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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

During this month of May I encourage all of us to renew ourselves in loving devotion to our Blessed Mother! The Virgin Mary unfailingly leads us to Jesus and teaches us how to trust in His merciful Love!

This weekend I share with you 21 sayings on the Virgin Mary by St. Louis de Montfort. These sayings can be found in his books: *Treatise of True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*, *The Secret of the Rosary*, and *The Love of Eternal Wisdom*.

(1) "It is through the most Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus Christ came into the world, and it is also through her that He will reign in the world."

(2) "Our entire perfection consists in being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus Christ. Hence the most perfect of all devotions is undoubtedly that which conforms, unites and consecrates us most perfectly to Jesus Christ. Now, since Mary is of all creatures the one most conformed to Jesus Christ, it follows that among all devotions that which most consecrates and conforms a soul to our Lord is devotion to Mary, His Holy Mother, and that the more a soul is consecrated to her the more will it be consecrated to Jesus Christ."

(3) "It would hardly be possible for me to put into words how much Our Lady thinks of the Holy Rosary and of how she vastly prefers it to all other devotions. Neither can I sufficiently express how highly she rewards those who work to preach the devotion, to establish it and spread it, nor on the other hand how firmly she punishes those who work against it."

(4) "If priests and religious have an obligation to meditate on the great truths of our Holy Religion in order to live up to their vocation worthily, the same obligation, then, is just as much incumbent upon the laity — because of the fact that every day they meet with spiritual dangers which might make them lose their souls. Therefore they should arm themselves with the frequent meditation on the life, virtues and sufferings of Our Blessed Lord — which are so beautifully contained in the 15 [now 20] mysteries of the Holy Rosary."

(5) "If I were asked by someone seeking to honor our Lady, 'What does genuine devotion to her involve?' I would answer briefly that it consists in a full appreciation of the privileges and dignity of our Lady; in expressing our gratitude for her goodness to us; in zealously promoting devotion to her; in constantly appealing for her help; in being completely dependent on her; and in placing firm reliance and loving confidence in her motherly goodness."

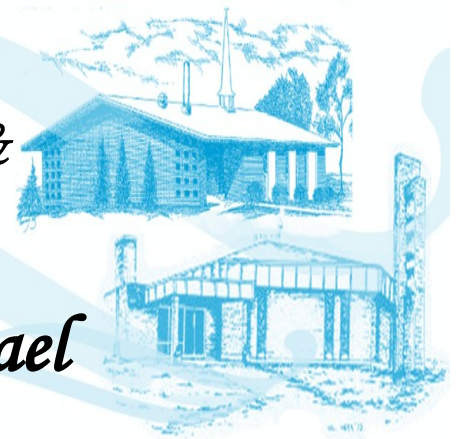
(6) "The Rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who loves His Mother."

(7) "If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you

Welcome to the Churches of

St. Paul &

St. Michael



We are happy that you are here! If you are new to our parishes, please call or stop at the Parish Office. We would love to meet you and answer any questions that you might have!

SACRAMENTS

Confession - Saturday 4:00pm at St. Michael; Sunday 8:25am at St. Paul and 8:00am before daily weekday Holy Mass at both parishes.

Baptism - Please contact the parish office.

Matrimony - Please call Father Kasel at least six months prior to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick - This is for someone who is seriously ill, dealing with major surgery or infirm. Please contact Father Kasel to make arrangements.

WEEKEND HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Church of Saint Paul - Sunday Confessions at 8:25am, Rosary at 8:20am, Mass at 8:45am

Church of Saint Michael - Saturday Confessions at 4:00pm, Rosary at 4:35pm, Mass at 5:00pm

Church of Saint Michael - Sunday Mass at 7:00am, Rosary at 10:05am, Mass at 10:30am

WEEKDAY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Church of Saint Paul - Tuesday and Thursday

Confession 8am & Mass 8:30am, Rosary at 8:10am before Mass

Church of Saint Michael - Wednesday and Friday

Confession 8am and Mass 8:30am

that, in spite of the gravity of your sins you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory. Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil as sorcerers do who practice black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and will save your soul, if — and mark well what I say — if you say the Holy Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins."

(8) "If then we are establishing sound devotion to our Blessed Lady, it is only in order to establish devotion to our Lord more perfectly, by providing a smooth but certain way of reaching Jesus Christ."

(9) "As she was the way by which Jesus first came to us, she will again be the way by which He will come to us the second time though not in the same manner."

(10) "Since she is the sure means, the direct and immaculate way to Jesus and the perfect guide to Him, it is through her that souls who are to shine forth in sanctity must (continued on page 3)



May Crowning of our Blessed Mother!

We will have May Crowning
at both parishes the weekend
of May 9 - 10.



The next Holy Hour and Social for Men will be on Sunday, May 17, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All men are invited!

Perfection through Humility

I consider myself to be a mere nothing, so incapable of any virtue. But it seems to me as if the Lord wants me to let all this nothingness be lost in Him, and for Him to live in me. For a while I have had a sort of attraction just to stay loving and adoring the Lord whom I feel in the deepest recesses of my soul, however obscure and hidden He may be. It's as if I am aware of someone better inside me....

Could it be the case that what the Lord wants of me is to remain like this, loving and adoring Him in greater or lesser emptiness, in sorrow or in joy, just observing how He can do whatever He likes in the center of this soul, just letting Him work?... What I feel is so great and at the same time so simple. It seems that we, or at least I, complicate everything when really only one thing is required....

As a result of this I want nothing more than for my own will to be completely immersed in God's will. There is no greater pain than that of having offended Him, and thereby having wasted the time that He gave me to love and serve Him.... [But] I am well aware that everything is for Gd, and that I can please Him with everything that I do. *Saint Maria Maravillas of Jesus*

St. Michael's Garden Plots - Now Available!

Need a patch of dirt to plant a garden? The 2026 growing season has begun and garden plots are now available to Parishioners at no cost. There are nine 10x20 ft. plots available on a first come, first served basis. Multiple plots can be claimed. Call or text Andy Drees at (952) 465-9841 for more information or to reserve a plot.

Calling all bookworms! Join the Catholic Authors Book Study. We rotate between spiritual books, literature and writings of Doctors of the Church. On May 12, we will begin discussing *The Sanctifier* by Archbishop Luis Martinez. We meet every 2 - 3 weeks, on Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 pm in Rochester. Join us! See <https://archspm.groupvitals.com/groupfinder/profile/72459> or contact the parish office.

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Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture

Saving Civilization: How Monasticism Preserved Western Culture
Once the Roman Empire collapsed at the hands of pagan barbarians, Christianity - not to mention western culture - could have been in grave danger of disappearing from the European continent during the "Dark Ages," were it not for the "light" of monastic communities. Their monasteries were centers of learning that managed to preserve the great works of Western Civilization, all the while spreading the Faith through missionary zeal.

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM ET Lecture: 8:00 PM ET

Instructor: John Pepino, Ph.D. Registration is required.

Visit: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/saving-civilization-monasticism>

COME AND SEE: An Evening Intro to the ICC

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM ET Lecture: 8:00 PM ET

Instructor: Rev. Hezekias Carnazzo. Registration is required.

<https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/come-and-see-20260512>

Pine Island Food Shelf: Items requested for **May:** Condiments: ketchup/mustard, salad dressings, mayo

WEEKLY TITHING April 25-26, 2026

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,325.00
Plate:	\$ 581.00
EFT:	\$ 1,110.00
Total:	\$ 3,016.00



Thank Mom for Life plants for Mother's Day:

Thank Mom for life on Mother's Day, with a plant with a "Thanks Mom for Life" button attached. Begonias, African Violet plants, and Mini Rose bushes will be available at all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 9 and 10. Suggested donation for the Begonias and Violets is \$8.00 and the Mini Rose bush, \$10.00. This project honors moms and raises funds to save precious lives by furthering pro-life efforts. *Proceeds benefit MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life)*

Quilting Bee Cause will meet on Tuesday, May 5, at 9am in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to join us. Any questions, call 507-356-4858.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor His Mother, and we honor her simply and solely to honor Him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son." *St. Louis Marie de Montfort*
"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did." *St. Maximilian Kolbe*
"Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary." *St. Bonaventure*
"Before, by yourself, you couldn't. Now, you've turned to our Lady, and with her, how easy!" *St. Josemaria Escriva*

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right — it is the very opposite. It is a deep wound in society." *Pope Benedict XVI*
"For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth." *Psalms 139: 13-15*
"Not even one abortion per week is acceptable. Not one per month. Not one per year. Not one in our lifetime... The dignity of the human person begins at the moment of conception, not at birth. The dignity, as recognized by the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is bestowed by the Creator, and no one has the right to destroy innocent unborn life." *Archbishop Samuel Aquila*

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, May 8, 2026

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

Saturday, May 9, 2026

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, May 10, 2026

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

May 6, 2026 †Sandra Klouser

May 8, 2026 †Andrew Howard (Amy Smith)

May 9, 2026 Rachel Rewald

May 10, 2026 Blake & Valerie Ehlenfeldt & family (Nicole McCoy)

May 10, 2026 Parishioners



(From *Father Kasel* - from page 1) find Him. He who finds Mary finds life, that is, Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life... Mary then must be better known than ever for the deeper understanding and the greater glory of the Blessed Trinity.”

(11) “In these latter times Mary must shine forth more than ever in mercy, power and grace; in mercy, to bring back and welcome lovingly the poor sinners and wanderers who are to be converted and return to the Catholic Church; in power, to combat the enemies of God who will rise up menacingly to seduce and crush by promises and threats all those who oppose them; finally, she must shine forth in grace to inspire and support the valiant soldiers and loyal servants of Jesus Christ who are fighting for His cause.”

(12) “Mary must become as terrible as an army in battle array to the devil and his followers, especially in these latter times. For Satan, knowing that he has little time—even less now than ever—to destroy souls, intensifies his efforts and his onslaughts every day. He will not hesitate to stir up savage persecutions and set treacherous snares for Mary's faithful servants and children whom he finds more difficult to overcome than others.”

(13) “Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day become a formal heretic or be led astray by the devil.”

(14) “Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood.”

(15) “When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer.”

(16) “[True devotion to Our Lady] is trustful, that is to say, it fills us with confidence in the Blessed Virgin, the confidence that a child has for its loving Mother. It prompts us to go to her in every need of body and soul with great simplicity, trust and affection. We implore our Mother's help always, everywhere, and for everything. We pray to her to be enlightened in our doubts, to be put back on the right path when we go astray, to be protected when we are tempted, to be strengthened when we are weakening, to be lifted up when we fall into sin, to be encouraged when we are losing heart, to be rid of our scruples, to be consoled in the trials, crosses and disappointments of life. Finally, in all our afflictions of body and soul, we naturally turn to Mary for help, with never a fear of importuning her or displeasing our Lord.”

(17) “As all perfection consists in our being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus it naturally follows that the most perfect of all devotions is that which conforms, unites, and consecrates us most completely to Jesus. Now of all God's creatures Mary is the most conformed to Jesus. It therefore follows that, of all devotions, devotion to her makes for the most effective consecration and conformity to Him. The more one is consecrated to Mary, the more one is consecrated to Jesus.”

(18) “That is why perfect consecration to Jesus is but a perfect and complete consecration of oneself to the Blessed Virgin, which is the devotion I teach; or in other words, it is the perfect renewal of the vows and promises of Holy Baptism.”

(19) “By this devotion we give to Jesus all we can possibly give Him, and in the most perfect manner, that is, through Mary's hands.

(20) “The Blessed Virgin, Mother of Gentleness and Mercy, never allows herself to be surpassed in love and generosity. When she sees someone giving himself entirely to her in order to honor and serve her, and depriving himself of what he prizes most in order to adorn her, she gives herself completely in a wondrous manner to him. She engulfs him in the ocean of her graces, adorns him with her merits, supports him with her power, enlightens him with her light, and fills him with her love. She shares her virtues with him — her humility, faith, purity, etc. She makes up for his failings and becomes (continued on page 4)

WEEKLY TITHING April 26, 2026

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,065.00
Plate:	\$ 277.00
Total:	\$ 1,342.00

All Ladies of the Parish are invited to attend!

**Church of St. Paul CCW Madonna Dinner
on Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

- 5:00pm CCW meeting
- 6:00pm Holy Mass with Fr. Kasel
- 6:30pm Dinner
- 7:00pm **Speaker: Debra Braun**
from Pro-Life Action Ministries
- 7:30pm Dessert



Pray, dine, connect in friendship, and be inspired!

A sign-up sheet is at the church entrance to bring a salad or dessert for our Madonna Dinner meal.

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9 ways you can be guilty for the sins of others

"Sin is a personal act. Moreover, we have a responsibility for the sins committed by others when we cooperate in them..." (CCC 1868)

1. By counsel (to give advice, one's opinion or instructions).
2. By command (to demand, to order, such as in the military).
3. By consent (to give permission, to approve, to agree to).
4. By provocation (to dare).
5. By praise or flattery (to cheer, to applaud, to commend).
6. By concealment (to hide the action, to cover-up).
7. By partaking (to take part, to participate).
8. By silence (by playing dumb, by remaining quiet).
9. By defense of the ill done (to justify, to argue in favor).

(Note: To participate in the sins of another person means that one is just as guilty of the sin as the one who committed the sin. For example, if you encourage someone to have an abortion, you are guilty of the sin of abortion.)

Give the gift of an Hour of Adoration for someone. Cards are in the vestibule to send to the recipient.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

- 8:00am Confessions/8:30am
- 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:00pm CCW Holy Mass

Thursday, May 7, 2026

- 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

Sunday, May 10, 2026

- 8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions
- 8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

- May 5, 2026** †Bill Budensiek
- May 5, 2026** Randy & Shirley Gregory (St. Paul CCW)
- May 7, 2026** †Rita Morgan (Louise Rivieccio)
- May 10, 2026** Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(From *Father Kasel* - from page 3) his representative with Jesus. Just as one who is consecrated belongs entirely to Mary, so Mary belongs entirely to him.”

(21) “St. Thomas assures us that, following the order established by His divine Wisdom, God ordinarily imparts His graces to men through Mary. Therefore, if we wish to go to Him, seeking union with Him, we must use the same means which He used in coming down from Heaven to assume our human nature and to impart His graces to us. That means was a complete dependence on Mary, His Mother, which is true devotion to her.”

Through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may it please our good Lord to bless and strengthen us with the Holy Spirit, that we may love and serve Him faithfully and generously each day!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

Prayer to the Virgin Mary: My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my entire self without reserve. As I am your own, my good Mother, guard me and defend me as your property and possession. Amen.

The next **St. Pio Knights of Columbus Council** membership meeting will be on Wednesday, May 13, at 7:00pm, at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All members are invited to attend.

Partners in Compassion Bottles: Please remember to return your filled bottles to the church or the parish office at this time.
Thank you for your generosity!

Archdiocesan Rosary Procession: Sunday, May 3

As a public witness to our Catholic faith during the month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, come with family and friends to the annual Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession. Due to road construction the route will be significantly shorter this year as line-up begins on John Ireland and Kellogg at 1:30 p.m. The procession will begin at 2 p.m. and close at the Cathedral. Parishes are encouraged to bring banners to represent their communities. First Communicants are invited to wear their First Communion attire. Those who cannot walk the procession route may go directly to the Cathedral to pray the Rosary with those who are in procession.



AN INVITATION FROM JESUS

Do you have no regular commitments during weekday mornings? Are you interested in growing in love with the One who loves you most - Jesus?

Consider coming to Holy Mass on weekdays!

Holy Mass, Confession and the Holy Rosary are offered Tuesday through Friday at our parishes.

Come to sanctify your weekdays with Jesus - He is waiting for you!

Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep Your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the Priesthood. Let Your holy Love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen

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Report Abuse: If you or someone you know has been sexually abused, your first call should be to law enforcement.

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