

WELCOME TO PRAIRIE CATHOLICS

3RD SUNDAY of EASTER - APRIL 18 & 19, 2026

MASS TIMES

SACRED HEART- HAYFIELD

Saturday: 4:30 PM

ST. COLUMBANUS – BP

Sunday: 8:30 AM

HOLY TRINITY– LITOMYSL

Sunday: 10:15 AM

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Office Hours:

M, T, TH.....9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

W, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

F..... CLOSED or by Appt.

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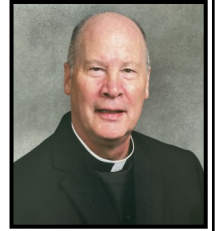
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From The Desk of Father Becker

Eastertide celebrates not only events long past, but the Risen One alive in our hearts now – his dying and rising in us, as we turn from sin and experience his risen life and the way of faithful love. Thanks to all who have served the liturgies of this sacred season!

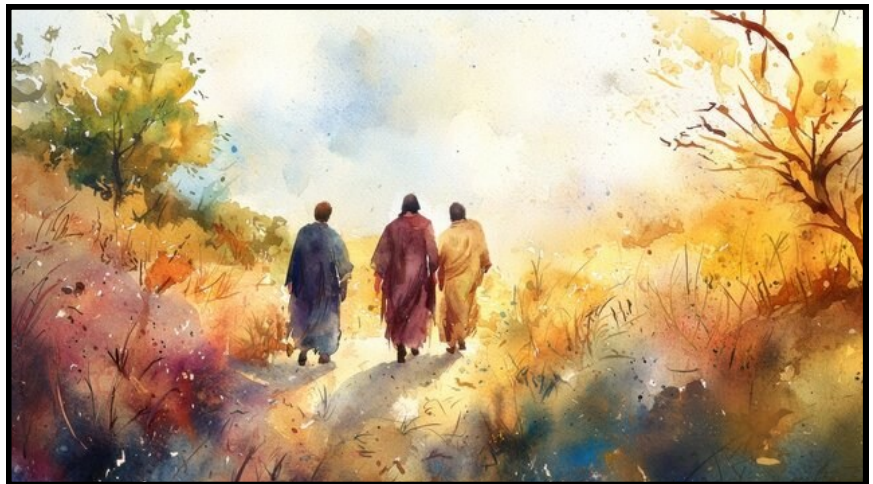


Confirmation for our youth will be Wed. April 22 at 7 pm at St. Joseph Church in Owatonna. Blessings to all who celebrate with them in this anointing of the Holy Spirit!

First Communion will be April 25 & 26 in our parishes. We thank all who form these children for the Breaking of the Bread, especially their parents and catechists. May we all remain faithful to the Table of the Lord – it is the greatest gift we can offer our children and youth!

The annual **Catholic Ministries Appeal** is underway. You will each receive a mailing with details about our diocesan ministries, and the important work that your contributions support each year. You will be asked to list your parish online (or on your check in the memo line), since each parish has a monetary goal to meet. Any shortfall must be paid from your own parish budget, while any overage is returned to your parish. More information is online at <https://www.givecentral.org/cma2026gen>

PARKING LOT: At St. Columbanus, we have re-designated the parking lot spaces closest to the church for those with any mobility challenge – even if you don't have a handicap parking permit. Feel free to use these spaces as needed. At funerals, it would be best to reserve them for handicap permits only; but for general Sunday usage, any mobility challenge will suffice. Please contact the office for questions.



When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

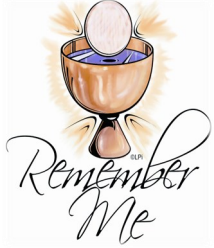
Luke 24:35

PARISH CLUSTER OF ST. COLUMBANUS, SACRED HEART, AND HOLY TRINITY



MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

April 21 - April 26, 2026
Tue. 4/21 ~ Sacred Heart - 9:00 AM
 Don & Nancy Loew
Wed. 4/22 ~ Prairie Manor ~ 9:30 AM
 Frank Vorlicek
Fri. 4/24 ~ St. Columbanus ~ 8:30 AM
 John & Thesia Heimerman
Sat. 4/25 ~ Sacred Heart ~ 4:30 PM
 For All Parishioners of the Cluster
Sun. 4/26 ~ St. Columbanus ~ 8:30 AM
 Deceased Harlan Hinzman Family members
 ~ Holy Trinity ~ 10:15 AM
 Tom Bragell

LITURGICAL ROLE SCHEDULE

Weekend of April 25 & 26, 2026
Sacred Heart, Hayfield -
Saturday, April 25 - 4:30 PM ** First Communion
 Lector: Stacy Tempel
 Euch. Min.: Host: Jill Wine: Barb, Stacy
 Servers: Volunteers please
 Ushers: Need 4 Volunteers please
 Gifts: 1st Communicants
 Greeters: Jim Laumann Family
 Counters: Barb, Shelly

St. Columbanus, Blooming Prairie
Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 26 - 8:30 AM
 Lector: Dennis Heimerman
 Euch. Min.: John B., Bev. O., Shelley J.
 Servers: Bennett W., Charlie H.
 Ushers: Willie O., Ron J., Chuck W., Dayton P.
 Gifts: Volgarino Family
 Greeters: Volunteers
 Counters: Kittelson/Schaefer (Team 3)
 Rosary: 8:00 AM
Holy Trinity, Litomysl
Sunday, April 26 - 10:15 AM First Communion
 Lector: Melissa
 Euch. Min.: Sr. Franchon, Carol, Tom, Dennis B.
 Servers: Ava R., Cameron W., Addison R.
 Gifts: Brian LaBrun Family
 Ushers: Clint, Matt
 Greeters: Peggy
 Rosary: Bruce

CHURCH SUPPORT

Sacred Heart		
April 12.....	\$2,179.00	
St. Columbanus		
April 12.....	\$1,907.00	
Holy Trinity		
April 12.....	\$2,400.00	

PARISH SERVICES

Reconciliation/ Confession

*By appointment.

Offered **before Mass** at SC, SH and **after Mass** at HT

Baptism

Please call the office to register a date for baptism. First time

baptisms requires viewing a preparation video session.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Call the Rectory

Marriage

Contact the SC Parish Office at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required.

Care of the Sick/ Christian Burial

Call your Parish office

CCW News

~ Join us **Today - Apr. 19** after the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Columbanus for **Coffee and Rolls** in the gathering hall . We hope to see you for fellowship and treats!



~ Austin Area Council of Catholic Women Quarterly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 28th** at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Spring Valley. Registration is 5:30 pm with Mass at 6 pm followed by a supper, meeting and speaker. All women are welcomed!

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. COLUMBANUS - BP

St. Columbanus FF Program Schedule

Wed., April 15 Class- (BP grades 2,3,4)

Wed., April 22 Last Class (BP grade 1)

Sun. April 26 - MAY CROWNING – We encourage the students who wish to participate in presenting a flower to the Virgin Mary to arrive at the back of the church 15 minutes before Mass begins.

Join us on **Sunday, April 26th** at St. Columbanus for the following:

- ~ **May Crowning** (Students are encourage to attend and arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins at the back of the church).
- ~ **Preschoolers** sing after Communion
- ~ **Kids Carnival** (lower level of the church)
- ~ Knights of Columbus **Tootsie Roll Sales** after Mass

All are welcome to Plant Bingo!



Saturday, May 2, 2026 @ 10:30 AM

St. Columbanus Church Hall

\$20 for 15 games, extra cards \$1 each

Each bingo wins a plant!

Salad Luncheon provided by the CCW @ noon

\$10 per person for a variety of salads, desserts, beverages.

Donations Needed for the Kids Carnival

Join on **Sunday, April 26th** for our Annual Kid's Carnival at

St. Columbanus Church beginning at **9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**
In the **gathering hall in the lower level of the church.**

We are looking for **PRIZES** for the Carnival Games.

***(We would like brand new donation items)*

Example of prizes: *Individual bagged snacks/chips/fruit snacks, Play Dough, Bubbles, Fidget Toys, Juice Boxes/ Pouches, Small Toys*

Monetary donation will also be accepted for purchasing prizes.

***(Please specify "CCW Kid's Carnival.")*

We are also looking for 4-5 completed kid raffle baskets, please contact Amy Chladek to see if baskets are still needed.

Contact: Amy at 507-438-1373 or

chladek8185@gmail.com

Donations can be dropped off at the church office during business hours. If you are a business and would like to donate, please specify which business.

SACRED HEART- HAYFIELD

Sacred Heart Faith Formation Schedule

Apr. 15 - Class

Apr. 22 - Class

Saturday, Apr. 25 - First Communion

Apr. 29- Last Class; May Crowning

SACRED HEART - MARCH FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Lenten Food Drive. We packed up and Jill Kruger delivered **100 lbs.** of non-perishable food items to the Hayfield Community Food Pantry.
Thanks for your generosity!

HOLY TRINITY - LITOMYSL

Holy Trinity Faith Formation Schedule

4/15: Confirmation Practice for 10th graders

4/22: Class - Confirmation at St. Joseph's - Owatonna

4/29: Last Class

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

BEAUTIFUL MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS will be available at Holy Trinity Church on **Sundays April 26, May 3 and 10.** A wonderful gift for the special woman in your life – mother, grandmother, wife, daughter, daughter-in-law, aunt or special friend (*living or deceased*). The cards come with an envelope which is placed in a basket by the altar with prayers remembered at Masses for the month of May. **An offering of \$5 is requested** with proceeds going to the Steele County shelter for homeless women and families. This is a project of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Owatonna #1180.

Let us remember in our prayers the family of **Kathy Underland** who died recently. She was the mother of **Kelly (David) Wacek.**



"Eternal Rest Grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her."

Our sympathy to The **Viktora Families** on the passing of their father and grandfather **Dale Eugene Viktora.**

A long time parishioner of St. Mary's Church - Rural Geneva and was attending Holy Trinity-Litomysl.



"Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

St. Mary's Catholic Church will have a Mass service on Friday, April 24 beginning at 5:30 PM with Fr. Thien Nguyen as the celebrant. A potluck will follow in the church hall.

*A special request is asked that hotdishes or desserts be made with **NO nuts.** Thank you.

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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



St. Columbanus Prayer Team:

Please contact **Kay Zellmer at 507-438-0554** for any private or public requests. Private means that only the team will be praying and public means that the person prayed for will be named in the bulletin for congregational and team prayers.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Kerry & Peg Stensvold, Morgen Snider, Wally & Jean Wilke, Judy Remker, Diane Volicek, Tom Walters, Krew Haase, Sue Zwiener, Donna Wigham, Layla Coleman

Please keep those parishioners who are away at college or studying online in your prayers as they work towards their career choice.

Sacred Heart Prayer Team:

Prayer: Public (bulletin) – Barb Aarhus, 507- 477-2458

Prayer Chain: (private) – Barb Schimek, 507– 696-6775

Please include the following in your prayers:

Chris Hahn, Michele Klennert, Dennis Tempel, Jerry Amundson, Kathy Blanchard, Dawn Hugeback, Doug Sheely
*All Military members and their families as well.

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Holy Trinity Prayer Chain:

If you have any prayer requests please contact **Carol P. - (507) 583-7848** or **Marie Kubicek - (507) 451-2663** --- Pray for the following: **RoxAnn Nelson, Nathan Lawrence, Myron Kaplan, Mary Starman, Tom Kaplan, Jim Deml, Jean Beaver, Luke Broulik, Michael Czarnowski, Dale Waltz, Sheri Anderson, Jason Ptacek, Doug Goff, Bill Lewison, Otto Marquardt, Sue Zwiener, Sister JoAnn Haney, Donna Wigham**

– And all the special intentions.

Prayer Service –Tuesday at 9 am at Holy Trinity – Litomysl

Diocese of Winona - Rochester

The office of Stewardship and Development has been working closely with the new online giving provider; GiveCentral, to create landing pages (see list below). The pages are now created and live. See the links to each page below.

Seminarian Education Fund:

<https://www.givecentral.org/dowrsemed>

Catholic Ministries Appeal:

<https://www.givecentral.org/cma2026gen>

TV Mass:

<https://www.givecentral.org/dowrtvmass>

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