

*August 23, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The month of August is dedicated to devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us ask our good Lord and St. Joseph for the grace to know and understand the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to place our trust in our Blessed Mother's loving intercession!

This coming Thursday, August 27, we celebrate the Memorial of St. Monica (b. 331 – d. August 27, 387). Known as the loving and prayerful mother of the great theologian and Doctor of the Church, St. Augustine (b. 354 d. August 28, 430; Feast: August 28), her example and readiness to pray for us can offer encouragement for families in our own day.

St. Monica is the patron saint of alcoholics, victims of abuse and adultery, widows, and mothers facing family difficulties. She is also a special intercessor for parents and family members who see their children and relatives reject our Catholic Faith or stop practicing our Faith. St. Monica prayed fervently for the conversion of her son, Augustine. He had many great talents, but he did not accept fully accept Jesus and His Catholic Church. St. Monica prayed for him with many tears to our good Lord Jesus. In fact, years earlier, St. Monica had prayed fervently and often to our Lord while she was pregnant with Augustine, asking our Lord that her child would serve Him. St. Monica dedicate Augustine while he was yet in the womb to our Lord and His service in the Church. St. Augustine had a full conversion to our Lord Jesus at the age of 32. His conversion led him to service in the Church, the fruit of which has been a great source of blessings for the Church and her members to this day!

In his autobiography (*The Confessions of St. Augustine*), the great St. Augustine wrote tenderly on the death of his mother. Here is an excerpt from this book:

“The day was now approaching when my mother Monica would depart from this life; You know that day, Lord, though we did not. She and I happened to be standing by ourselves at a window that overlooked the garden in the courtyard of the house. At the time we were in Ostia on the Tiber. And so the two of us, all alone, were enjoying a very pleasant conversation, forgetting the past and pushing on to what is ahead. We were asking one another in the presence of the Truth - for you are the Truth - what it would be like to share the Eternal Life enjoyed by the Saints, which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, which has not even entered into the heart of man. We desired with all our hearts to drink from the streams of Your Heavenly Fountain, the Fountain of Life.

That was the substance of our talk, though not the exact words. But You know, O Lord, that in the course of our conversation that day, the world and its pleasures lost all their attraction for

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

us. My mother said, “Son, as far as I am concerned, nothing in this life now gives me any pleasure. I do not know why I am still here, since I have no further hopes in this world. I did have one reason for wanting to live a little longer: to see you become a Catholic Christian before I died. God has lavished His gifts on me in that respect, for I know that you have even renounced earthly happiness to be His servant. So what am I doing here?” I do not really remember how I answered her. Shortly, within five days or thereabouts, she fell sick with a fever. Then one day during the course of her illness she became unconscious and for a while she was unaware of her surroundings. My brother and I rushed to her side, but she regained consciousness quickly. She looked at us as we stood there and asked in a puzzled voice: “Where was I?”

We were overwhelmed with grief, but she held her gaze steadily upon us, and spoke further: “Here you shall bury your mother.” I remained silent as I held back my tears. However, my brother haltingly expressed his hope that she might not die in a strange country but in her own land, since her end (continued on page 4)

*Join us for a Rosary procession in honor of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, this Sunday, August 23,
after the 10:30am Holy Mass at the
Church of St. Michael.*



The next Holy Hour for Women will be Sunday, August 30, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation sessions will start on **Wednesday, September 2**, at the Church of St. Michael. Please return the registration form at either parish office, in the collection basket, by email, or mail the form.

Below is the schedule:

6:00-6:30pm - Meal

6:35-7:25pm - Children Class/Parent & Adult Session

7:30-7:45pm - Church for Adoration

(At 7:30pm all students, parents and teachers gather in the Church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction).

Registration form and **calendar** were emailed to your family or you can pick up registration form at the entrance of the Church. If you didn't receive one and wish to register your children, or have not previously attended our Faith Formation program but are interested in participating, please contact the Church office by calling 507-356-4280 or email stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net.

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



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.

Prayer to St. Monica

Dear St. Monica,
troubled wife and mother,
many sorrows pierced your heart during
your lifetime.
Yet, you never despaired or lost faith.
With confidence, persistence, and profound faith,
you prayed daily for the conversion
of your beloved husband, Patricius,
and your beloved son, Augustine;
your prayers were answered.
Grant me that same fortitude, patience,
and trust in the Lord.
Intercede for me, dear St. Monica,
that God may favorably hear my plea for
(Mention your intention here.)
and grant me the Grace to accept His Will in
all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.
(St. Monica Feast day: August 27)

World Wide Marriage Encounter – God Chose You for Me

Date: Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9am to 4:30pm **Cost:** \$100

Location: St. Hubert, Chanhassen (8201 Main St., Chanhassen, MN 55317)

A one-day experience where couples rediscover the holiness of their marriage and create a couple prayer that lasts a lifetime. *God Chose You for Me* helps couples unlock the spiritual depth of their sacrament, reflect deeply on their love story, recognize how God is revealed through their marriage. Guiding this journey are a priest, a married couple and a surviving spouse, together, they witness how faith, desire, healing, and prayer shape holy marriages, revealing God's love through each other.

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture

BREAD FOR THE WORLD: How the Eucharist Can Save Civilization

If the Eucharist truly is the "source and summit" of all life, it stands to reason that the Body of Christ must be at the heart of civilization itself. In fact, Western Civilization once thrived thanks to the work of so many Christians seeking to further the Kingdom of God. With society crumbling today, it is high time to return the Body of Christ to the center of our families and our communities.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

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

Instructor: Jared Staudt, Ph.D.

Registration is required.

Visit: <http://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/bread-for-the-world/>

WEEKLY TITHING August 15-16, 2026

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,377.00
Plate:	\$ 358.50
EFT:	\$ 3,735.00
Total:	\$ 5,470.50



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FALL FESTIVAL at the Church of St. Michael
October 2 - 4, 2026



FALL FISH FRY Friday, October 2 at 4pm-7:30pm

Join us for our fabulous St. Michael Fish Fry

Both baked & fried fish will be offered!



Join the Pine Car Derby RACE!

Fall Festival, Sunday, October 4

Food available for free-will offering (delicious Bratz)

Mums will be available for sale!

Coming soon this September. Solid color and tri-color mums will be available.



Baskets/Items for the Fall Festival Silent Auction:



Calling all parishioners! We are looking for silent auction baskets and items for our silent auction fundraiser. We are in need of baskets to be donated for the Silent Auction held during the Festival this Fall. Please make up any type of "basket" that you like or any individual items, including religious items, gift certificates, gift cards, homemade items or purchased items. Please drop off any items at the parish office. *Thank you*

Calling all bookworms!

Join the Catholic Authors Book Study. We rotate between spiritual books, literature and writings of Doctors of the Church. On Tuesday, September 1, we will begin discussing *The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene. 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.

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for August: **Paper Products:** toilet paper, kleenex, paper towels

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 (note: change of time this week only)

9:15am Holy Mass

9:45am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, August 28, 2026

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

Saturday, August 29, 2026

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, August 30, 2026

7:00am Holy Mass (Latin)

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

August 26, 2026 The family of Luke & Jennifer Plenge

August 28, 2026 †Agustin Macansantos (J. Meyer)

August 29, 2026 †Richard Krause (Joan Krause)

August 30, 2026 Maria Maina

August 30, 2026 Parishioners



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Save the date! St. Paul CCW will have their next meeting on **Tuesday, September 15**, with Holy Mass at 6 pm, followed by the meeting. All ladies of the parish are invited.

Mary, our Mother

"Observe how fitting it was that even before her Assumption the name of Mary shone forth wondrously throughout the world. Her fame spread everywhere even before she was raised above the Heavens in her magnificence. Because of the honor due her Son, it was indeed fitting for the Virgin Mother to have first ruled upon earth and then be raised up to Heaven in glory. It was fitting that her fame be spread in this world below, so that she might enter the heights of Heaven on overwhelming blessedness. Just as she was borne from virtue to virtue by the Spirit of the Lord, she was transported from earthly renown to heavenly brightness.

So it was that she began to taste the fruits of her future reign while still in the flesh. At one moment she withdrew to God in ecstasy; at the next she would bend down to her neighbors with indescribable love. In Heaven Angels served her, while here on earth she was venerated by the service of men. Gabriel and the Angels waited upon her in Heaven. The virgin John, rejoicing that the Virgin Mother was entrusted to him at the Cross, cared for her with the other Apostles here below. The Angels rejoiced to see their Queen; the Apostles rejoiced to see their Lady, and both obeyed her with loving devotion.

Dwelling in the loftiest citadel of virtue, like a sea of Divine Grace or an unfathomable source of Love that has everywhere overflowed its banks, she poured forth her bountiful waters on trusting and thirsting souls. Able to preserve both flesh and spirit from death she bestowed health-giving salve on bodies and souls. Has anyone ever come away from her troubled or saddened or ignorant of the heavenly mysteries? Who has not returned to everyday life gladdened and joyful because his request had been granted by the Mother of God?

She is a bride, so gentle and affectionate, and the Mother of the only true Bridegroom. In her abundant goodness she has channeled the spring of reason's garden, the well of living and life-giving waters that pour forth in a rushing stream from divine Lebanon and flow down from Mount Zion until they surround the shores of every far-flung nation. With Divine Assistance she has redirected these waters and made them into streams of Peace and pools of Grace. Therefore, when the Virgin of virgins was led forth by God and her Son, the King of kings, amid the company of exulting Angels and rejoicing Archangels, with the Heavens ringing with praise, the prophecy of the psalmist was fulfilled, in which he said to the Lord: *At Your right hand stands the Queen, clothed in gold of Ophir.*" (From a sermon by St. Amadeus of Lausanne, Bishop)

WEEKLY TITHING August 16, 2026

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 445.00
Plate:	\$ 79.00
EFT:	\$ 940.00
Total:	\$ 1,464.00

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

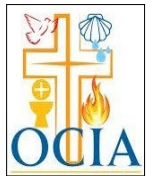
"The most efficacious way to have devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is through the Immaculate Heart of Mary." *St. Margaret Mary*
"Be not afraid; my Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and your safe path to God." *Our Lady of Fatima to the shepherd children*
After showing them a vision of Hell, Our Lady said to the children: "You have seen Hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace." *Our Lady of Fatima to the shepherd children*

Our Lady Establishes the Devotion of the Five First Saturdays:
On December 10, 1925, Our Lady, holding Her Immaculate Heart in Her Hand, appeared to Lucia, and by Her side stood the Child Jesus on a luminous cloud. The Child Jesus said: "Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them."

Then the Blessed Virgin Mary said to Lucia: "Look, my daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console Me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to Me." *On another occasion the Child Jesus reappeared to Lucia and asked that those who practice this devotion, receive Him in Holy Communion when in the State of Grace.* (From ewtn.com)

OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS):

Do any of you or any of your family members, friends or acquaintances who are interested in becoming a Catholic or have questions about the Catholic faith? Please contact Father Kasel at Church of St. Michael 507-356-4280 or Church of St. Paul 507-732-5324 for more information about the Catholic faith and the OCIA process.



The annual **Zumbrota Lions Club Pancake Breakfast** at the Zumbrota VFW (25 E 1st St) is scheduled for Sunday, August 23, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Admission is a free-will donation, with proceeds supporting local community.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 (note: change of time this week only)

9:15am Holy Mass

9:45am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, August 27, 2026 (note: change of time this week only)

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, August 30, 2026

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

August 25, 2026	†Marie Koelsch
August 27, 2026	†Rita Morgan (St. Paul CCW)
August 30, 2026	Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(From Father Kasel - from page 1) would be happier there. When she heard this, her face was filled with anxiety, and she reproached him with a glance because he had entertained such earthly thoughts. Then she looked at me and spoke: "Look what he is saying." Thereupon she said to both of us, "Bury my body wherever you will; let not care of it cause you any concern. One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be." Once our mother had expressed this desire as best she could, she fell silent as the pain of her illness increased."

Sts. Monica and Augustine, pray for us!

Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, Sts. Monica and Augustine and our patrons, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless you, your families and our parishes!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." *Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270*

"For you deal here above all with human life, and human life is sacred; no one may dare make an attempt upon it. Respect for life, even with regard to the great problem of the birth rate, must find here in your Assembly its highest affirmation and its most rational defence. Your task is to ensure that there is enough bread on the tables of mankind, and not to encourage an artificial control of births, which would be irrational, in order to diminish the number of guests at the banquet of life." *St. John Paul II*



Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

(Devotion for the month of August)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of God our Father, You are the most beloved Heavenly treasure: the New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body; preserved from Original Sin and all sin by the Divine Favor of your Holy Spouse, the Holy Spirit, you are the spiritual Mother of the Children of God.

O Most Pure Virgin, Full of Grace, your whole being, body and soul, was raised Heaven, to be elevated above all the Angels within the Kingdom of God. O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, you who continuously intercede on our behalf, please present my need before your loving Son Jesus (make your request here). O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you unfailingly presents my needs to Jesus, for you have never turned away those in who call upon you! Dearest Mother, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine Will of our Heavenly Father, for all glory belongs to Him forever and ever. Amen.

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