Holy Trinity Parish Fifth Sunday of Lent April 6, 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: Call at least 3 months before the birth to attend a class and set a date.

First Penance/Eucharist: Register for 1st grade catechism classes in preparation.

Confirmation: Register as soon as possible in the fall since there are requirements including weekly attendance at Mass.

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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Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. (10, and from now on do not sin any more.

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Sat.	5:30PM	HT	April 5	Charlie Poncelet & family	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	April 6	Parishioners	ls 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/ Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11	
	10:30AM	SC		+Beverly Jean Brickzin		
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	April 7	+Bernard Goihl	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3-6/Ez 33:11/Jn 8:12-20	
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	April 8	+For those listed in Red Memorial Book	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30	
Wed.	8:00AM	ΗT	April 9	Justin and Lily	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/See Lk 8:15/Jn 8:31-42	
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	April 10	+Joseph Keller	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Ps 95:8/Jn 8:51-59	
Fri.			April 11		Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3-7/See Jn 6:63c, 68c/Jn 10:31-42	
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	April 12	Faith Formation Grade 9	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Ez 18:31/Jn 11:45-56	
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Annil 12	+Alan Brinkman	Lk 19:28-40/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Ph	
	10:30AM	SC	April 13	Parishioners	2:6-11/Ph 2:8-9/Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49	

Mission: We grow together in Christ.

Welcome to our Parish 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

Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

From Father McCabe

She could have tried to break away, but she turned to God who is the light of truth and compassion.

The elders who were about to stone her were testing Jesus by saying: "Moses commanded us to stone such women. What do you say?"

Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground, and the elders began to realize their own sins. Perhaps Jesus was writing out the commandments that they had been breaking, and how God had shown them mercy.

And then Jesus said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." The elders realized their own sins, and God's mercy, and one by one they showed compassion, and walked away. She could have walked away, too.

But she stayed before the Lord of truth and compassion. And Jesus read her heart and soul. He knew the venial sins and the deception she bought into before this tragic point in her life.

Perhaps he knew the man who groomed her with favors and enticements, and how she trusted him as a friend, but then gave in to sin, the forbidden fruit of false love. Deep down she knew her actions and thoughts were lies of selfishness that puts our selfish desires before God's supreme goodness and truth, that sexual intimacy is between a man and a woman in marriage open to God and life.

She could have walked away from Jesus. I know this because I have walked away from Jesus when I have sinned. Any time we sin we are using our free will to say "No, to God. Yes, to me." She could have walked away from Jesus, just as she did to get herself into this situation. But she stayed before the Lord.

She opened herself to the grace that he offered her, and opened her heart to him. He knew the sorrow in her heart and her desire for true love. And Jesus, the source of that true love, the Lord of the universe, the one who created her and sustains her every heart beat and breath, the one who alone can lead her to God, forgave her.

"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Imagine hearing those words: "Neither do I condemn you. You will have another chance to live your life for God and others, in true love." What compassion and mercy Jesus shows the repentant sinner who stays before the Lord in the light of his truth, forgiveness and mercy.

What liberation from condemnation to freedom, "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." $\ensuremath{\mathsf{}}$

Jesus shows great confidence in her, and the grace that will flower within her soul. Jesus does not call her to follow him at that moment, but rather to go and trust the Holy Commandments of God. Go and do penance by living for those who are need of you sharing the mercy and wisdom of God.

We do not know the name of this woman caught in

adultery, but we can recall similar stories of anonymous sinners who were asked to follow Jesus, or after being freed from sin and demonic possession are asked to go and share the truth about Jesus with their families.



However, we know the name of one of the greatest sinners, a close friend of Jesus. His

name we know, for it was Simon Peter, who after three years of walking with Jesus, betrayed him three times.

After three years of seeing Jesus Christ heal the blind, cast out demons, multiply the bread and fish to feed the hungry, admonish the sinner, and forgive sinners; still Simon Peter denied Jesus Christ three times. We will read about this on Good Friday of Holy Week, and we will hear Jesus ask Simon Peter three successive times during the Easter Season, "Do you love me?" and Peter said, "Yes", each time to undo the three denials. We then see Jesus give him something to do, a penance, a work of charity for God and his people: "Feed my lambs... Tend my sheep... Feed my sheep."

In that conversation at the edge of the lake, when Jesus asked Simon Peter a third time, "Do you love me?" Peter was distressed and responded, "Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you." Jesus does not want to stress people out, but he does want them to make up for their sins, and so Peter had to confess three times for his denying Jesus three times. This is like our call to confess the kind and number of mortal sins to the best of our ability in order to make a good confession. Unlike St. Peter's denial of God's love, we don't read publicly about our sins every year in the church – thank God for that!

It is interesting to note that each time St. Peter responds with, "Yes, I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my sheep." Do this by following me and living a life of service to my people through the sacrament of confession and feed my people with my life, the Bread from Heaven, the Holy Eucharist that gives witness to the world that you truly follow Jesus Christ and his Church to the Father's Eternal home of peace.

To we who are sinners since we are not yet in the fullness of heaven, we hear Christ say to us: "Go, and do not sin any more." Live in the grace of Jesus' power to share true love and the love of truth, that of Jesus Christ and his bride the Church, which brings new life to those who stay in the presence of the Lord, the Bread of Life.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Thomas McCabe

"Jesus is present and lives in our midst in the Eucharist. Let us listen to Him for He is Truth.



Let us look at Him for He is the face of the Father. Let us love Him for He is love, giving Himself to His creatures. He comes to our soul so that it may disappear in Him and become divine. What union, however great, can compare to this?" - *St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes* **SAVE THE DATE**: Communal Penance Service with multiple priests - Tuesday, April 15, from 7:30-8:30 pm at Holy Trinity Church. Come and experience God's merciful love! **St. Columbkill General Church Cleaning dates:** Weeks of April 6-12 and April 13-19: EVERYONE GENERAL CLEANING. There is a cleaning list on the back table to initial what has been cleaned. Adults please sign the Liability Waiver Form near the list.

We need your donations! Garage Sale-Free Will Donation, Bake Sale, and Food Stand. Holy Trinity/St. Columbkill/St. Mary. When: Thursday and Friday, May 15 & 16, from 8a.m.-4p.m.; Saturday, May 17, from 8a.m.-10a.m. at Holy Trinity community room. What to donate: Gently used items. Examples include: men, women, and children's clothing and shoes; bedding; linens; books; sewing and craft items; kitchen items; toys; baby items; sporting goods; tools; religious items; small appliances; holiday décor; dishes; glassware; baskets; etc. We will not be able to accept large appliances, cribs, car seats, computers, air conditioners, TV's, or upholstered furniture. Proceeds to benefit our Youth Faith Formation. If you would like your items picked up in advance, or have questions, call Eva Diercks at 651-923-4584.

<u>Movie Night!</u> This Easter season, enjoy a movie with family. *The King of Kings* is about a father who tells his son the greatest story ever told, and what begins as a bedtime tale becomes a life-changing journey. Through vivid imagination, the boy walks alongside Jesus, witnessing His miracles, facing His trials, and understanding His ultimate sacrifice. Produced by Angel Studios; PG. Check online for showtimes.

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 2:00 pm for about 1 hour. Coach Bus returns to HT around 4:30 pm. 14 spaces available. RSVP to parish office by April 7! Anonymous donor subsidized the bus fee.

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 praying for all involved in this issue go to 40daysforlife.com/rochester to sign up. For more information contact Margaret at 40daysforliferoch@gmail.com. Please pray daily during this campaign for an end to violence against children in the womb! Suggested prayer intentions: https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prolife-rosary-prayer-intentions

PT Maintenance/Custodial Position: At least age 21, 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 Church. Up to 6 hours per week, \$14-\$17/hr. depending on skill. Snow removal before office hours, Masses and Faith Formation classes and other events at HT; grounds care, maintain riding mower, some custodial and maintenance work at each church. Call Fr. McCabe at 651-923-4472 by April 30 and provide references. The Essential 3 Safe Environment program (background check, Code of Conduct and VIRTUS training) will need to be completed. **Please pray for:** Bob Eppen, 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, Amy Feely, Alan Gadient, Roy Goranson, Susan Brown, Jocelyn O'Reilly.

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 April 2025: **For the use of the new technologies** Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Calendar/Events							
Sat., April 5	HT	4:45-5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession				
Sun., April 6	SM	8:20-8:40 AM	Sacrament of Confession				
Sun., April 6	SC	After Mass	Stations of the Cross				
Mon., April 7	SM	<u>5:00</u> -9:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament				
Mon., April 7	HT	5:30PM	Finance Council Meeting				
Wed., April 9	HT	9:00AM-2:00 PM	Adoration with Benediction at 2:00 PM				
Wed., April 9	HT	2:15-3:30 PM	Grades 1-6 Faith Formation Class				
Wed., April 9	HT	6:30PM	Stations of the Cross				
Wed., April 9	HT	7:25-8:35 PM	Grades 7-12 Faith Formation Class				
Thurs., April 10	SC	8:00-8:45 AM	Adoration/Confession (Daily Mass 9:00 AM)				
Sat., April 12	HT	12:30-8:00PM	Confirmation Retreat				
Sat., April 12	HT	4:45-5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession				

Holy Trinity Church (HT) Collection: 3/29: \$ 1,086.00 St. Columbkill Church (SC) Collection: 3/30: \$1,954.00

St. Mary Church (SM) Collection: 3/30: \$ 494.00



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	April 5/6	April 12/13			
HT:	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Eileen Frischmon			
Saturday 5:30PM	Cantor	Michelle Matthees	Katie Ludwig			
April 5 &	Lector	Maureen Lodermeier	Loretta F./Lily Peterson			
12	Servers	Caleb Schofield, Derek Stehr	Nora and Brynn Frederick			
SM:	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer			
Sunday 8:45am	Cantor		Taylor Dowden			
April 6 &	Lector	Brian Keller	Mary M./Jeremy Keller			
13	Servers	Addy & Will Poncelet	Henry and Noah Keller			
SC:	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen			
Sunday	Cantor	Shelly Jacobson	Denise Voth			
10:30am April 6 &	Lector	Chris Poncelet	Chris and Michael Poncelet			
13	Servers	Brady & Liahna McNamara				



"God gives us things to share; God doesn't give us things to hold."

-Mother Teresa

Keeping a Holy Lent

Faith Formation Students recently provided and served an evening meal to guests at the Dorothy Day Hospitality House in Rochester. Volunteers cook meals 365 days a year.

Pictured: Erin Beck, Eleanor O'Reilly, Aubriel O'Reilly, Kyla Nardinger, Leeta O'Reilly, Jenna O'Reilly, Jeff Strauss-catechist.

Holy Trinity Parish Goodhue High School 2024-2025 Winter Activity Participants

DANCE: Ella Buxengard; Julia Evans; Leeta, Aubriel, & Oleana O'Reilly; Ella Nardinger; Maggie Strauss

BOYS BASKETBALL: Luke & Owen Roschen; Jack Buck; Brady Doerhoefer; Tobias & Jackson Lodermeier; Brady McNamara; Cody Ryan

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Kendyl & Mackenzie Lodermeier, Maya Poncelet; Erin Beck WRESTLING: Nathan Beck; Caleb & Craig Kurtti; Patrick O'Reilly; Tim Strauss; Jenna 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."