## Holy Trinity Parish Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025

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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 1<sup>st</sup> grade catechism classes in preparation.

**Confirmation:** Register for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. Matthew 2:1-12

|      |         | HOLYN  | ASS SCH | READINGS                            |   |  |
|------|---------|--------|---------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Sat. | 5:30PM  | HT     | Jan. 4  | +Joseph& Mary Catherine<br>O'Reilly | 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42              |  |
| Sun. | 0       | 8:45AM | SM      | lan F                               | Parishioners                              | Is. 60:1-6/Ps 72/ Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1- |
|      | 10:30AM | SC     | Jan. 5  | Bruce & Marie McNamara              | 12  |  |
| Mon. | 8:00AM  | SM     | Jan. 6  | +Robert Josselyn                    | 1Jn 3:22-4:6 / Ps 2 / Matt 4:12-17, 23-25 |  |
| Tue. | 8:00AM  | HT     | Jan. 7  | +Charles and Peg Ryan               | 1Jn 4:7-10 / Ps 72 / Mk 6:34-44           |  |
| Wed. | 8:00AM  | ΗT     | Jan. 8  | Neta Gadient                        | 1Jn 4:11-18 / Ps 72 / Mk 6:45-52          |  |
| Thu. | 9:00AM  | SC     | Jan. 9  | +Leo Ryan                           | 1Jn 4:19-5:4 / Ps 72 Lk 4:14-22           |  |
| Fri. |         |        | Jan. 10 |                                     | 1Jn 5:5-13 / Ps 147 / Lk 5:12-16          |  |
| Sat. | 5:30PM  | ΗT     | Jan. 11 | +John Haas                          | 1Jn 5:14-21 / Ps 149 / Jn 3:22-30         |  |
| Sun. | 8:45AM  | SM     | Jan. 12 | Parishioners                        | Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Ps 29 / Acts 10:34-38 /  |  |
|      | 10:30AM | SC     |         | +Henry Gorman                       | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22                         |  |

Mission: We grow together in Christ.

# Welcome to our Parísh 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 MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We all have gifts to bring to Jesus Christ who was born on Christmas day, and who is born again sacramentally here at this Mass and every Mass. We bring our gifts of time, talent and treasure to give to Jesus and his Church so that his purpose for our lives might be fulfilled.

The gifts that the wise men brought to Jesus tell us of the role and purpose Jesus Christ has in his saving mission for us.

Gold was brought to Jesus Christ because he is the King of the universe, and the King of our hearts. He wants us to follow him so that we can lead lives of holiness. We are all called to be leaders by living a life of humble holiness by asking Jesus to govern our lives, our thoughts, our actions, our deeds – and the wise men were examples of this virtuous living.

Frankincense was brought to Jesus because he is the Perfect High priest. He offered his life as a holocaust, a complete self-offering to God the Father in order to win the grace for our sins to be washed away, and the grace to overcome sin and temptation, thereby growing in holiness of a deepening prayer life and priestly service to fulfill God's plan of life and salvation.

Myrrh was brought to the child Jesus as a sign that he would be the perfect prophet who was willing to die for the truth of God – that since God is the source of life and salvation, we need to learn about him through a living relationship and do our part to pass on the faith to others.

Because every heartbeat and breath come from God, we are called to serve him in the manner he calls us to. Whatever our vocation might be, the greatest way to serve him is by following him unreservedly by helping others to follow him since he is the author of saving truth and sanctifying grace.

Justice calls us to give to God what we owe him, and since God gives us life, sustains our life, and is the goal of our life, we give him our complete love and devotion so that we can be rewarded with the gift of a taste of heaven here on earth in the Holy Eucharist. This preeminent sacrament leads us to the perpetual gift of heaven after we have been made perfect by allowing God to purify us from all sins against faith, hope and love.

Thus, when Jesus tells us about the realities of God through his Catholic Church, and how to follow him, we assent with faith, we entrust ourselves to him in hope, and we love him by keeping God's Ten Commandments of life, love and wisdom.

The wise men saw each other as brothers who followed the Ten Commandments which are written on every heart, and their gifts gave insight into who this newborn King of the Jews was and is. By understanding the meaning of their gifts we can come to understand the mission Jesus had as the King of the universe, the Perfect Priest and God's Ultimate Prophet, not only for the nation of Israel, but for all the Gentiles – all the nations that were not Jewish.

Since our baptism into Christ, we too participate in these roles by leading lives of holiness by following the gold standard of Jesus' royal life of service; we participate in



his priesthood by offering ourselves and all we have to God through Christ at the Holy Mass – Christ's perfect prayer in which he wants us to fully participate according to our ability; and we participate in his prophetic role by learning about the faith and sharing that faith with others and how it brings goodness and blessings to our life.

One person who helped me understand these roles in our Christian life was a Lutheran associate pastor and youth minister, John Carlson. As a small youth group, we went to the Boundary Water Canoe Area, and since he knew that I wanted to and was obliged to attend a Catholic Mass if possible, on Sunday after our trip we went to Mass at a Catholic Church in Ely, MN. Although it was only about half full, the people responded with loving prayers and praise that filled that church. John commented on how these people knew what they were doing by worshipping God with deep love and devotion.

Around my sophomore year in high school when I was beginning to discern what God wanted me to do with my life, I asked to meet with John Carlson and told him that I think God was calling me to the ministry. He was happy and said something like, "You will make a great priest." But I told him that I wanted to become a Lutheran Minister like him so that I could have a wife and children.

But John reminded me that I was Catholic and should follow the faith I was baptized into since it was the oldest of the Christian faiths. He even gave me two books to read, both by G.K. Chesterton: *Everlasting Man*, and *Orthodoxy*. After reading them, I realized I could not walk away from the fullness of the Catholic Christian faith in which I had been raised. This was an Epiphany that set my life on the trajectory that I now live with great joy, despite the highs and lows of life and ministry.

During this celebration of Epiphany let us grow in God's love by understanding the supreme gift of Jesus Christ, and how we receive his divine grace by participating in a living relationship with him and his church by leading a life of prayerful virtue, for God is the King of our hearts; by participating at Mass with our whole self, for we share in his royal priesthood; and by passing on the faith to the best of our ability, for each of us is called to the prophetic life in Christ and his Catholic Church.

Peace in Jesus Christ through Mary and Joseph,

#### Fr. Thomas McCabe

Merry Christmas Season and a Blessed New Year to All!

Thank You For Your Generosity!

<u>St. Mary's coffee and rolls</u> will start Jan. 5. Sign up sheet in back of Church.

**Fellowship Sunday:** A first Sunday of the month potluck and fellowship is planned at St. Columbkill. Please join us today after 10:30 Mass for a meal and fellowship.

**<u>Mission Sewing</u>** will begin on Thursday, Jan. 9, at 9:00AM at Holy Trinity church. All are welcome to sew, tie, iron, trim and laugh!

**Catholic Daughters "Meal In A Bucket" Sale:** Pre-order slips are in the back of Church until Jan. 5. Meals are BBQ with Buns, Chili, Potato Soup, Portage Soup and Cinnamon Rolls. Orders available for pick up Jan. 18-19 after Mass. Your support is truly appreciated.

**<u>Knights of Columbus:</u>** Monday, Jan. 13, is the K of C meeting at St. Mary's Bellechester. Social at 6:30 PM, Regular Meeting at 7:00PM. Lunch afterward.

Talks on the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Join Father Joachim at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Mazeppa for a series of talks on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These talks will take place on January 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Each evening will begin with Mass at 5:30 PM, followed by a light supper and fellowship. The talks will begin at 7:00 PM. Address: 222 1st Ave S, Mazeppa, MN 55956

<u>Maria Schultz's Farewell Message</u>: Let me begin by expressing my deep gratitude to each of you for your dedication and love of the Catholic Faith. Always remember to go to our Blessed Mother Mary and teach this to your families. Our Blessed Mother will always take us closer to her Son, Jesus. Let me end by saying good-bye as I have resigned from my position as Administrative/Faith Formation Assistant and Safe Environment Coordinator at Holy Trinity. Be assured of my continued prayers for you. I will remember your kindness, patience, and friendship. *Maria Schultz*.

<u>Thank you, Maria</u> for all your good work first as a volunteer and then as a staff person here at our wonderful parish community. May God continue to bless you and your family. We will miss you, but realize that your destiny is in your hands and in the heart of God. On behalf of the parish, thank you. Fr. Thomas McCabe

*Thank all of you* for your prayerful support, gifts and Christmas cards to all of us who work here. *Parish Staff* 





"Everyone, make the Holy Hour, and you will discover as you leave the divine Presence that if you move among people in the world, they will say of you as the maid said of Peter, 'You have been with Christ.' And then at the end of a lifetime spent in adoration of the Lord, and in love of the Blessed Mother, of the Blessed Sacrament, when you come before the Lord do you know what He will say to you? He will say, 'I heard my Mother speak of you." – Ven. Fulton Sheen ww.perpetualeucharisticadoration.com

**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, Ryan Zorn, Beth Carlson, Chuck Havrilla, Randy Nardinger, Wilma Seither, Linda Bowar and Alan Gadient.

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.

| Calendar/Events |    |                 |   |  |  |  |
|-----------------|----|-----------------|---|--|--|--|
| Sat., Jan. 4    | HT | 4:45-5:20PM     | Sacrament of Confession   |  |  |  |
| Sun., Jan. 5    | SM | 8:20-8:40AM     | Sacrament of Confession   |  |  |  |
| Mon., Jan. 6    | SM |                 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament                                      |  |  |  |
| Wed. Jan. 8     | HT | 11:00AM-2:00 PM | Adoration w Benediction at 2:00 PM                                      |  |  |  |
| Wed., Jan. 8    | HT | 2:15-3:30PM     | Grades 1-6 Faith Formation Class  |  |  |  |
| Wed., Jan. 8    | ΗT | 7:25-8:35PM     | Grades 7-9 Faith Formation Class<br>Grades 10-11-12 Meet at Third Place |  |  |  |
| Thurs. Jan. 9   | SC | 8:00-8:45AM     | Adoration / Confess. (Daily Mass 9:00 AM)                               |  |  |  |
| Sat. Jan. 11    | HT | 4:45-5:20 PM    | Sacrament of Confession   |  |  |  |

| Holy Trinity Church | St. Columbkill Church | <b>St. Mary Church</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| (HT) Collection:    | (SC) Collection:      | (SM) Collection:       |
| 12/24: \$10,438.00  | 12/25: \$8,057.00     | 12/25: \$1,641.00      |
| Holy Trinity Church | St. Columbkill Church | <b>St. Mary Church</b> |
| (HT) Collection:    | (SC) Collection:      | (SM) Collection:       |
| 12/28: \$4,770.00   | 12/29: \$1,926.00     | 12/29: \$1,702.00      |



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

| Weekend Ministry Schedule |          |   |                                      |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|----------|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Church                    | Role     | Jan. 4/5                                    | Jan. 11/12                           |  |  |  |  |
| HT:                       | Musician | Cindy Eppen                                 |                                      |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday<br>5:30PM        | Cantor   | Katie Ludwig                                | Michelle Matthees                    |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. 4 &                  | Lector   | Loretta Froyum                              | Maureen Lodermeier                   |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. 11                   | Servers  | Ben Gadient and<br>Corbin Jaeger            | Nora and Brynn Frederick             |  |  |  |  |
| SM:                       | Musician | Wanda Schafer                               | Wanda Schafer                        |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday<br>8:45am          | Cantor   | Cathy O'Reilly                              | Taylor Dowden                        |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. 5 &                  | Lector   | John Huneke                                 |                                      |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. 12                   | Servers  | Will Poncelet, Derek Stehr,<br>Cooper Utley | Henry, Noah and Maya<br>Keller       |  |  |  |  |
| SC:                       | Musician | Cindy Eppen                                 | Cindy Eppen                          |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday<br>10:30am         | Cantor   | Shelly Jacobson                             | Eleanor O'Reilly                     |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. 5 &                  | Lector   | Becky Diercks                               | Barb Lexvold                         |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. 12                   | Servers  | Brady and Liahna<br>McNamara                | Patrick, Francis, Philip<br>O'Reilly |  |  |  |  |



Thotos from the Christmas Fageant at St. Columbkill Church on December 22, 2024!



#### Holy Trinity Parish Statistics Liturgical Year 2024: Dec. 3, 2023-Nov. 30, 2024 Baptisms: 11 Received into the Catholic Church: 5 Adults First Communions: 5 Confirmations: 17 Marriages: 2 Anointings: 29 Funerals/Burials: 8 Masses: 396 Communion Services: 23 at Goodhue Senior Living Holy Communion Visits: 149

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.



Catechists' Christmas Season Dinner and Mid-Year Review, Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025