

## 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. Escrivá, *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

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

**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!**



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## CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

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**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

#### Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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

#### Friday, February 27, 2026

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

#### Saturday, February 28, 2026

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions  
5:00pm Holy Mass

#### Sunday, March 1, 2026

7:00am Latin Holy Mass  
10:30am Holy Mass

### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

**February 25, 2026** Kim Maria Le & family

**February 27, 2026** †Renae Kasel

**February 28, 2026** †Joseph Palof (Brian & Laurie Murray)

**March 1, 2026** Harlow Carr (Elizabeth Skellie)

**March 1, 2026** Parishioners

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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, homemade 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

#### Tuesday, February 24, 2026

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

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

#### Thursday, February 26, 2026

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

#### Sunday, March 1, 2026

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

**February 24, 2026** †Gladys Miller

**February 26, 2026** †Lois Proulx

**March 1, 2026** Parishioners



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