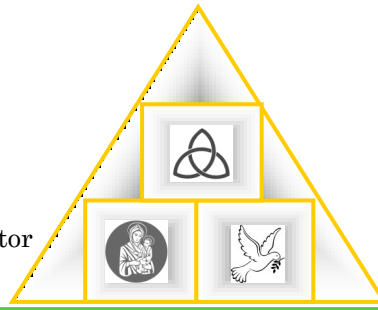


Holy Trinity Parish

The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2025

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Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace... for my eyes have seen your salvation... a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Cf. Luke 2:22-40

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE					READINGS
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Feb. 1	Faith Formation Grade 1	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Feb. 2	+ Greg Poncelet	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
	10:30AM	SC		Parishioners	
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Feb. 3	+ Kappy Bredemus	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
Tue.	8:00AM	HT	Feb. 4	+ Robert Bredemus	Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Feb. 5	+ Marge Glasier	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
Thu.	9:00AM	SC	Feb. 6	+ Duane and Joan Hetland	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13
Fri.	8:00PM	HT	Feb 7	+ Grant Schimek	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/ Mk 6:14-29
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Feb. 8	Faith Formation Grade 2	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Feb. 9	Parishioners	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
	10:30AM	SC		+ Fr. Thomas P. Fitzgerald	

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

Jesus Christ is the Light of God's world! He enlightens those in the world so that they can say "Yes" to God and follow after him, as his Mother Mary chose to do.

Today we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord at the Temple in Jerusalem. We learn from the Gospel of Luke that some of the faithful Jews were fasting and praying for the coming of the Messiah, like Simeon and Anna, who prepared themselves for this revelation and practically lived in the Temple of Jerusalem.

When Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses, Simeon and Anna were the first to recognize that Jesus was the Messiah. Jesus would be the one to enlighten the nations – the gentiles – that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is the One, true God. Jesus Christ would also be the glory of God's chosen people because he would fulfill all the prophecies of the Old Testament.

Simeon prophesied that Jesus would be the cause of the rise and fall of many in Israel. That is to say, the corrupt leadership among the Jews would give way to Jesus' Apostles and Saints. Yet, for this to be accomplished, Jesus had to suffer.

Simeon also prophesied that Mary would have to suffer since he said to her, "And you yourself a sword will pierce, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

When we think of all the good Jesus did in his life, and how he was led to the cross to be crucified in front of his Mother, we Catholic Christians feel a sadness for the world that does not love God and his holy commandments.

Yet, because Jesus was willing to take on the sins of the world and offer forgiveness from the cross to those who would confess their sins, we can see with hope how God is trying to enlighten the hearts of all people to open to his merciful forgiveness.

We who come to Mass and are sorry for our sins, realize that we are being cleansed and enlightened, our faith strengthened through Jesus Christ in the Holy Mass. We sing out in praise to God for the mercy and the promise of everlasting happiness. We, like Simeon and Anna, want to share this happiness by sharing God's compassion for the world, but sometimes our faith and love are weak.

We might wonder, "Why does God **not** reveal his glory completely so that we would no longer struggle with temptation, or struggle in understanding of what God wants us to do with our life?"

It is okay to have these questions and to pray that God illumine your soul to his way of holiness. However, we must admit that if God were to reveal the fullness of his glory our wounded souls would not be able to receive it. It would be like the Sun becoming 100 times brighter. Our natural eyes could never handle that, unless they were made supernaturally powerful.

This is why the journey of our faith takes time. We need to super naturalize our souls by his grace

through fasting, daily prayer, worthy reception of the sacraments and witnessing to Jesus Christ so that God's grace can bring us to a supernatural perfection in the fullness of his heaven.

St. John Vianney is a good example of what I mean, for he is known for his fasting, praying and service. He would rise at 2 a.m. and begin a day of prayer and fasting, having only one potato and a glass of water daily during Lent.

Although he struggled with his studies, he was ordained a priest August 12, 1815, and lived an austere life of prayer, penance, service and study. He spent hours in the confessional everyday praying that his people would return to God. The fame of his holiness spread and by 1827 he would assist about 20,000 people a year back to God through the Sacrament of Confession.

At one point on his spiritual journey, he asked God to illumine his soul to show him how close he was to the heaven. God granted his wish and he was shocked and deeply humbled when he saw how far he was from the fullness of heaven. He did not despair but was inspired to press on by loving God more fervently. He died in 1859 and was canonized a Saint in 1925.

This private illumination humbled a very holy priest. Other saintly people have written about their private illuminations, while others have written about an illumination of the soul that will occur in the souls of everyone on the same day, "The Day of Universal Illumination."

St. Maria Faustina, who died in 1938, thought that this Day of Illumination would be coming soon, since World War II and the rise of Nazism and Communism did not shock people back to their authentic Catholic life.

St. Maria Faustina and other saints believed that on the Day of Illumination everyone will see their relationship to God with clarity. Those who are in the state of grace will rejoice that they are on the way and become more fervent in attending to their spiritual life of prayer, penance, praise, service, study and evangelization. Others will fall into dismay or anger at the thought of having to leave their sinful lives behind and follow Christ in his Church to enter heaven.

I hope this "Illumination" happens in this Jubilee Year 2025, which is a mere eight years from the year 2033, in which we will celebrate Jesus' 2,000th anniversary of his redeeming crucifixion, resurrection, ascension into heaven and his sending forth, with the Father, the Holy Spirit upon the faithful at Pentecost.

The Good News is that Jesus Christ is the light of God's saving love and truth for the world, and even now His Catholic Church has the grace for everyone to be saved. That is why we celebrate the Holy Mass and the other sacraments worthily with humble and joyful hearts, and are prepared to help others understand the necessity of growing in the light of grace.

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



News and Events

Blessing of Throats: There will be opportunities to have throats blessed after all weekend Masses on February 1 and 2. This blessing is traditionally offered on the feast of St. Blaise, February 3, with the following prayer:

“Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat, and from every other illness; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.”

Join Us! St. Columbkil is hosting a potluck after every First Sunday of the month Mass. Come join in the fellowship and good food, February 2, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Office Housekeeping Note: If the church is closed or there is no one in the office at Holy Trinity, please use the grey drop box to the left of the east door at Holy Trinity (the entrance with the outdoor steps) to leave items such as envelopes, forms, or donations. Please do not leave money on the desk in the office. Thank you for your consideration!

Mission Sewing continues on Thursdays at 9:00AM at Holy Trinity church. All are welcome to sew, tie, iron, trim and laugh!

Save the Date! Our Mardi Gras festival/fundraiser will be on Sunday, February 23, from noon until 3p.m. at the Goodhue Lions Building.

40 Days for Life vigils begin March 5, Ash Wednesday, whereby thousands of peaceful, prayerful will stand vigil to protect the most vulnerable among us, the preborn child. God has used this “40 Days for Life” organization in 2024: +25,308 babies saved from abortion; +268 abortion workers leave their jobs and convert; +157 abortion facilities CLOSED and out of business, (45% in pro-abortion states); +1,000,000 pro-life Americans praying and standing vigil; +20,000 churches standing up for life. March 5 begins the season of Lent; let us offer up the Stations of the Cross and our other penances for a deeper conversion in our own life, and those who would harm vulnerable children.



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"Let us often visit our Lord in this most holy sacrament and let us adore Him with all reverence and devotion. Let us offer Him our prayers, our praises, our thanksgivings, our petitions, our reparations, our sacrifices, our vows, our resolutions, our hearts, and our souls. Let us unite ourselves to Him by faith, by hope, by charity, by contrition, by communion, by imitation, by conformity, and by union. Let us draw from Him all the graces that we need for ourselves and for others and let us implore His mercy for the whole world. Let us never depart from His presence without His blessing, and let us always carry Him in our hearts, as our most precious treasure, our most sweet consolation, our most perfect joy, and our supreme good." - St. Philip Benizi de Damiani (1233-1285), *General Superior of the Order of the Servites* <https://eucharisticadorationquotes.org/>

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, Alan Gadiant, Jameson Letsinger, and 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 February 2025:

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Calendar/Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
Sat., Feb. 1	HT	4:45-5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession
Sun., Feb. 2	SM	8:20-8:40 AM	Sacrament of Confession
Mon., Feb. 3	SM	6:30-9:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed., Feb. 5	HT	9:00AM-2:00 PM	Adoration with Benediction at 2:00 PM
Wed., Feb. 5	HT	2:15-3:30 PM	Grades 1-6 Faith Formation Class
Wed., Feb. 5	HT	7:25-8:35 PM	Grades 7-12 Faith Formation Class
Thurs., Feb. 6	SC	8:00-8:45 AM	Adoration/Confession (Daily Mass 9:00 AM)
Fri., Feb. 7	HT	7:00-7:45PM	1st Friday Adoration (7:15-7:45PM Confession)
Sat., Feb. 8	HT	4:45-5:20 PM	Sacrament of Confession

**Holy Trinity Church
(HT) Collection:**
1/25: \$ 804.00

**St. Columbkil Church
(SC) Collection:**
1/26: \$ 811.00

**St. Mary Church
(SM) Collection:**
1/26: \$ 1,263.00



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	Feb. 1/2	Feb. 8/9
HT: Saturday 5:30PM Feb. 1 & Feb. 8	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor	Katie Ludwig	Michelle Matthees
	Lector	Loretta Froyum	Maureen Lodermeier
	Servers	Leeta, Aubriel, Oleana, Stuart O'Reilly	Nora and Brynn Frederick
SM: Sunday 8:45am Feb. 2 & Feb. 9	Musician	Wanda Schafer	Wanda Schafer
	Cantor		
	Lector	Taylor Buck	Patricia Mensink
	Servers	Will Poncelet	Isaac Ryan, Derek Stehr
SC: Sunday 10:30am Feb. 2 & Feb. 9	Musician	Cindy Eppen	Cindy Eppen
	Cantor	Shelly Jacobson	Eleanor O'Reilly
	Lector	Chris Poncelet	Michael Poncelet
	Servers	Eleanor, Patrick, Francis, Phillip O'Reilly	JJ and Jenna O'Reilly, Jay Roschen

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Sixth grade students helped make tie blankets for First Choice Clinic to participate in the Pro-Life movement. Holy Trinity Church CCW provided the material for the students to make the blankets. They were donated to First Choice Pro-Life Clinic in Red Wing.



On January 22, the 10-12 grade group bought baby items and delivered them to First Choice Clinic where they learned about the work they do there. They also delivered the blankets made by our sixth graders.



Family Bowling, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Holy Trinity Parish and Saints Peter and Paul, Mazepa.

