# November 23, 2025 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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## From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King and it marks the beginning of the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church. Next Sunday we begin the Season of Advent. I pray that this past year of Grace in the life of our Catholic Church has brought all of us closer in relationship with the merciful Heart of our Lord Jesus! It is truly right and just that we thank and praise Him each day for His exceeding goodness toward us! May we trust Him at all times to lead us on the path of holiness and onward toward Heaven!

Regarding the Solemnity of Christ the King, we can find in Sacred Scripture the doctrinal basis for our celebration of our Lord's kingly authority: "Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a Cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:7-11)

In his encyclical letter, Quas Primas (1925), Pope Pius XI wrote: "Christ Himself speaks of His Own kingly authority: in His last discourse, speaking of the rewards and punishments that will be the eternal lot of the just and the damned; in His reply to the Roman magistrate, who asked Him publicly whether He were a king or not; after His resurrection, when giving to His Apostles the mission of teaching and Baptizing all nations, He took the opportunity to call Himself king, confirming the title publicly, and solemnly proclaimed that all power was given Him in Heaven and on earth. These words can only be taken to indicate the greatness of His power, the infinite extent of His Kingdom. What wonder, then, that He Whom St. John calls the 'Prince of the kings of the earth' appears in the Apostle's vision of the future as He Who 'hath on His garment and on His thigh written 'King of kings and Lord of lords!'.' It is Christ Whom the Father 'hath appointed heir of all things'; 'for He must reign until at the end of the world He hath put all His enemies under the feet of God and the Father.'

"It was surely right, then, in view of the common teaching of the sacred books, that the Catholic Church, which is the Kingdom of Christ on earth, destined to be spread among all men and all nations, should with every token of veneration salute her Author and Founder in her annual liturgy as King and Lord, and as King of Kings. And, in fact, she used these titles, giving expression with wonderful variety of language to one and the same concept, both in ancient psalmody and in the Sacramentaries." (*Quas Primas*, 11-12) The early Church theologian, Origen (cir. 185-254), wrote about our Lord's kingly power in a notebook on prayer. This reading is part

of the Liturgy of the Hours of Church. "The kingdom of God, in the words of our Lord and Savior, does

# Welcome to the Churches of



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

not come for all to see; nor shall they say: Behold, here it is, or behold, there it is; but the kingdom of God is within us, for the word of God is very near, in our mouth and in our heart. Thus it is clear that he who prays for the coming of God's kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it might grow and bear fruit and become perfect. For God reigns in each of His holy ones. Anyone who is holy obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-ordered city. The Father is present in the perfect soul, and with Him Christ reigns, according to the words: We shall come to him and make Our home with him.

"Thus the kingdom of God within us, as we continue to make progress, will reach its highest point when the Apostle's words are fulfilled, and Christ, having subjected all His enemies to Himself, will hand over His kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all. Therefore, let us pray unceasingly with that disposition of soul which the Word may make divine, saying to our Father who is in Heaven: Hallowed be Your Name; Your Kingdom come.

"Note this too about the Kingdom of God. It is not a *sharing of justice with iniquity, nor a society of light with* (continued on page 4)

#### **Holy Masses for Thanksgiving:**

8:30am on Thursday, Nov. 27, at St. Paul, Zumbrota 9:30am on Thursday, Nov. 27, at St. Michael, Pine Island (Latin) Let us thank God for all our blessings!

Collections will be taken at both churches for those in need.

The next <u>Holy Hour for Women</u> will be Sunday, November 30, at 6pm at the Church of St. Michael. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on: *Hope in God - Expect Miracles!* All women are invited!



### CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

#### CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith Formation session will be on <u>Wednesday, December 3,</u> at the Church of St. Michael.

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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, **November 26**, 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!

Cemetery Collection: There will be a second collection November 22 & 23 to provide for the upkeep of the St. Michael Cemetery. Please be generous in remembering our beloved departed in prayer and alms.

**Quilting Bee Cause Display**: Our parish mission quilters have been busy! Before delivering quilts to the needy this fall, there will be an opportunity for parishioners to view the fruits of their labors on the weekend of November 22-23, when the quilts will be displayed in the church hall. Stop down after Holy Mass to take a peek!

**Christmas Flowers**: This year we will again be collecting Christmas Flower offerings for the purchase of poinsettias for the Christmas Season. You will find a Christmas Flower envelope in your packet. The suggested donation is \$13. Please put your envelope in the collection basket by Sunday, December 14. If you miss this deadline, please drop off donation at the Church office the following week.

# †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 St. Michael, Pine Island on Wednesdays from 9am-5pm.

#### **Panthers Holiday Helpers Project:**

Dear Parishioners, Panthers Holiday Helpers Project needs your help! This Christmas project collects gift donations for children in need from Pine Island and Oronoco. You may donate any of the following winter wear: hats, caps, scarves, mittens, snowpants, gloves, and/or face masks. These donations will go to both girls and boys, from birth to 18 years. Please consider making a donation to this worthy project. If you wish to make a monetary donation, someone from the Church of St. Michael will shop for you. Families will be coming to the school to choose the items for their children, so please do NOT wrap them. Please bring donations by December 6 and place in the box in the entryway.

#### **Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture**

Unless a Grain of Wheat: An Advent Evening with St. Barbara Saint Barbara, whose feast we celebrate on December 4th, is one of the early virgin martyrs of the Church whose witness to the faith has fired the imagination of generations of Christians. Join us to hear her story, learn some of the beautiful festival customs traditionally associated with her feast, and draw inspiration for deeper devotion during the Advent season.

#### **Details: Tuesday, December 2**

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM ET, Lecture: 8:00 PM ET Instructor: Rev. Hezekias Carnazzo, Registration is required. Visit: https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/unless-a-grain-of-wheat

### WEEKLY TITHING November 15-16, 2025

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 2,650.00

 Plate:
 \$ 2,209.00

 EFT:
 \$ 3,755.00

 Total:
 \$ 8,614.00

### CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL 52ND HOLIDAY TEA

December 6, 2025 9:00 - 11:30am

"Glory to God in the Highest!"

Baked goods, Crafts, & Raffle items are available. Enjoy our Holiday Tea Table!

<u>Ladies of the Parish</u>: Please sign up to bring baked goods & other food, volunteer to work, and/or give monetary donations.

The sign-up sheet is at the entrance of the Church.



#### All for the Love of God

"Once I was summoned to the judgment [seat] of God. I stood alone before the Lord. Jesus appeared such as we know Him during His Passion. After a moment, His wounds disappeared except for five, those in His hands, His feet and His side. Suddenly I saw the complete

condition of my soul as God sees it. I could clearly see all that is displeasing to God. I did not know that even the smallest transgressions will have to be accounted for. What a moment! Who can describe it? To stand before the Thrice-Holy God! Jesus asked me, Who are you? I answered, "I am Your servant, Lord." You are guilty of one day of fire in Purgatory. I wanted to throw myself immediately into the flames of Purgatory, but Jesus stopped me and said, Which do you prefer, suffer now for one day in Purgatory or for a short while on earth? I replied, "Jesus, I want to suffer in Purgatory, and I want to suffer also the greatest pains on earth, even if it were until the end of the world." Jesus said, One [of the two] is enough; you will go back to earth, and there you will suffer much, but not for long; you will accomplish My Will and My Desires, and a faithful servant of Mine will help you to do this. Now, rest your head on My bosom, on My heart, and draw from it strength and power for these sufferings because you will find neither relief, nor help, nor comfort anywhere else. Know that you will have much, much to suffer, but don't let this frighten you; I am with you." (St. Maria Faustina Kowalska: Diary, 36)

<u>Pine Island Food Shelf</u>: Items requested for November are <u>Side Dishes</u>: (Rice-a-roni, Mac & Cheese, etc...)

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Friday, November 28, 2025

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

Saturday, November 29, 2025

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, November 30, 2025

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

#### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

November 26, 2025 †Robert Hall

November 27, 2025 †Chuck Mattke (Rob & Sue Bestgen)

November 28, 2025 Kim Maria Le & family

November 29, 2025 †Raymond Hoefer (Elizabeth Skellie)

November 30, 2025 Madelyn Berns November 30, 2025 Parishioners



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#### WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world." *St. Aloysius Gonzaga* 

"Christ's Kingdom is not just a figure of speech. Christ is alive, He lives as a man, with the same body He took when He became man, when He rose after His death, the glorified Body which subsists in the Person of the Word together with His Human Heart. Christ, true God and true Man, lives and reigns. He is the Lord of the universe. Everything that lives is kept in existence only through Him." St Josemaria Escrivá

"He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things... What does it cost us to say, 'My God help me! Have mercy on me!' Is there anything easier than this? And this little will suffice to save us if we be diligent in doing it." St. Alphonsus Liguori "The Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with Him and, therefore, has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion, over all things created." St. Cyril of Alexandria "We must make our way towards Eternity, never regarding what men think of us, or of our actions, studying only to please God." St. Francis Borgia

"He who carries God in his heart bears Heaven with him, wherever he goes." St. Ignatius of Loyola

"Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, You know my desires. Possess all that I am - You alone. I am Your sheep; make me worthy to overcome the devil." *St. Agatha* 

"How good and pleasant it is to dwell in the Heart of Jesus! Who is there who does not love a heart so wounded? Who can refuse a return of love to a Heart so loving?" St. Bernard of Clairvaux

"Nowhere other than looking at himself in the mirror of the Cross can man better understand how much he is worth." St. Anthony of Padua

Save the Date! Birthright of Rochester Fundraiser-January 23, 2026! Trivia Night returns! Mark your calendars and gather your smartest (or silliest!) friends for an evening of food, laughter, friendly competition, and support for Birthright of Rochester. Stay tuned for details. You won't want to miss it!



**WEEKLY ROSARY:** You are invited to join in praying the weekly Holy Rosary with Zumbrota Care Center residents on Mondays at 1:30pm. We meet in the South Day Room. If you have any questions, call Barb Boraas at 507 732 5877.

#### **WEEKLY TITHING November 16, 2025**

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 2,825.00

 Plate:
 \$ 170.00

 EFT:
 \$ 940.00

 Total:
 \$ 3,835.00

#### First Annual

# Lasagna Supper

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

# Enjoy the Lasagna, Salad, French bread, and Pie! FREE WILL OFFERING!

Hosted by: The Church of St. Paul Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

ALL ARE INVITED!

<u>Ladies of the Parish</u>: Please sign up to volunteer to work and/or give monetary donations. The sign-up sheet is at the entrance of the Church.

**2025 Holiday Community Collection:** We will again be participating in the Zumbrota Holiday community collection for families in need. Suggested items are gift cards (\$20 increments), paper products, hygiene products, winter gear, and laundry detergent. Reminder notes are available on the board in the vestibule. Return items to the office or the vestibule by **December 5.** 

Thank you for your generosity in sharing God's gifts with those in need. May our gifts show God's love for them this Christmas. Please contact the parish office 507-732-5324 with any questions.



<u>Prayer to the Virgin Mary:</u> 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.

**Catholic Daughters Court St. Mary Peter #1864** will meet on Monday, November 24, at Holy Trinity Church, Goodhue. A light meal will be served at 6:30pm followed by the program *Advent by Candlelight*.

**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.

**Scripture Book Study:** All are invited to a Scripture Book Study using the book "Wisdom From Women In Scripture". We will meet at 6PM at the Church of St. Paul on Wednesdays in November. Contact Mary Kingsbury 952-448-7115 if any questions and to obtain a copy of the book.

Give the gift of an Hour of Adoration for someone. Cards are in the vestibule to send to the recipient.

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#### Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

#### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

November 25, 2025 †Margaret Stiller (Missy Baumberger)

November 27, 2025 †Holy Souls in Purgatory

November 30, 2025 Parishioners



# NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) darkness, nor a meeting of Christ with Belial. The Kingdom of God cannot exist alongside the reign of sin. Therefore, if we wish God to reign in us, in no way should sin reign in our mortal body; rather we should mortify our members which are upon the earth and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with His Christ. In us the Lord will sit at the right hand of that spiritual Power which we wish to receive. And He will sit there until all His enemies who are within us become His footstool, and every principality, power and virtue in us is cast out.

"All this can happen in each one of us, and the last enemy, death, can be destroyed; then Christ will say in us: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? And so what is corruptible in us must be clothed with holiness and incorruptibility; and what is mortal must be clothed, now that death has been conquered, in the Fa-

ther's immortality. Then God will reign in us, and we shall enjoy even now the blessings of rebirth and resurrection."

Through the intercession of Mary, the Queen of Heaven and earth, St. Joseph, St. Michael, and St. Paul, may the loving Heart of Jesus Christ our King reign over all human hearts!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

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Retirement Fund for Religious Collection: December 6-7 Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agen-

cies—often for little or no pay. Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

### **PRO-LIFE QUOTES:**

"The Gospel of Life is not for believers alone: it is for everyone. The issue of life and its defense and promotion is not a concern of the Christian alone. Although faith provides special light and strength, this question arises in every human conscience which seeks the truth and which cares about the future of humanity. Life certainly has a sacred and religious value, but in no way is that value a concern only of believers. The value at stake is one which every human being can grasp by the light of reason; thus it necessarily concerns everyone." (Pope John Paul II)

"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)

"Christ needs you to enlighten the world and to show it the "path to life" (Psalm 16:11). The challenge is to make the Church's "yes" to Life concrete and effective. The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!" (St. John Paul II, Homily on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1993)

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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.

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