

January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord

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Welcome to the Churches of

St. Paul &

St. Michael



From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The month of January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus: let us reverently pray His Holy Name and make reparation to our good Lord for the many times that His name is spoken with irreverence, ingratitude and hatred!

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Blessed Chalk and an Epiphany blessing will be available for home devotional use.

This weekend I share with you the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus - that we may honor and offer reparation for offenses against His Holy Name.

Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

V. Lord, have mercy on us. *R. Christ, have mercy on us.*

V. Lord, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear us. *R. Jesus, graciously hear us.*

V. God the Father of Heaven, *R. Have mercy on us.*

V. God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *R. Have mercy on us.*

V. God the Holy Spirit, *R. Have mercy on us.*

V. Holy Trinity, one God, *R. Have mercy on us.*

V. Jesus, Son of the living God, *R. Have mercy on us.*

Jesus, splendor of the Father, [*Have mercy on us.*]

Jesus, brightness of eternal light. (*etc.*)

Jesus, King of glory,

Jesus, sun of justice,

Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,

Jesus, most amiable,

Jesus, most admirable,

Jesus, the mighty God,

Jesus, Father of the world to come,

Jesus, angel of great counsel,

Jesus, most powerful,

Jesus, most patient,

Jesus, most obedient,

Jesus, meek and humble of heart,

Jesus, lover of chastity,

Jesus, lover of us,

Jesus, God of peace,

Jesus, author of life,

Jesus, example of virtues,

Jesus, zealous lover of souls,

Jesus, our God,

Jesus, our refuge,

Jesus, father of the poor,

Jesus, treasure of the faithful,

Jesus, good Shepherd,

Jesus, true light,

Jesus, eternal wisdom, (continued on page 4)

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

Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “**chalking the doors.**” The formula for the ritual, adapted for 2026, is simple: use the blessed chalk received after Holy Mass on Epiphany Sunday and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20 + C + M + B + 26** and say the prayer accompanying the chalk.



The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless this house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “26” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request that Christ to bless those homes so marked that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year. The **chalking of the doors of a home** encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of the welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!

The next **Holy Hour and Social for Men** will be Sunday, January 11, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on: *The Grace and Methods of Prayer*. All men are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

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Our program is open for all of our parishioners to attend and it will benefit all ages!

Thank you to the Decorating Committee of St. Michael: Thank you to all who helped beautify our Church during the Seasons of Advent and Christmas! Thank you to all who assisted with the Sacred Liturgies and the worship of our good Lord! Thank you to all who were generous with our parish in any way – God bless you! In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Lord Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. May we take the time to get to know You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word. May we also see and love you in all the people we meet, so that in turn, they can see You in us. We know that all human relationships take time if they are to become stronger. This is also true of our relationship with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit, which You desire to have grow throughout our lives. In this new year, grant us the grace to realize that every action of ours, no matter how small or great enables us to grow in friendship with You. Help us accept You into our lives, as the Way, that shows we loyal friends to You; as the Truth, to be courageously shared; as the Life, to be lived as a sign to the world; as the Light, to expel the darkness of our world; as the Love, to open the hearts of others; as the Joy, that consoles and strengthens our souls; as the Peace, that the world cannot give and only You can; as the Sacrifice, to be offered out of love for You, our relatives, friends, neighbors and all people. Amen.

The next **Vianney Visit** is Thursday, February 12, to Saturday, February 14, 2026. If you are a high school sophomore through college-age man, who has not completed undergraduate studies (up to age 24), the priests and seminarians at Saint John Vianney College Seminary invite you to take a closer look at seminary life. Beginning on Thursday night and concluding Saturday morning, a Vianney Visit offers an ideal look into our spiritual, academic, and fraternal life. You will hear testimonies from current seminarians, attend spiritual conferences with SJV priests, pray with the community, and tour the University of St. Thomas. You may also have the option to meet individually with priests on staff or the rector. And, you won't leave without having some fun! Find more information and registration at www.10000vocations.org/vianney-visit.html

Trivia Night to benefit Birthright of Rochester! Friday, January 23, at 6 pm. We will have pizza and trivia Resurrection Catholic Church, 1600 11th Ave SE, Rochester. Come join in the excitement of trivia and help a worthwhile cause. We will also be collecting diapers, size 4-6, at the event OR you can sign up as a volunteer as well. To register for the event or volunteer go to <https://birthrighttrivianight.weebly.com/> or use the QR code.

Calling all bookworms! Join the Catholic Authors Book Study. We rotate between spiritual books, literature and writings of Doctors of the Church. On January 13, we will discuss *Waiting for Christ* by Doctor of the Church, St. John Henry Newman. We meet every 2 - 3 weeks, usually on Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 pm in Rochester.

WEEKLY TITHING December 27-28, 2025

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,531.00
Plate:	\$ 3,005.50
EFT:	\$ 960.00
Total:	\$ 7,496.50

OCIA beginning session: Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our Catholic Faith are invited to an initial meeting next Saturday, January 10, at 11am at the Church of the St. Michael in the community room. Parishioners are welcome to invite interested persons and to attend the meeting!



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Remy Mella**, parishioner, who passed away on December 30, 2025. *'Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.'*

Prayer Service for Life: Please join us at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 10:30am for the Annual Prayer Service for Life, followed by MCCL's March for Life at the State Capitol. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome.

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture

THE BEAUTY OF FAITH: Christian Art History 101

The greatest art in history has flowed forth from the Christian faith. God has suffused his creation with splendor, which he has taken upon himself and elevated as the Word became flesh. This course explores the unparalleled history of Catholic visual art that stretches over two millennia, expressing the great beauty of faith that draws believers to encounter God's presence in the liturgy. From the humble remains of house churches to the grand cathedrals, from ancient frescoes to Renaissance masterpieces, we will explore the breadth and depth sparked by the Catholic imagination, covering the most significant masterpieces and artists. Together, we will follow the story of Catholic art, tracing its major stages of development, as we pause to contemplate the truths of the faith they convey. An orientation session will be held on Thursday, January 15, and classes will begin on Thursday, Jan. 22. Details: Thursdays, **January 22 - June 25**, from 8:00 - 9:15PM ET (No class on February 19, April 2, April 9, and May 14) Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM ET, Lecture: 8:00 PM ET Instructor: Most Rev. James S. Wall, Registration is required.

The last day to apply is Friday, January 9.

Visit: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/the-beauty-of-faith-101>

Pine Island Food Shelf: January: **Crackers** (any kind, including gluten free products).

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

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

Friday, January 9, 2026

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Saturday, January 10, 2026

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, January 11, 2026

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

January 7, 2026 †David Chant (Terri Pass)

January 9, 2026 †Mary Klouser

January 10, 2026 †Ann Reisdorf (Duane & June Andrist)

January 11, 2026 Parishioners

January 11, 2026 Dave & Becky Wyoski (Tim Kemp)



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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.



Miriam Dinner - Tuesday, January 27, 6-8pm, at Archdiocesan Catholic Center, St. Paul. Hosted by Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Father Mark Pavlak, Director of Vocations, this is an event for women, ages 16 – 35, who are discerning consecrated life. It is typical for women discerners to be accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious or youth minister. The evening begins with prayer, followed by dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocations testimonies. Registration is required. REGISTER ONLINE before Thursday, January 22, at 10000vocations.org/events. For questions? please call the Vocation Office 651.962.6890 or email stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org

Diaper Drive: Hosted by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1864 from November 30 - January 4, 2026 (Advent – Epiphany). Please help us by donating diapers to benefit First Choice Clinic in Red Wing. The number of families in our local community served by First Choice Clinic has continued to rise. They receive no government funding. As many of us have seen an increase in our household costs, the clinic has also seen an increase in their operational costs. Please leave diaper donations in the church entry. Thank You! Contact Sue Hinrichs with any questions.

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"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*

"God, our Father, you always bear the cry of the poor. How many times have Christians themselves not recognized you in the hungry, the thirsty and the naked, in the persecuted, the imprisoned, and in those incapable of defending themselves, especially in the first stages of life. For all those who have committed acts of injustice by trusting in wealth and power and showing contempt for the 'little ones' who are so dear to you, we ask your forgiveness: have mercy on us and accept our repentance. We ask this through Christ our Lord." *St. John Paul II*

"Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants." *St. Mother Teresa*

Fellowship Sunday: Please consider hosting a Fellowship Sunday, after the 8:45am Sunday Holy Mass. This is a great opportunity to have fellowship with visitors, new families, and parishioners. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church.

WEEKLY TITHING December 28, 2025

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,090.00
Plate:	\$ 108.00
Total:	\$ 3,198.00

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Meal in a Bucket: This is the last full week to place an order for the Catholic Daughters "Meal in a Bucket". Order sheets are in the back of the Church and your meals will be available for pick up after the Holy Mass on January 25. Payment can be given to any CDA member or you can pay when you pick up your orders. If you would like to place a phone order, please contact Sue Hinrichs 507-732-5607. Your support is truly appreciated.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God?... Are you become foolish, O Wise Men... Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise." *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

"For by gold the power of a King is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the Body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man." *St. John Chrysostom*

"Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: Heaven on earth, earth in Heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny Body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a King, myrrh for One who is to die." *St. Peter Chrysologus*

"Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman's arms." *St. Augustine*
"Give me, therefore, I pray Thee, this gold, this incense, and this myrrh. Give me the gold of Thy holy Love; give me the Spirit of holy prayer, give me the desire and strength to mortify myself in everything that displeases Thee. I am resolved to obey Thee and to love Thee; but Thou knowest my weakness, oh, give me the Grace to be faithful to Thee!" *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

You are invited to join us! A small group for retired parishioners meets twice a month on Thursdays after Holy Mass at the Church of St. Paul. We have prayer, fellowship, and often show videos followed by discussion and end with prayer intentions. We meet for about 1-1½ hours. If interested in joining or have questions, contact Barb Boraas 507-735-5877 or Maggie Eggerichs 507-951-2316.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

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

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

Thursday, January 8, 2026

8:45am Holy Mass

Sunday, January 11, 2026

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

January 6, 2026

Rachelle Holycross (Dawn Udenberg)

January 8, 2026

†Renae Kasel

January 11, 2026

Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

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Jesus, infinite goodness,
 Jesus, our way and our life,
 Jesus, joy of Angels,
 Jesus, King of the Patriarchs,
 Jesus, Master of the Apostles,
 Jesus, teacher of the Evangelists,
 Jesus, strength of Martyrs,
 Jesus, light of Confessors,
 Jesus, purity of Virgins,
 Jesus, crown of Saints,
 V. Be merciful, *R. spare us, O Jesus.*
 V. Be merciful, *R. graciously hear us, O Jesus.*
 V. From all evil, *R. deliver us, O Jesus.*
 From all sin, *deliver us, O Jesus.*
 From Your wrath, [etc.]
 From the snares of the devil,
 From the spirit of fornication,
 From everlasting death,
 From the neglect of Your inspirations,
 By the mystery of Your holy Incarnation,
 By Your Nativity,
 By Your Infancy,
 By Your most divine Life,
 By Your labors,
 By Your agony and passion,
 By Your cross and dereliction,
 By Your sufferings,
 By Your death and burial,
 By Your Resurrection,



KC Meeting: The next St. Padre Pio Knights of Columbus Council 16016 membership meeting will be on Wednesday, January 14, at 7:00PM, at the Church of St. Michael. All members are invited to attend.

By Your Ascension,
 By Your institution of the most Holy Eucharist,
 By Your joys,
 By Your glory,
 V. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *R. spare us, O Jesus.*
 V. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *R. graciously hear us, O Jesus.*
 V. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *R. have mercy on us, O Jesus.*
 V. Jesus, hear us. *R. Jesus, graciously hear us.*
 Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, You have said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek, and you shall find, knock, and it shall be opened to you." Grant, we beg of You, to us who ask it, the gift of Your most divine love, that we may ever love You with our whole heart, in word and deed, and never cease praising You.
 Give us, O Lord, as much a lasting fear as a lasting love of Your Holy Name, for You, who live and are King forever and ever, never fail to govern those whom You have solidly established in Your love. *R. Amen.*
 Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph and our patrons, St. Michael and St. Paul, may the Holy Name of Jesus be always loved and adored in our hearts and in our speech!
 In Christ through Mary,
 Fr. Kasel

<p>MAXON FAMILY Parishioner</p>  <p>Cremation & Life Celebrations 1624 37th Street NW, Rochester, MN 55901</p>	<p> Hub Food Center 228 West Ave. Zumbrota 507-732-7329 https://www.nilssensfoods.com</p>	<p>ZUMBROTA MINI STORAGE</p> <p>LIGHTING—PAVED 24 HOUR ACCESS</p> <p>507-696-4406</p>	
<p> Pork & Plants Heritage Farm ERIC KREIDERMACHER & FAMILY Red Wattle Pork* Grass-fed Beef* Pastured Chicken*</p> <p>*no corn, no soy, non-GMO, and vaccine free Meat is available year-round as individual cuts, bundles, and whole or half animals. Pickup and limited delivery available (507) 458-2175 Email: eric@porkandplants.com www.porkandplants.com "Healthy Land, Healthy Meat, Healthy Families"</p>	<p>Mahn Family Funeral Homes Larson Chapel 1475 Jefferson Dr. Zumbrota, MN (507) 732-5444 Mahler Chapel 209 NW 1st Ave. Pine Island, MN (507) 356-4620 mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com</p>	<p>QUARRY HILL FAMILY DENTAL DR. MOLLY JARRETT PARISHIONER Monday and Tuesday 7-5pm, Wednesday 7:30-5pm, Thursday 11-5pm www.quarryhillfamilydental.com 507-216-9891 828 11th Ave NE, Rochester, MN Comfortable, Convenient Dental Care for the Entire Family</p>	
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<p>Safe Environment: The Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis requires all volunteers who interact with minors or vulnerable adults to complete the Essential 3 (background check, Code of Conduct, and VIRTUS training) before beginning their service, and to renew every three years while serving. Please contact the Safe Environment Coordinator for details on how to complete the Essential 3 or do updates.</p> <p>Report Abuse: If you or someone you know has been sexually abused, your first call should be to law enforcement.</p>		<p>Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Sara McNamara St. Michael: 507-356-4280 stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net St. Paul: 507-732-5324 stpauls@hcinet.net</p> <p>St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese Victim Assistance Program Hotline: (651) 291-4475</p> <p>ST. PIO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 16016</p> <p>JOIN US Brother Knights of our Council invite you to join us. Contact the Parish Office visit: www.kofc.org/join</p> 	