

## NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 3) Nevertheless, the devil continues to retain a certain power over the world, in so far as men reject the fruits of the Redemption. He has dominion over those who in one way or another voluntarily surrender themselves to him, preferring the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Grace. (cf. St. John Paul II, *loc. cit.*) This is why we should not be surprised if we often see evil apparently triumph and justice cruelly wronged here and there.

It should give us great confidence to know that Our Lord has left us many means by which to conquer and to live in this world with the peace and joy of a good Christian. Amongst these means are prayer, mortification, the frequent reception of Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Penance, and love for Our Lady. We are always safe in Our Lady's company. The use of Holy Water is also an effective means of protection against the devil's influence. *You ask me why I always recommend, with such insistence, the daily use of Holy Water. I could give you many reasons. But there could be none better than that of the Saint of Avila: 'From nothing do evil spirits flee more precipitately, never to return, than from Holy Water'.* (J. Escriva, *The Way*, 572)

St. John Paul II exhorts us, when we pray, to think more about what we say in the last petition of the Our Father; *Lead us not into temptation. Deliver us from Evil - from the Evil One. Do not let us give in, Lord, to the infidelity towards which the one who has been unfaithful right from the beginning entices us.* (St. John Paul II, *loc. cit.*) The best way we have of showing that we want to replace the *non serviam* of the devil with our personal *Serviam: I will serve You, Lord*, is by making a special effort this Lent to improve in our faithfulness to what we know God wants of us." (From *In Conversation with God*, by Francis Fernandez) Through the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of Victory, St. Joseph, the Terror of demons, St. Michael, St. Paul and our Guardian Angels, may our good Lord grant us the victory over every temptation from the devil! In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

**Partners in Compassion:** This year our parishes will participate in a Lenten collection to support the work of Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries. Imagine a nun going undercover, walking the streets at night rescuing women and children from the world of human trafficking. This is but one of the missions of the Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries in the Philippines and California—rescuing victims of trafficking and giving them hope for a better future through educational assistance to survivors and to the rural poor of the Philippines. The missionaries, also known as "Pink Sisters," due to the color of their habits, provide help in the form of:

- Temporary shelter
- Basic health care, food, and nutrition
- Maternity and Medical Assistance
- Psychological Therapy and Counseling
- Recreational Activities
- Spiritual Formation
- Educational assistance
- Livelihood & skills training: baking, sewing, cooking & catering, candle-making, etc.
- Childcare for young mothers with children as they rehabilitate.

**You can help** by picking up a collection bottle available at the entrance of the Churches of St. Paul or St. Michael, filling it with change you collect during Lent (or write a check to the church, noting "*Partners in Compassion*" on the memo line), and returning the filled bottle at Easter-time.

If you would like to find out more about Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries and the work they do, visit their website at: <https://www.mqhm.org/> *"There are so many young girls who are calling us for help, but there is nowhere for them to go. At the center, we give them unlimited love and unlimited help."* -MQHM Sister Irene Baquiran

**Please prayerfully consider participating in this collection to help rescue God's children from trafficking and poverty!**

## February 22, 2026 First Sunday of Lent

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### From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

We are now at the First Sunday of Lent and entering the first full week of this time of penance and spiritual growth before Holy Week and Easter! This weekend I share with you a reflection on the Dogma of the existence of the devil. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

**"The existence of the devil and his activity. The devil exists and acts in people and society. His activity is mysterious, but real and effective: Again the devil took Him to a very high mountain ...Then Jesus said to him, 'Begone, satan!' we read in the Gospel for Holy Mass. (cf. Matt 4:8-11)**

The devil exists. Holy Scripture speaks of him from the first to the last of the revealed books, from Genesis to the Apocalypse (Revelation). In the parable of the wheat and the weeds, Our Lord affirms that the weeds, whose purpose is to suffocate the wheat, were sown by *the enemy*. (Matt. 13:25) In the parable of the sower, *the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown.* (Matt. 13:19)

Some people are inclined towards a superficial optimism and think evil is merely an incidental imperfection in a world which is continually evolving towards better days. Nevertheless the history of mankind has been adversely affected by the devil's influence. We find in our day all the features of an intense evil which cannot be explained in terms of human behavior alone. The devil, in all sorts of ways, wreaks havoc on mankind. There is no doubt that *the whole of man's history has been the story of dour combat with the powers of evil, stretching, so Our Lord tells us, from the very dawn of history up to the last day.* (Vatican Council II, *Gaudium et Spes*, 7) The devil does this in such a way that *he provokes incalculable harm of a spiritual nature and, indirectly even of a physical nature, to individuals and to society.* (St. John Paul II, *General Audience*, 13 August 1986)

The devil's activity is mysterious but at the same time real and effective. From the first centuries, Christians were conscious of diabolical activity. St. Peter admonished the first Christians: *Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him firm in your Faith.* (1 Pet. 5:8) With Jesus Christ, the devil's dominion has been reduced, for *He has freed us from the power of satan.* (Vatican Council II, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 6) As a result of the redeeming work of Christ, the devil can only cause real harm to those who freely allow him to, by consenting to evil and separating themselves from God.

In many passages of the Gospel Our Lord shows Himself overcoming the devil, freeing many people from diabolical possession. We place our trust in Jesus, and He does not allow us to be tempted beyond our strength. (cf. 1 Cor. 10:13) The devil will try to *reduce the human spirit and lead it to violate God's precepts, little by little darkening the hearts of those who try to serve Him. This he will do to make them forsake the true God, turning to himself instead as though he were a god indeed.* (St. Irenaeus, *Adversus Haereses*, 5) He does this at all times, in a thousand different ways. But God has given us the means to overcome all temptation; nobody sins necessarily. Let us consider, in depth, during this Lent what that means. As well as this, in order to free us from the devil's influence, God has given us an Angel to help and protect us. *If you call upon your Guardian Angel at the moment of trial, he will protect you from the devil and will bring you holy inspirations.* (J. Escriva, *The Way*, 567)

## 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

**Who the devil is. His power is limited. We need Divine Help in order to conquer:** The devil is a personal, real and individual being, of a spiritual and indivisible nature, who separated himself from God forever by his sin, *because the devil and the other demons were created naturally good by God; but they became bad of themselves.* (Fourth Lateran Council, Dz. 800 [428])

*He is a liar and the father of lies* (John 8:44), of sin, of discord, of affliction, of hatred, of all that is absurd and evil on earth. (cf. Heb. 2:14) He is the astute and envious serpent who brings death to the world (cf. Wis. 2:24), the enemy who sows evil in man's heart (cf. Matt. 13:28-39) and the only being we have to fear if we are not close to God. His sole purpose in the world, which he has never renounced, is our perdition. Every day he will try to achieve that purpose through all the means at his disposal. *It all began with his rejection of God and God's Kingdom, when he usurped his sovereign rights and tried to overturn the economy of salvation and the very ordering of creation itself. This attitude can be found reflected in the words of the tempter to our first parents: 'You will be like gods'. This is how the evil spirit endeavors to transplant into man the attitude of proud rivalry, of insubordination and opposition to God that has become the motivating force of his own whole existence.* (St. John Paul II, *General Audience*, 13 August 1986)

The devil is the first cause of evil and of the disorders and ruptures which are produced in families and in society. *For instance, suppose, says Cardinal Newman, a sudden darkness were to fall upon the streets of a crowded city in day-time, you may fancy without* (continued on page 3)

### The Church of St. Michael Men's Club Fish Fries

Serving each Friday of Lent from 4:30-7:00pm  
(February 27, March 6, 13, 20, & 27)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CHURCH OF ST. PAUL**  
Each Tuesday of Lent at 5:30pm  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**  
Each Friday of Lent at 7:30pm

**The next Holy Hour for Women** will be Sunday, February 22, at 6pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on: **The Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus.** All women are invited!

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**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION**  
The next Faith Formation session will be on **Wednesday, March 4, 2026**, at the Church of St. Michael.  
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At 7:30pm all students, parents and teachers gather in the Church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.  
**Our program is open for all of our parishioners to attend and it will benefit all ages!**

**Youth Group Event!** All Youth, Grades 7-12, are invited for a prayer, food, and game night Wednesday, **February 25**, from 6:30-8:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk. All high school students and confirmation candidates are invited to this youth event. Please RSVP to our parish offices! God bless you!

**Easter Flower Donations:** Help to beautify our sanctuary and remember a loved one through a contribution for Easter Flowers! There is an envelope contribution packet for Easter flowers. The suggested donation is \$13. Please consider making a donation and put it in the Sunday collection or return to the office by Sunday, March 29. Thank you!

**WORDS TO LIVE BY:**  
“If someone does not hold fast to this unity of Peter, can he imagine that he still holds the faith? If he [should] desert the chair of Peter upon whom the Church was built, can he still be confident that he is in the Church?” *St. Cyprian*  
“I follow no leader but Christ and join in communion with none but your blessedness [Pope Damasus I], that is, with the Chair of Peter. I know that this is the Rock on which the Church has been built. Whoever eats the Lamb outside this house is profane. Anyone who is not in the ark of Noah will perish when the flood prevails.” *St. Jerome*  
“There are many other things which rightly keep me in the bosom of the Catholic Church. The consent of the people and nations keeps me, her authority keeps me, inaugurated by miracles, nourished in hope, enlarged by love, and established by age. The succession of priests keep me, from the very seat of the Apostle Peter (to whom the Lord after His Resurrection gave charge to feed His sheep) down to the present episcopate [of Pope Siricius].” *St. Augustine*  
“Yes, the Apostle chosen to be His co-worker, merited to share the same Name as Christ. They built the same Building together - Peter does the planting, the Lord gives the increase and it is the Lord, too, Who sends those, who will do the watering (cf 1 Cor 3:6f).” *St. Augustine*  
“[Jesus said:] ‘Simon, My follower, I have made you the foundation of the holy Church. I called you Peter, because you will support all its buildings. You are the inspector of those who will build on earth a Church for Me. If they should wish to build what is false, you, the foundation, will condemn them. You are the head of the fountain from which My teaching flows; you are the Chief of my Disciples’” *St. Ephraim the Syrian*

**Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture**  
**February 18 - Easter Sunday, April 5**  
**A TIME OF RENEWAL:** *Daily Reflections for the Lenten Season*  
Mother Mary Francis, abbess of a Poor Clare Monastery for over forty years, left an enduring legacy in her writings and in the conferences she gave to her spiritual daughters. In this work, she presents beautiful meditations on the liturgical season of Lent, revealing the treasures of the liturgy to Christians in all walks of life. Her insight into Holy Scripture and her poet's heart engendered reflections that illuminate the daily Mass readings. Daily Lecture: 7:00AM ET Instructor: Filiae Laboris Mariae Sisters  
<https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/a-time-of-renewal/>

**Pine Island Food Shelf:** Items requested for **February:** Soups of any kind

WEEKLY TITHING February 14-15, 2026	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,097.00
Plate:	\$ 768.30
EFT:	\$ 3,855.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 6,720.30</b>
Kitui Mission Collection: \$ 404.00	



**COME AND JOIN US!**  
**The Church of St. Michael Men's Club Fish Fries**  
Serving each Friday of Lent from 4:30-7:00pm  
(February 27, March 6, 13, 20, & 27)  
\*\*\*Both baked & fried fish will be offered!\*\*\*  
Take out Available!  
**Prices:** Adults \$15.00, Children 5-12 \$6.00, Family maximum \$45.00  
Hosted by: The Church of St. Michael Men's Club



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Each Friday of Lent at 7:30pm

**PRO-LIFE QUOTES:**  
“Some people argue that changing laws will not eliminate abortions. It is certainly true that a change of heart is more important than a change of law. What is forgotten, however, is that the law is the great teacher. Children grow up believing that if a practice is legal, it must be moral.” *John Cardinal O'Connor*  
“Look at the mothers who truly love their children — how many sacrifices they make for them. They are ready for everything, even to give their own blood so that their babies grow up good, healthy and strong.” *St. Gianna Molla*


**Archdiocesan Men's Conference:** *Men of Christ - As for me and my house...* on Saturday, March 21, 8:00am-12:30pm, at the Church of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 2035 15th St. W, Hastings MN. This retreat for men in the Archdiocese will begin with Holy Mass at 8am with Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Kenney. The conference and Holy Hour will feature speaker Doug Barry, founder and director of the Catholic ministry RADIX. Find more information and registration at <https://www.archspm.org/events/archdiocesan-mens-conference/>

**Join First Choice Clinic for their Third Annual Pickleball Tournament!** Come out and have some fun while supporting this life-affirming ministry. All levels of experience are welcome.  
*When:* Saturday, March 7, 8:30am walk-in registration and 9:00am start time  
*Where:* Goodhue School (510 3rd Ave, Goodhue)  
*Prizes:* First Place: \$100, Second Place: \$50, Third Place: \$25. Double Elimination! \$50 entry fee per team. Text 651-301-5239 for registration. **All Proceeds support First Choice Clinic.**

HOLY MASS TIMES	
<b>Wednesday, February 25, 2026</b>	
8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass	
9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Friday, February 27, 2026</b>	
8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass	
<b>Saturday, February 28, 2026</b>	
4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions	
5:00pm Holy Mass	
<b>Sunday, March 1, 2026</b>	
7:00am Latin Holy Mass	
10:30am Holy Mass	
HOLY MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>February 25, 2026</b>	Kim Maria Le & family
<b>February 27, 2026</b>	†Renae Kasel
<b>February 28, 2026</b>	†Joseph Palof (Brian & Laurie Murray)
<b>March 1, 2026</b>	Harlow Carr (Elizabeth Skellie)
<b>March 1, 2026</b>	Parishioners



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 **Stations of the Cross at the Church of St. Paul:**  
Each Tuesday of Lent at 5:30pm

**Congratulations to:**  
*Jacob & Sarah Tschann* on the baptism of their daughter  
*Joanna Irene Tschann* on February 15, 2026 at Church of St. Paul.




*(From Father Kasel - from page 1) my telling you what a noise and clamor there would be, foot passengers, carriages, carts, horses all being mixed together. Such is the state of the world. The evil spirit, which worketh in the children of disbelief, the god of this world, as St. Paul says, has blinded the eyes of them that believe not, and hence they are obliged to wrangle and debate, for they have lost their way; and they fall out with each other and one says this and one says that, because they do not see. (Cardinal J. Newman, Sermon for the Second Sunday of Lent - The World and Sin)*  
In his temptations the devil has recourse to deceit, because he can present only a false good and a fictitious happiness, which inevitably turn into loneliness and bitterness. Outside of God true good or happiness do not exist; they cannot exist. Outside of God there is only darkness, emptiness and endless misery. But the devil's power is limited, and is also under the dominion and sovereignty of God, Who is the only Lord of the Universe.  
The devil - and our (Guardian) Angels - cannot penetrate our innermost thoughts if we do not want them to. *The unclean spirits cannot know the nature of our thoughts, they can only conjecture at them from an outwardly perceptible indications, or else by examining our dispositions, our words or the things they notice that we tend towards. On the other hand, what we have not chosen to exteriorize so that it remains hidden within our souls, is totally inaccessible to them. Even the very thoughts that they suggest to us, the reception we give them, the reaction they cause within us... they cannot know any of this because of the very essence of our soul... except, in every case, through our movements and external manifestations.* (Cassian, *Conferences*, 7)  
The devil is unable to violate our liberty so as to incline it towards evil. *It is a certain fact that the devil cannot seduce anybody if he does not freely give to the devil the consent of his will. (ibid.)*  
The holy Cure d'Ars says that *the devil is a great chained dog which puts people to flight, which makes a great noise, but which only bites those who come too close.* (St. Jean Vianney, [The Cure d'Ars], *Sermon on Temptations*)  
To sum up: *No human power can be compared to him; only God's power can vanquish him and only God's light can unmask the snares that he lays. The soul that would overcome the power of the devil will not be able to do so without prayer, nor will it recognize his deceitful traps without the aid of mortification and humility.* (St. John of the Cross, *The Spiritual Canticle*, 3, 9)  
**Jesus Christ vanquishes the devil. Trust in Christ. Means that we have to use. Holy Water:** Jesus' life was summarized in the Acts of the Apostles in the words, *He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil.* (Acts 10:39) And St. John, speaking about the cause of the Incarnation, explains, *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.* (1 John 3:8)  
Christ is the true victor over the devil: *Now shall the ruler of this world be cast out* (John 12:31), Jesus will say at the Last Supper, a few hours before His Passion. *God decided to enter into the history of mankind in a new and definitive manner by sending His own Son in human flesh, so that through Him He might snatch men from the power of darkness and of satan* (cf. Col. 1:3, Acts 10:38). (Vatican Council II, *Ad Gentes*, 3)  
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WEEKLY TITHING February 15, 2026	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 460.00
Plate:	\$ 213.00
EFT:	\$ 940.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,613.00</b>




**55th Annual St. Patrick's Ham Dinner**  
**at Zumbrota VFW on Sunday, March 15, 2026**  
**10:30 AM to 1:00 PM**  
**Available for Dine-In & Take Out**  
**Prices:**  
**Adults -- \$16.00 Children 6-12--\$6.00, Under 6 -- free**



Please sign up to give donations and also to volunteer your time for the event. The sign-up board is at the entrance of the Church. You may also email at [stpauls@hcinet.net](mailto:stpauls@hcinet.net) or call the parish office at 732-5324 to sign up.  
*Thank you in advance for your willingness to make this endeavor a success!*

**Baskets or Items for the Ham Dinner Silent Auction**  
Calling all parishioners! We are looking for silent auction baskets and items for this fundraiser held during **St. Patrick's Ham Dinner**. Any type of themed basket or items - including religious items, gift cards/certificates, home-made or purchased items will be appreciated! If you have any questions, contact Josefina or Sara in the parish office. Please drop off any items at the office. Thank you!

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**Catholic Services Appeal 2026 - Giving is Faith in Action!**  
Your continued generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal and your faith in our ministries are proof that by offering the Lord what we can, He will provide what we need. The way the Lord gave of Himself for us is a great reminder that we are united as one Church and that when we come together and support our ministries we can do so much good. Each of us has benefited from our ministries. To make your gift today, visit [Love.ArchSPM.org](http://Love.ArchSPM.org)

**40 Days for Life Prayers to End Abortion: February 18 - March 29**  
This prayer campaign is on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at *1212 7th Street NW, Rochester*. 40 Days for Life is a Christian organization that takes a peaceful, prayerful approach to this controversial issue to move hearts and minds. If you would be interested in making an appointment with God to pray for all involved in this issue, go to [40daysforlife.com/rochester](http://40daysforlife.com/rochester) to register and sign up. Please pray daily during this campaign for the end to abortion. Suggested prayers: <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/pro-life-rosary-prayer-intentions>

HOLY MASS TIMES	
<b>Tuesday, February 24, 2026</b>	
8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass	
9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Thursday, February 26, 2026</b>	
8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass	
<b>Sunday, March 1, 2026</b>	
8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions	
8:45am Holy Mass	
HOLY MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>February 24, 2026</b>	†Gladys Miller
<b>February 26, 2026</b>	†Lois Proulx
<b>March 1, 2026</b>	Parishioners

