

October 4, 2026
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

First, I encourage all our parishioners to take part in the St. Michael Fall Festival this Sunday! We will have food, games for children, Pine Car Derby Race and a silent auction as well. Come to spend some fun time with friends and family!

During this month of October all Catholics are encouraged to grow in devotion to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

This past Thursday, October 1, was a special day for all members of the Discalced Carmelite Religious Order throughout the world: it is the feast of the St. Therese of Lisieux. She was permitted to join a Carmelite convent of sisters at the age of 15. She reached great heights of sanctity during her life on earth and yet died at the very young age of 24 in the year 1897. She was canonized in the year 1925.

St. Therese has been named a (Spiritual) Doctor of the Church and is known for her 'Little Way' of spirituality. Her diary, 'The Story of a Soul', is considered classic reading for those wishing to grow in trust in our good Lord Jesus.

Here are two excerpts from the diary, 'The Story of a Soul'.

On finding her Vocation or Calling in the Church

"Since my longing for martyrdom was powerful and unsettling, I turned to the epistles of St. Paul in the hope of finally finding an answer. By chance the 12th and 13th chapters of the 1st epistle to the Corinthians caught my attention, and in the first section I read that not everyone can be an apostle, prophet or teacher, that the Church is composed of a variety of members, and that the eye cannot be the hand. Even with such an answer revealed before me, I was not satisfied and did not find peace.

I persevered in the reading and did not let my mind wander until I found this encouraging theme: 'Set your desires on the greater gifts. And I will show you the way which surpasses all others.' For the Apostle insists that the greater gifts are nothing at all without love and that this same love is surely the best path leading directly to God. At length I had found peace of mind.

When I had looked upon the mystical body of the Church, I recognized myself in none of the members which St. Paul described, and what is more, I desired to distinguish myself more favorably within the whole body. Love appeared to me to be the hinge for my vocation. Indeed I knew that the Church had a body composed of various members, but in this body the necessary and more noble member was not lacking; I knew that the Church had a heart and that such a heart appeared to be aflame with love. I knew that one love drove the members of the Church to action, that if this love were extinguished, the apostles would have proclaimed the Gospel no longer, the martyrs would have shed their blood no more. I saw and realized that love sets off the bounds of all vocations, that love is everything, that this same love embraces every time and every place. In one word, that love is everlasting.

Then, nearly ecstatic with the supreme joy in my soul, I proclaimed: O Jesus, my love, at last I have found my calling: my call is love. Certainly I have found my place in the Church, and you gave me that very place, my God. In the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be love, and thus I will be all things, as my desire finds its direction."

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

On living her 'little way' in Community life: ascetical friendship

"There is in Community a Sister who has the faculty of displeasing me in everything, in her ways, her words, her character, everything seems very disagreeable to me. And still she is a holy religious who must be very pleasing to God. Not wishing to give in to the natural antipathy I was experiencing, I told myself that charity must not consist in feelings but in works; then I set myself to doing for this Sister what I would do for the person I loved the most. Each time I met her I prayed to God for her, offering Him all her virtues and merits...

I wasn't content simply with praying very much for this Sister who gave me so many struggles, but I took care to render her all the services possible, and when I was tempted to answer her back in a disagreeable manner, I was content with[:]

[1] giving her my most friendly smile, and with

[2] changing the subject of the conversation...(continue on page 4)



Rosary Coast To Coast Event: Join us on Sunday, October 4, at the Church of St. Michael to pray the Rosary together at approximately 3:00pm as part of a nationwide Rosary rally. See page 2.



Church of St. Michael OKTOBERFEST

Sunday, October 4: 10:00am-3:00pm

Kids outdoor games (approx. 11:45am), Pine Car Derby Race (1:00pm),

Fall Mums for Sale, Silent Auction, Art & Craft Vendors,

Brats & food available for free-will offering

(See page 2 for details)



The next Holy Hour and Social for Men: Sunday, October 11, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. 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!

Rosary Coast To Coast Event - Sunday, October 4, 2026:

Join us on Sunday, October 4, for the Rosary Coast to Coast Event at the Church of St. Michael. This event is part of a nationwide prayer campaign for the healing of our Church and our Nation, culminating in the public recitation of the Rosary by a multitude of prayer warriors in many locations across the United States on October 4.

The Rosary will start at approximately 3pm when the Oktoberfest activities have concluded.



Save the dates! St. Michael Homeschool Co-op for Fall, 2026: The Church of St. Michael is offering an opportunity for children ages 3-14 to participate in a Homeschool Co-op on five Fridays: October 16, 23, 30, and November 13 & 20. Contact the Office at 507-356-4280 or stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net for questions.

Meditate on Mary and Jesus

"The Child to be born of you will be called holy, the Son of God, the fountain of Wisdom, the Word of the Father on high. Through you, blessed Virgin, this Word will become flesh, so that even though, as He says: I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, it is still true for Him to say: "I came forth from God and am here."

In the beginning was the Word. The spring was gushing forth, yet still within Himself. Indeed, the Word was with God, truly dwelling in inaccessible Light. And the Lord said from the beginning: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. Yet Your thought was locked within You, and whatever You thought, we did not know; for who knew the mind of the Lord, or who was His counselor?

And so the idea of peace came down to do the work of peace: The Word was made flesh and even now dwells among us. It is by Faith that He dwells in our hearts, in our memory, our intellect and penetrates even into our imagination. What concept could man have of God if He did not first fashion an image of Him in his heart? By nature incomprehensible and inaccessible, He was invisible and unthinkable, but now He wished to be understood, to be seen and thought of.

But how, you ask, was this done? He lay in a manger and rested on a Virgin's breast, preached on a mountain, and spent the night in prayer. He hung on a Cross, grew pale in death, and roamed free among the dead and ruled over those in hell. He rose again on the third day, and showed the Apostles the wounds of the nails, the signs of victory; and finally in their presence He ascended to the sanctuary of Heaven.

How can we not contemplate this story in truth, piety and holiness? Whatever of all this I consider, it is God I am considering; in all this He is my God. I have said it is wise to meditate on these truths, and I have thought it right to recall the abundant sweetness, given by the fruits of this priestly root; and Mary, drawing abundantly from Heaven, has caused this sweetness to overflow for us." (By St. Bernard of Clairvaux)



Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture

Eden to Eden: The Garden

The Garden of Eden, the original home for mankind, was created by God in the beginning to be an earthly temple in which he placed man in order to live out his vocation as being made in the image and after the likeness of God. In this study, we will examine the first chapters of the book of Genesis in order to gain a new perspective on Paradise as the place to which God calls us to return.

Date: October 6

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30PM, Lecture: 8:00 PM. Registration required.

Instructor: Rev. Hezekias Carnazzo

Visit: <http://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/eden-to-eden-the-garden/>

WEEKLY TITHING September 26-27, 2026

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,428.00
Plate:	\$ 1,081.80
EFT:	\$ 1,140.00
Total:	\$ 5,649.80

Kitui Mission Sept. Collection: \$ 149.00

**Join us for our
Oktoberfest at the Church of St. Michael
October 4, 2026**

Sunday, October 4:

Kids Games will start approx. at 11:45am.

New this year, Pine Car Derby Race!

Registration will be from 12noon to 1pm and race will begin at 1pm.

Bratwurst & food available for free-will offering.

Art & Craft Vendor & Silent Auction until Sunday at 2pm.

Fall Mums are currently available for sale. Prices are: \$20 for a solid color & \$25 for a tri-color.



Calling all bookworms! Join the Catholic Authors Book Study. We rotate between spiritual books, literature and writings of Doctors of the Church. On October 27, we will begin discussing Anselm of Canterbury: The Major Works by St. Anselm. 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.

National Homeschool Day of Prayer

Friday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul

Join hundreds of Catholic homeschool families for National Homeschool Day of Prayer at the Cathedral. Celebrate Mass with Archbishop Hebda and pray together for the grace and strength to faithfully live the homeschool vocation. Following Mass, enjoy a Q&A with Archbishop Hebda and a fun photo scavenger hunt through the Cathedral. Whether you're a longtime homeschooling family or just exploring the possibility, you're invited to this joyful day of faith, fellowship, and encouragement!

+ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT+

Can you spend an hour with Jesus? Adoration is held at St. Paul, Zumbrota, on Tuesdays from 9am-5pm and at St. Michael, Pine Island, on Wednesdays from 9am-5pm.

Pine Island Food Shelf: Items requested for October: Cooking Spices: salt, pepper, Italian, cinnamon, etc.

Holy Mass Times

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

8:00am Confessions/8:30am

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

Friday, October 9, 2026

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

Saturday, October 10, 2026

4:00-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, October 11, 2026

7:00am Holy Mass (Latin)

10:30am Holy Mass

Holy Mass Intentions

October 7, 2026 Rachel Rewald & all expectant mothers (Laurie Schultz)

October 9, 2026 †Charles & Char Lenn (Karen Ruegg)

October 10, 2026 †Delroy Kardell (Nancy Sowada)

October 11, 2026 Parishioners

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October is Clergy Appreciation Month

The Church of St Paul will be celebrating Father Kasel and his beautiful ministry with hospitality after Holy Mass on Sunday, October 11. All are invited to this hospitality hosted by St. Paul CCW. There are blank spiritual bouquet slips available in the entryway of Church for any prayers you might offer in Father's behalf. Let's all THANK Father especially this month and all the months of the year.

You are invited to join our small group that meets here at the Church of St. Paul as scheduled after the Thursday morning Holy Mass. We will begin to read Archbishop Hebda's pastoral letter **ONLY ONE THING IS NECESSARY**, and then discuss it as a group at our October 22 meeting. If you are interested, contact either Barb Boraas (507 732 5877) or Maggie Eggerichs (507 951 2316) for details.

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Recognition Sunday

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis wishes to recognize the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's immeasurable contributions to the progress and welfare of families, parishes, communities and the poor of the world, and the organization's invaluable assistance as we seek to implement the insights of our Archdiocesan Synod; therefore be it resolved that October 11, 2026 is hereby designated as the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Recognition Sunday in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Want to grow in our Catholic Faith?

You can learn about our Catholic Faith online at any time through FORMED! You will have access to thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, & books instantly on FORMED when you sign up through our parishes. There is no cost for you! Just follow these easy steps: 1. Visit: signup.formed.org, 2. Enter your parish zip code or name (St. Michael 55963 or St. Paul 55992), 3. Grow in our Catholic Faith!

Poland Pilgrimage - Prayer Intentions: I have the privilege of traveling on Pilgrimage to Poland on Sunday, October 11, and would be honored to bring your prayer intentions to St. Faustina's shrine and other Divine Mercy religious sites. Please share your requests by calling, emailing or by leaving a sealed envelope at the church office.

Keep me in your prayers as I make this journey of faith.

Karen Hodgman 507-259-6936 hodgman.karen@mayo.edu

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"The difference between the way of life and the way of death is great. Therefore, do not murder a child by abortion or kill a newborn infant." -from the *Didache*, a collection of apostolic moral teachings compiled at the end of the first century A.D.

"The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign." Saint Mother Teresa

Queen of the Americas Guild Conference: Join the Queen of the Americas Guild for a 2-day conference examining Our Lady's role as Compassionate Mother to All That Live Together in This Land. Open to all those who wish to enhance their faith and learn more about this important topic. Date: October 16 and 17; Location: Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, LaCrosse, WI; Cost: \$125

WEEKLY TITHING September 27, 2026

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,110.00
Plate:	\$ 176.00
Total:	\$ 1,286.00



SAVE the DATE!!!

Second Annual Lasagna Supper

Thursday, November 5, from 4:30-7:00pm at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota.

Enjoy the Lasagna, Salad, French Bread, and Pie!

Gluten-Free & Takeout Available

PRICES: Adults—\$13, Ages 6-12—\$7

5 & under—Free, Family max.—\$39

Hosted by: The Church of St. Paul Council of Catholic Women
ALL ARE INVITED!

OPEN HOUSE: Please join us in celebrating Rita Huneke's 100th birthday on Sunday, October 11, 1-4 pm at Goodhue Lion's building. No gifts please.



Appalachian Mission Project

Dear fellow parishioners, the time to demonstrate the generosity of our hearts through supporting the Appalachian Christmas Program has again arrived. We will collect items from Sunday, September 27 to Sunday October 25. Donations may be left in the baskets at the back of the Church or can also be taken to the parish office during open hours. A list of desired donations is posted above the baskets.

Suggested items for donation: Dolls, balls, stuffed animals, small musical instruments, slinkies, play-doh, crayons, colored pencils, coloring books, school supplies, notebooks, paints, barrettes, hair ties, headbands, shoes, socks, underwear, bags or purses, bracelets, sunglasses, lip balm, mirrors, watches, flip-flops, sweatshirts, sweatpants, nightgowns or pajamas, puzzles, books, flashlights, deodorant, hats, scarves, mittens, sewing kits, picture frames, playing cards, small blankets, blocks, stickers, kitchen items for cooking, and baking, stickers, tennis balls, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, washclothes, small cars and trucks, interactive toys (please include extra batteries), hacky sacks, nail clippers, small tools, games, cosmetics, wallets, jewelry, slippers, batteries.

Note: Try to include a "wow" item, a personal care item, a useful item, and a fun item. Other needs: Towels, laundry soap, large t-shirts and sweatshirts, blankets and bedding, hunting clothes, coats and shoes for kids, wrapping paper, craft kits, ornaments, toiletries (please put lotion and shampoo in a zip-loc bag to prevent spills).

Checks should be made out to: Queen of All Saints Church, 90 Railroad St. P.O. Box 563, Beattyville, KY 41311, St. Francis of Assisi Church, 147 Bryan St. Pikeville, KY 41501, Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 742, Campton, KY 41301, or Holy Family Catholic Church, 1439 KY-115 Booneville, KY 41314. **Please be generous to the Lord's poorest of the poor.** Remember, everything must be new. Thank you for your donations and please keep all the families in your prayers. For questions, please contact Louise Gerken.

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Sunday, October 11, 2026

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

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October 6, 2026 †LaVonne Feuling (St. Paul CCW)

October 8, 2026 †Char Lenn (Karen Hodgman)

October 11, 2026 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(From Father Kasel - from page 1)

One day at recreation she asked in almost these words: 'Would you tell me, Sister Thérèse of the Child Jesus, what attracts you so much towards me; every time you look at me, I see you smile?' Ah! What attracted me was Jesus hidden in the depths of her soul." (Chapter 10, Clarke 222-223)

"I see now that true charity consists in[:]

- [1] bearing with the faults of those about us,
- [2] never being surprised at their weaknesses,
- [3] but edified at the least sign of virtue.

I see above all that charity must not remain hidden in the bottom of our hearts: 'nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.' It seems to me that this lamp is the symbol of charity; it must shine out not only to cheer those we love best but all in the house"

Through the intercession Mary, Our Lady of Smiles, St. Joseph, St. Paul, St. Michael and St. Therese, may God bless you, your families and our parishes!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

Silenced No More - Voice for the Voiceless

Come and listen as Melissa Ohden shares her miraculous story of survival of an attempted abortion on Tuesday, October 6, at 6:30pm, at Lourdes High School, 2800 19th St NW, Rochester. Melissa Ohden is CEO and Founder of Abortion Survivor Network. This is a free event and families are welcome to attend. Sponsored by Students for Life and Lourdes High School. All are invited.

The **St. Padre Pio Knights of Columbus Council** 16016 membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, at 7:00pm, at the Church of St. Paul in Zumbrota. God bless you!

Words to Live By:

"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world." *The Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, 1917*

"When you say your Rosary, the Angels rejoice, the Blessed Trinity delights in it, my Son finds joy in it too, and I myself am happier than you can possibly guess. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Rosary."

The Virgin Mary to Blessed Alan de la Roche

"We put great confidence in the Holy Rosary for the healing of evils which afflict our times." *Venerable Pope Pius XII*

"The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy, fearful, and frustrated souls, precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual, and in that order." *Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

"There is no surer means of calling down God's blessing upon the family than the daily recitation of the Rosary." *Venerable Pope Pius XII*

"The Rosary is a school for learning true Christian perfection." *Pope St. John XXIII*

"Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee!" No creature has ever said anything that was more pleasing to me, nor will anyone ever be able to find or say to me anything that pleases me more." *The Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Mechtilde*

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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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