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**Holy Trinity Church (HT)**  
**Collection: \$ 2,713.00**

**St. Columbkil Church (SC)**  
**Collection: \$ 1,006.00**

**St. Mary Church (SM)**  
**Collection: \$ 594.09**

**Faith Formation:** Are you interested in passing on the Catholic Faith to the youth of our parish? Teachers are needed for faith formation classes this fall. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents to serve Our Lord in this capacity. Substitute teachers and teacher assistants are needed as well. Classes run from October through April. Please contact the office for more information or with any questions. All volunteers who interact with children in the parish must complete the archdiocesan safe environment requirements (Essential 3) before beginning service.

**Scholarship Auction:** St. Mary's will be having the senior scholarship auction on September 8 after Mass. If you have items that you would like to donate to the auction please leave them in back of church or let Ellen, Gayle, or Char know what items you will be bringing. Please join us and help support our graduating seniors who will continue on with their education after high school.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Thank you to all our faith formation teachers and assistants this past school year!! All teachers, substitute teachers, assistants, hall monitors, and vacation bible school volunteers and their families are invited to a **Teacher Appreciation Dinner at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30pm.** The church will provide sloppy joes, fruit salad, lemonade, and water. Please bring a dish or dessert to pass.

**St. Mary CCW Harvest Bazaar:** The Harvest Bazaar is coming up on October 5. If you have any items you are willing to donate for the drawing please contact either Gayle Strauss at 923-4826 or Vicki Freiheit at 345-5887. Please let them know the item you are willing to donate by August 25.

**Holy Trinity/St. Columbkil CCW Meeting:** Holy Trinity and St. Columbkil CCW's will have a joint meeting on Wednesday, September 18, at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity. The program for the evening will be reorganization. Hostess: Terry Buck. Lunch: Holy Trinity—Bev Mancilman, St. Columbkil—Pam Altendorf and Mary Rose Mann.

**Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic?** Upcoming inquiry classes are being planned to answer questions and help anyone who is considering Catholicism. Please contact the parish office if interested.

**CCW School Supplies Project:** Thank you to all who donated to the St. Mary CCW collection of school items to donate to Lake City, Zumbrota-Mazeppa, and Goodhue school districts' Special Education departments. These items will be distributed as needed by the teachers working with the children. If you would still like to donate, please drop items off at the church or parish office as soon as possible. Needed items: wide line notebooks, #2 pencils, magic markers, colored pencils, crayons(24 count), glue sticks, 8 oz bottles of glue, folders, highlighters, boxes of Kleenex, disinfectant wipes. Monetary donations are welcomed. Please make the checks out to Holy Trinity; note for St. Mary's CCW School Supplies Project.

**Fall Festival:** The Church of Saint Michael at 451 5th Street SW, Pine Island is hosting their annual Fall Festival on Saturday-Sunday, August 24-25. On Sunday, a delicious Roast Beef Dinner will be served from 11:00am-1:00pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door: adults \$11; students (6-12) \$5, and age 5 and under eat free. There will also be a tractor show (10am-3pm), silent auction, kids' outdoor games, bingo, raffle, farmers market with fall mums, kids' pedal tractor pull, music entertainment, and arts and crafts vendors for everyone to enjoy from 10am-4pm.

**2019 SE Deanery Fall Meeting:** St. Mary's of New Trier will be hosting the SE Deanery Fall Meeting on Thursday, Sept 12, 2019. Registration will start at 8:30 with the business meeting to follow at 9:00am. The Rosary will be recited at 11:15 followed by Mass. Lunch will follow Mass. Cost for the day is \$8.00. Our speaker will be Ruth Bachman, who will speak on "Inspiring You to Grow through Life's Narrow Spots". Ruth is an inspirational cancer survivor, relating how to have a positive attitude and how to put forth the effort to ask for help and prayers. RSVP to Maggie Langenfeld at 651-343-4614 or [mlangenfeld2@gmail.com](mailto:mlangenfeld2@gmail.com) by September 10.

**Pro-Life Quote:** "O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of Life with honesty and love to the people of our time." ~ St. Pope John Paul II, "Prayer for Life", Evangelium Vitae



# Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**August 25, 2019**

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Mission: *To grow closer to Christ and lead others to Him, striving to become saints.* Website: [www.holytrinitygoodhue.org](http://www.holytrinitygoodhue.org)

MASS SCHEDULE				
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Aug 24	Parishioners
Sun.	8:45AM	SM	Aug 25	+Chuck Cordes
	10:30AM	SC		+June Ryan
Mon.	8:00AM	SM	Aug 26	+Ann Heppelmann
Tues.			Aug 27	
Wed.	8:00AM	HT	Aug 28	+Larrv O'Connor
Thur.			Aug 29	
Fri.			Aug 30	
Sat.	5:30PM	HT	Aug 31	+Paul Olson
	8:45AM	SM		Parishioners
Sun.	10:30AM	SC	Sept 1	+Ray Gadiant

**Office Hours:** Mon 9am–2pm at Holy Trinity.  
**Parish building use request:** Call the office.  
**Confession:** Sat. 5pm at Holy Trinity, Sun. 8:30am 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Faith Formation classes.  
**Confirmation:** Register for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation classes.  
**Marriage:** Please call Father Kasel at least six

months prior to hoped-for wedding date.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the office especially if serious or near death.

**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. (\$7/Mass suggested) Indicate preferred date(s), if desired.

**Bulletin Items:** Email to [holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com) by Wednesday. The business office reserves the right to edit. If interested in **becoming a member** (welcome!) or **becoming a Catholic**, contact the office.

**Archdiocese Victim Assistance Program Hotline:** (651) 291-4475

**Please pray for:** Vaughn & Therese Bien, Marcy Dilworth, Peg Edel, Susan Brown, Margaret Wagner, Maxine Ryan, Dorothy McNamara, Bob & Mary Heppelmann, Ed & Marge Heppelmann, Greg Hovel, Francis McNamara, Anne Merry, Carroll Bartholome, Sully Sprecher, Charlie DeNet, Peg Ryan, Lloyd Ryan, Tom O'Connor, Ray Poncelet, LeeAnn Carlson, and Wayne Schafer.



**Behold the Lamb of God!**  
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Monday at St. Mary from 6:30-9:00pm and every Wednesday at Holy Trinity from 9:00am-2:00pm. Come and spend some time with Jesus!*

**Scripture Quote:** "Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few people be saved?' He answered them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!'" --Luke 13:22-27

Calendar/Events			
Aug. 26-27	WI		Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help
Aug. 27	HT	4:00PM	Prayer Group
Sept. 8	SM		St. Mary CCW Scholarship Auction
Sept. 11	HT	6:30PM	Teacher Appreciation Supper
Sept. 18	HT	7:00PM	HT/SC CCW Meeting
Oct. 5			St. Mary CCW Harvest Bazaar

## From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This coming Thursday, August 29, we commemorate the Passion of St. John the Baptist. St. John is called the ‘Precursor of the Lord’ because he preached repentance and conversion to the Jewish people just before Jesus began His public ministry. Here is a brief reflection on this great and heroic saint:

“We are given the story of the ministry of John the Baptist, called the Precursor or Forerunner of the Lord, with some variation of detail, in the three synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, as well as in the Book of John. Luke tells us of the birth of John the Baptist in a town of Judaea, about six months before the birth of the Savior. The attendant circumstances... of St. Elizabeth and St. Zachary, his parents, suggest the miraculous and wonderful. The New Testament tells us nothing of John's early years, but we know that his pious, virtuous parents must have reared the boy with care, conscious always of the important work to which he was appointed, and imbuing him with a sense of his destiny. When John began final preparations for his mission, he was probably in his thirty-second year. He withdrew into the harsh, rocky desert beyond the Jordan to fast and pray, as was the ancient custom of holy men. We are told that he kept himself alive by eating locusts and wild honey and wore a rough garment of camel's hair, tied with a leathern girdle. When he came back to start preaching in the villages of Judaea, he was haggard and uncouth, but his eyes burned with zeal and his voice carried deep conviction. The Jews were accustomed to preachers and prophets who gave no thought to outward appearances, and they accepted John at once; the times were troubled, and the people yearned for reassurance and comfort. So transcendent was the power emanating from the holy man that after hearing him many believed he was indeed the long-awaited Messiah. John quickly put them right, saying he had come only to prepare the way, and that he was not worthy to unloose the Master's sandals. Although his preaching and baptizing continued for some months during the Savior's own ministry, John always made plain that he was merely the Forerunner. His humility remained incorruptible even when his fame spread to Jerusalem and members of the higher priesthood came to make inquiries and to hear him. "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand,"-this was John's oft-repeated theme. For the evils of the times his remedy was individual purification. "Every tree," he said, "that is not bringing forth good fruit is to be cut down and thrown into the fire." The reformation of each person's life must be complete—the wheat must be separated from the chaff and the chaff burned "with unquenchable fire."

The rite of baptism, a symbolic act signifying sincere repentance as well as a desire to be spiritually cleansed in order to receive the Christ, was so strongly emphasized by John that people began to call him "the baptizer." The Scriptures tell us of the day when Jesus joined the group of those who wished to receive baptism at John's hands. John knew Jesus for the Messiah they had so long expected, and at first excused himself as unworthy. Then, in obedience to Jesus, he acquiesced and baptized Him. Although sinless, Jesus chose to be baptized in order to identify Himself with the human lot. And when He arose from the waters of the Jordan, where the rite was performed, "the heavens opened and the Spirit as a dove descended. And there came a voice from the heavens, Thou art my beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased" (Mark I, 11). John's life now rushes on towards its tragic end. In the fifteenth year of the reign of the Roman emperor, Tiberias Caesar, Herod Antipas was the provincial governor or tetrarch of a subdivision of Palestine which included Galilee and Peraea, a district lying east of the Jordan. In the course of John's preaching, he had denounced in unmeasured terms the immorality of Herod's petty court, and had even boldly upbraided Herod to his face for his defiance of old Jewish law, especially in having taken to himself the wife of his half-brother, Philip. This woman, the dissolute Herodias, was also Herod's niece. Herod feared and revered John, knowing him to be a holy man, and he followed his advice in many matters; but he could not endure having his private life castigated. Herodias stimulated his anger by lies and artifices. His resentment at length got the better of his judgment and he had John cast into the fortress of Machaerus, near the Dead Sea. When Jesus heard of this, and knew that some of His disciples had gone to see John, He spoke thus of him: "What went you to see? A prophet? Yea, I say to you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written: Behold I send my angel before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee. For I say to you, amongst those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist" (Matthew XI, 10-12).

Herodias never ceased plotting against the life of John, who was not silenced even by prison walls. His followers now became even more turbulent. To Herodias soon came the opportunity she had long sought to put an end to the trouble-maker. On Herod's birthday he gave a feast for the chief men of that region. In Matthew XIV, Mark VI, and Luke IX, we are given parallel accounts of this infamous occasion which was to culminate in John's death. At the feast, Salome, fourteen-year-old daughter of Herodias by her lawful husband, pleased Herod and his guests so much by her dancing that Herod promised on oath to give her anything that it was in his power to give, even though it should amount to half his

kingdom. Salome, acting under the direction and influence of her wicked mother, answered that she wished to have the head of John the Baptist, presented to her on a platter. Such a horrible request shocked and unnerved Herod. Still, he had given his word and was afraid to break it. So, with no legal formalities whatever, he dispatched a soldier to the prison with orders to behead the prisoner and return with it immediately. This was quickly done, and the cruel girl did not hesitate to accept the dish with its dreadful offering and give it to her mother. John's brief ministry was thus terminated by a monstrous crime. There was great sadness among the people who had hearkened to him, and when the disciples of Jesus heard the news of John's death, they came and took the body and laid it reverently in a tomb. Jesus, with some of his disciples, retired "to a desert place apart," to mourn.

The Jewish historian Josephus, giving further testimony of John's holiness, writes: "He was indeed a man endued with all virtue, who exhorted the Jews to the practice of justice towards men and piety towards God; and also to baptism, preaching that they would become acceptable to God if they renounced their sins, and to the cleanness of their bodies added purity of soul." Thus Jews and Christians unite in reverence and love for this prophet-saint whose life is an incomparable example of both humility and courage." (Taken from [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) and "Lives of Saints", Published by John J. Crawley & Co., Inc.) Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, and St. Columbkil, may God bless you, your families and our parish! In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

**PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS: August: Families, Schools of Human Growth**  
That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

**Words to Live By:** “O sinner, be not discouraged, but have recourse to Mary in all you necessities. Call her to your assistance, for such is the divine Will that she should help in every kind of necessity." *St. Basil the Great*

"If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady, just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit, this prayer has never failed me." *St. Mother Teresa*

"The world being unworthy to receive the Son of God directly from the hands of the Father, He gave His Son to Mary for the world to receive Him from her." *St. Augustine*

"Even while living in the world, the Heart of Mary was so filled with motherly tenderness and compassion for men that no one ever suffered so much for their own pains, as Mary suffered for the pains of her children." *St. Jerome*

Dear Parishioners,

The Archdiocesan Synod work is now underway! As you may be aware from the announcement this past June, Archbishop Hebda is asking for our involvement in determining the pastoral priorities for our Archdiocese. On our local parish level, I am looking for volunteers who are willing to be part of Parish Ambassador Team. If you are interested, please contact me or the parish office. Here is more detailed information:

The Archdiocesan Synod process is expected to last two-and-a-half years and will have four distinct parts.

1. **Fall 2019 – Late Winter 2020: Prayer and Listening Events.** Prayer and Listening events, hosted throughout the Archdiocese, will provide the broadest opportunity for input from all Catholics. These events will be part prayer and catechesis, and part listening session. They are opportunities to discern together the focus areas that may become topics of discussion for the Synod.
2. **Fall 2020: Parish Consultation Process.** Each parish in the Archdiocese will be invited to discuss Synod topics in small group settings, in which parishioners are invited to participate.
3. **Winter/Spring 2021: Deanery Consultations.** Input gathered from the parish small groups will inform a deanery consultation process. Each parish in the Archdiocese is part of a deanery based on geographic area. During this process, representatives from parishes will gather as a deanery to discuss further and discern Synod topics.
4. **Pentecost 2021 (May 23) – Synod Assembly.** The Synod Assembly is a multi-day event where representative clergy, religious and laity come together to assist the Archbishop in determining the pastoral priorities of the Archdiocese. Let us join in prayer for a successful Archdiocesan Synod!  
In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel