.

Shortly before this event on Mount Tabor, Jesus had given authority and power to the Twelve to cast out demons, cure the sick, and to proclaim the Kingdom of God. (Lk. 9:1-5) He sent them forth to form the Church and continue the ministry of the Gospel in Jesus' holy name. Saul persecuted this Church, was then blinded, but then saw the light and was converted to Christ's Church and became St. Paul, who we hear in today's second reading that God rewards the virtuous and punishes the unrepentant sinner. Yet, God punishes in a merciful way and only out of love to have the sinner turn to God, before it is too late.

For this reason, Jesus said to all his disciples: If you wish to be my disciple and follow me, you must deny yourself and take up your cross daily. For whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever wishes to lose their life for my sake will save it. (Lk. 9:23-26)

The light that converted St. Paul, is the same light that the Saints Peter, John and James experienced on Mount Tabor, which woke them up from their exhaustion. The light of God's glory was reflecting from Jesus, emanating from him. This theophany, this revelation of God's divinity in Christ, showed them that he was truly the Son of God who was accomplishing God's holy will. This included going to Jerusalem to speak the truth to the Jewish leaders and therefore be mocked and crucified by them and the people he was calling to conversion, that they too would repent and climb the mountain of holiness.

What increases our hope is that the three Apostles also see Moses and Elijah while Jesus is transfigured, and they represent the Law and the Prophets. For Moses received God's Ten Commandments after climbing Mount Sinai. These commandments are a sign of God's loving covenant between himself and the people he rescued from Egyptian slavery through his chosen leader Moses.

The fifth Commandment, "Thou shall not kill innocent life" reached the ears of the people and leaders of Jesus' time, and many ignored it. These words of common sense have reached the ears of Xi Jinping and people today, but God's Commandments of life and love are not received in the hearts of many people. Many people choose to ignore God's Ten Commandments which creates a virtual hell on earth as we see the destruction of human lives and human rights in China, and other places that reject God and his ways of holiness.

Throughout history certain people and leaders begin to break God's Ten Commandments and thus become ensnared in the consequences of their sins and thus bring natural and moral tragedies upon themselves and those around them. Yet, God compassionately sends his prophets to help the people get back to the fundamentals of true life, true love and holiness. That is why the prophet Elijah also appeared while Jesus was transfigured, for he represents God's true prophets. While on earth Elijah climbed Mount Carmel to challenge and defeat the false prophets of Baal who the people of God began to follow blindly.



We are called to be God's chosen people by climbing the mountain of holiness to reflect God's love and truth to all people. Jesus Christ inspired his Catholic Church to reflect on the Transfiguration during this Season of Lent so that we would never lose hope that Jesus is God, and that his Church still produces saintly people like Saints Peter, John and James.

Again, in St. Paul's letter, we read: "Join with others in being imitators of me and observe those who conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you... conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction... Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord." (Phil. 3:17-4:1)

We are called to follow Jesus Christ who is modeled by the holy apostles and saints like St. Paul, an apostle who was not part of the original Twelve but followed Christ in building up the Church by his evangelization, prayer, fasting, true worship, and helping the poor.

The greatest saint, of course, was not an apostle, pope or bishop, rather, the greatest saint is the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary appeared in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917 and called all people to repent and truly follow Jesus Christ. Under the title of Our Lady of Fatima, she asked the faithful to follow the First Saturday devotions which consists of going to confession on the first Saturday of each month for at least five consecutive months, as well as pray the rosary that day in reparation to her Immaculate heart, and to receive holy communion in the state of grace.

She knew that this would help all of us climb the mountain of holiness, as well as mitigate the punishment due to the world's sins, while we enter the valley of work to proclaim Christ's Gospel and defend every innocent life. Please consider practicing the First Saturday devotions with adoration, confession and Holy Mass at St. Columbkil, April 5, 8:00 AM. Archbishop Hebda spoke at our deanery meeting of priests about making sure that every Catholic had a reasonable opportunity to complete the First Saturday devotions during these times of uncertainty.


For one thing is certain: Jesus Christ, his Mother Mary, and all his Saints will help us be transfigured by God's grace at the summit of our faith, and then together we will be able to transform the world.

Peace in Christ through Saints Mary and Joseph,  
Fr. Thomas McCabe

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• "For not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these; but since Jesus Christ our Savior was made incarnate by the word of God and had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so too, as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic Prayer set down by Him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nourished, is both the Flesh and the Blood of that incarnated Jesus." - St. Justin Martyr (c. 100-165 AD)

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## News and Events (Check out Coach Bus and Tour of the Cathedral-back page)

**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. They have written a letter to the Archdiocese, but unfortunately, there is no archived record of the relics. The third grade 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.


**Chili & Cinnamon Roll Supper/Fundraiser:** March 17, from 5-7 p.m. at Goodhue School Cafeteria. All proceeds go toward the Spanish class trip to Costa Rica. Adults: \$10, Kids: \$5. Take-out option available.

**A Second Chance at Life:** Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (2703 9th Ave. NW, Rochester). Come hear Sarah Hurm, pro-life speaker, as she shares her story of taking the abortion pill and then realizing what she was doing. Her testimony is a witness to what goes through a young woman's mind when she finds herself unexpectedly pregnant. Sponsored by **40 Days for Life**.

**Fish Fries:** You are invited to the annual Church St. Michael Fish Fries on 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.

**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner:** St. Joseph's Church and the Blessed Stanley Rother KC Council in Miesville invite you to their annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Sunday, March 16. We begin serving at 9:00 am and finish at 1:00 pm. Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread, homemade desserts, and beverages. Hot dogs for the wee lads & lassies. Silent Auction items for all ages!

**Ham Dinner:** The Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota, is hosting their 54th St. Patrick's Ham Dinner and Silent Auction on Sunday, March 16, serving from 10:30am-1:00pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door: adults \$16; children (6-12) \$6, and under 6-free. The dinner will be held at the Zumbrota VFW (25 East 1st Street, Zumbrota). Available for Dine-In & Take-Out! Everyone is welcome. Please come join us!



*Many Thanks! We would like to extend a special thank you to Jean Fulton, who donated her time, catering expertise, and resources to stir up some delicious Cajun food for our Mardi Gras fundraiser! Holy Trinity Parish is eternally grateful!*

**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 15	HT	4:45-5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., March 16	SM	8:20-8:40 AM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Mar. 16	SC	After Mass	Stations of the Cross
Sun., Mar. 16	HT	6:30-9:00 PM	Catholic Young Adult Meeting
Mon., Mar. 17	SM	6:30-9:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mon., Mar. 17	HT	7:30 PM	Pastoral Council Meeting
Wed., Mar. 19	HT	9:00AM-2:00 PM	Adoration with Benediction at 2:00 PM
Wed., Mar. 19	HT	2:15-3:30 PM	Grades 1-6 Faith Formation Class
Wed., Mar. 19	HT	6:30PM	Stations of the Cross
Wed., Mar. 19	HT	7:25-8:35 PM	Grades 7-12 Faith Formation Class
Thurs., Mar. 20	SC	8:00-8:45 AM	Adoration/Confession (Daily Mass 9:00 AM)
Fri., March 21	SM	7:30PM	Stations of the Cross
Sat., March 22	HT	4:45-5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession

**Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection:**  
3/8: \$ 416.23

**St. Columbkil Church (SC) Collection:**  
3/9: \$ 1,256.75

**St. Mary Church (SM) Collection:**  
3/9: \$ 846.00



### *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 15/16	March 22/23
HT: Saturday 5:30PM	<b>Musician</b>	Eileen Frischmon	Cindy Eppen
	<b>Cantor</b>	Laural Seither	Aurora Wiskow
	<b>Lector</b>	Bjorn Otterness	Lily Peterson
March 15 & 22	<b>Servers</b>	Leeta, Aubriel, Oleans, Stuart O'Reilly	Brynn and Nora Frederick
	<b>SM:</b>		
Sunday 8:45am	<b>Musician</b>	Eileen Frischmon	Wanda Schafer
	<b>Cantor</b>	Taylor Dowden	
March 16 & 23	<b>Lector</b>	John Huneke	Patricia Mensink
	<b>Servers</b>	Will Poncelet, Cooper Utley	Henry, Noah, Maya Keller
SC: Sunday 10:30am	<b>Musician</b>	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	<b>Cantor</b>	Eleanor O'Reilly	Joel Hernke
March 16 & 23	<b>Lector</b>	Michael Poncelet	Pam Altendorf
	<b>Servers</b>	Brady and Liahna McNamara	Eleanor, Patrick, Francis, Phillip O'Reilly

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis provides us with an ideal opportunity for counting our blessings. When Bishop Joseph Cretin was named the first bishop of St. Paul on July 23, 1850, who could have anticipated the vitality of the parishes, schools, ministries, and Catholic institutions that today constitute the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis? The Lord has indeed blessed us in abundance, and I feel privileged to be able to serve as your shepherd at this historic time.

Please know of my prayers for you and your loved ones throughout this Jubilee Year. I ask in return for your prayers for the Archdiocese. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to spread the good news of Jesus and build upon the strong foundation that has been our legacy these past 175 years.

Sincerely in Christ,  
+Bernard A. Hebda

In light of this Jubilee Year and Archdiocese 175th Anniversary 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) 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. 50 spaces available. RSVP to parish office by March 20! Anonymous donor subsidized the Bus fee. Praise God for our generous parishioners! Check out "EWTN- Plenary Indulgences" for important details about receiving God's mercy through Christ and his Mystical Body - the Catholic Church!

**Catholic Young Adults**, ages 18+, join our monthly gathering Sunday, March 16, 6:30-9:00 PM at Holy Trinity for Irish food/potluck, socializing, celebrating St. Patrick (a day early), and adoration/rosary. RSVP to Fr. McCabe at 763-688-4776 to say what you can bring and who's joining you.

