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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 Sunday I share with you a meditation on following Jesus in discipleship. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

Following Christ: like the Apostles, we follow Christ forever, like a goal towards which we direct our steps: The first reading of today's Holy Mass (Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-17, 18) tells us about the moment when the Chosen People, having crossed the Jordan, are about to enter the Promised Land. Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Sichem and said to them: *If you be willing to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.* And all the people answered him: *Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord... We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.*

In the Gospel of the Holy Mass (John 6: 61-70) we also find Jesus posing the same question to His disciples. After the announcement of the Eucharist in the synagogue at Capharnaum many of His disciples abandoned their Master because they found His teaching about the mystery of the Eucharist difficult to accept. Jesus is left with only His closest followers, and He wants them to reaffirm their loyalty and their unconditional confidence in Him. So our Lord turns to those men who have followed Him thus far and asks them: *Will you also go away?* And Peter answers in the name of all: *Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of Eternal Life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.* The Apostles say Yes once more to Christ. What would become of them without Jesus? Where would they go? Who would satisfy the longings of their hearts? Life without Christ, then as now, is life without meaning.

We too have said Yes to Jesus, for always. We have embraced Truth, Life, Love. We have directed that freedom which God has given us towards its only valid objective. The day on which Our Lord looked upon us in a special way we told Him that He would be the goal towards which we would direct our steps; and we have since told Him on many other occasions: *Lord, to whom shall we go?* Without You nothing has any meaning.

Today is a good opportunity to examine the sincerity of our self-surrender to Our Lord, to see if we joyfully put aside anything that prevents us from following Jesus. *Ask yourself now - I too am examining my conscience - whether you are holding firmly and*

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 8:25am, 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

unshakeably to your choice of Life? When you hear the most lovable voice of God urging you on to holiness, do you freely answer 'Yes' (St. Jose Escriva, Friends of God, 24) To say Yes to Our Lord in all circumstances means also saying no to other paths, to other possibilities. He is our Friend; only He has the words of Eternal Life.

The signpost on the road. Our freedom in following them:

Like those disciples who reaffirmed their full adherence to Christ at Capharnaum, at all times and in all places there are many men and women who, having walked perhaps for a long time in darkness, eventually find Jesus and see the path that leads to Heaven open and marked out before them. So it has happened in our lives too. At last we discover that our freedom was given us not just to go from one place to another without a fixed reference point, but rather to make for a goal: Christ! Then we began to understand the surprisingly joyful character of the freedom that chooses Jesus and draws us closer to Him, and rejects what separates us, because by itself freedom is insufficient: it needs a guide, a pole-star. (St. Jose Escriva, Friends of God, 26) The North Pole of our freedom, which points out at every moment the direction we should take, is Our Lord, because to whom shall we go if not to Him? What would we do with these few short days of life that God has given us? What is there that is worth the straw without Him?

For many people, unfortunately, freedom means following one's impulses or instincts, allowing oneself to be carried along by one's passion or by whatever one feels like doing at the (cont. on page 3)

The next Holy Hour for Women will be **Sunday, August 29**, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All women invited!

SEPTEMBER 17, 18, & 19, 2021

Church of St. Michael FALL FESTIVAL

Baskets/Items for the Fall Festival Silent Auction



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 this week.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ruth Mayer, the mother of parishioner, Cindy Hemann, (husband, Glen) who passed away August 7, 2021. *'Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.'*



Surrender to Jesus

"As our last end, our center, and Supreme Good, God alone is capable of giving us true peace, perfect rest, and of filling and satiating the immense capacity of our soul. When our soul renounces everything earthly to give itself entirely to its Creator, He fills it with ineffable repose, with a peace surpassing all understanding and the reward of infinite blessings.

As a prototype He gives us the model and example of admirable perfection and sanctity, saying: *Be holy because I am holy* (Lv 11:44). *Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect* (Mt 5:48). *Be merciful as your Father is merciful* (Lk 6:36). *Be imitators of God, beloved children* (Eph 5:1). Furthermore, He imprints His Divine Image upon souls who give themselves entirely to Him. O my God, I surrender myself to You; engrave in my soul a perfect image of Your sanctity and Your Divine Perfections.

As king, ruler, and protector, God rules us by the holiest laws, and He is ceaselessly vigilant in governing and protecting us. As judge, He continually exercises His justice and His judgment in the world, giving to everyone according to his works, punishing some and rewarding others. Let us adore and bless God in all the effects He has produced and will produce in creatures by His claims upon man. Let us thank Him for the blessings He has produced in us or would have produced if we had not prevented Him. Let us ask pardon for our resistance. Let us give ourselves to Him that He may exercise all His Divine Powers over us as He pleases and make them as fruitful in us as He desires." St. John Eudes (*St. John* (+1680) *founded the Society of Jesus and Mary (Eudists) and promoted devotion the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

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Plan to join us this fall to help shape the future of our local Church through the ongoing Archdiocesan Synod process. Archbishop Hebda needs your input in how to best form:



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- Join a small group meetings for discussion and give feedbacks on priorities within each Synod focus area starting Sunday, September 26 at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. For questions, please contact any member of the Synod core group of St. Michael: Rob & Susan Bestgen, Brian & Katie Brost, Ted & Sarah Bauer, Ron & Paula Breid, Carol Berns, Barb Keehn, Lynn Kemmetmueller, Josefin Meyer, and Fr. Kasel.

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for August: Paper products (Toilet tissue, Kleenex, Paper towels)

WEEKLY TITHING for August 14-15, 2021

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,854.00
Plate:	\$ 689.50
EFT:	\$ 2,597.50
Total:	\$ 6,141.00
Kitui Mission Collection:	\$ 256.00

Mothers and Daughters are invited to join the Little Flowers Girls Club! Little Flowers is a national Catholic girls organization where girls ages 5-13 are taught how to live virtuous lives by emulating the lives of saints. We meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Church of St. Michael in Pine Island. Girls have lessons, do crafts or learn hospitality skills, and have social time.

If you think Little Flowers might be a fit for your daughter or for more information, please email authenticcatholicgirls@gmail.com or contact Ally Drees.

Little Flowers - Growing Holier One Virtue at a Time



WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"Mary has the authority over the angels and the blessed in Heaven. As a reward for her great humility, God gave her the power and mission of assigning to saints the thrones made vacant by the apostate angels who fell away through pride. Such is the Will of the almighty God who exalts the humble, that the powers of Heaven, earth and hell, willingly or unwillingly, must obey the commands of the humble Virgin Mary. For God has made her Queen of Heaven and earth, leader of His armies, keeper of His treasure, dispenser of His graces, mediatrix on behalf of men, destroyer of His enemies and faithful associate in His great works and triumphs." St. Louis Marie de Montfort "She (Mary) has surpassed the riches of the virgins, the confessors, the martyrs, the apostles, the prophets, the patriarchs and the angels; for she herself is the first-fruit of the virgins, the mirror of confessors, the rose of martyrs, the ruler of apostles, the oracle of prophets, the daughter of patriarchs, the Queen of angels." St. Bonaventure "To serve the Queen of Heaven is already to reign there and to live under her commands, is more than to govern." St. John Marie Vianney "Prayer is powerful beyond limits when we turn to the Immaculate who is Queen even of God's Heart." St. Maximilian Kolbe "No one has access to the Almighty as His Mother has - none has merit such as hers. Her Son will deny her nothing that she asks and herein lies her power. While she defends the Church, neither height nor depth, neither men nor evil spirits, neither great monarchs, nor craft of man, nor popular violence, can avail to harm us - for human life is short, but Mary reigns above, a Queen forever." St. John Henry Newman

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

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

Friday, August 27, 2021

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

Saturday, August 28, 2021

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

Sunday, August 29, 2021

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass
10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

August 25, 2021	Rita Kaiya
August 27, 2021	David Deen
August 28, 2021	†Agustin Macansantos (T. & J. Meyer)
August 29, 2021	(EF)Virgil Kearney (Pichotta Family)
August 29, 2021	Parishioners



CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

(from page 1) time. Many people think like this, and they forgot that freedom is certainly an inalienable and basic human right, but for all that it is not characterized by the possibility of being able to choose evil, but for 'the possibility of being able to choose the good in a responsible fashion', recognizing it and desiring it as such. (St. John Paul II, *Address*, 6 June 1988) A person who has a mistaken and impoverished notion of freedom will reject the idea that there is a valid and obligatory goal for all mankind to follow, because it will appear to him as something opposed to freedom. (C. Burke, *Conscience and Freedom*)

If we have chosen Christ, if He is truly the object of our striving and of all our actions, over and above any other, then everything that teaches us how to journey towards Him, or that highlights the obstacles that separate us from Him, we will see as an enormous benefit, as a sure guide for which we are deeply grateful. A traveler in an unknown land takes care to read a map, asks people who know the way and follows the signposts, and does so willingly because he wants to get to his destination. In no way does he consider that his freedom is being restricted, or does he consider it a humiliation to have to depend on maps, signposts or guides to get where his is going. If he is unsure, or begins to feel lost, the signposts he meets are for him an occasion of reassurance and relief. In fact, very often we rely more on maps or signposts than on our own sense of direction, of whose untrustworthiness we have plenty of experience. When we follow the signposts we don't have any sense of being imposed upon; rather do we welcome them as a great help, a fresh piece of information which we immediately proceed to make our own. This happens with the Commandments of God, with the laws and the teaching of the Church, and with the advice we receive in spiritual direction or which we look for in difficult situations. They are like signposts which in various ways guarantee our freedom, the free choice which we made to follow Christ and not explore other paths which lead to places where we don't want to go. *The Church's Authority, in its teaching on Faith or morals, is a 'service'. It is like the signposts on the road leading to Heaven. It ought to be trusted because it enjoys a Divine Authority. It is not imposed on anyone. It is simply offered to mankind. And each one can, if he or she wishes, make it his own.* (C. Burke, *Conscience and Freedom*)

We shouldn't be surprised if sometimes these Divine Signposts invite us to abandon paths or roadways that appear more attractive, and lead us instead along others that are steeper and narrower and harder. Although we may be asked to give up a comfortable existence, we will always have joy, even when we feel that the going is heavy, that our life has the achievement of a difficult goal ahead of it, which we opted for perhaps a goodly number of years ago, or maybe only a few days back. Let us head for the summit, where Christ is waiting for us.

True freedom. Renewing our self-surrender to Our Lord: The signposts Our Lords gives us have to be trusted. They are not restrictions imposed on mankind, they are not onerous burdens. They are radiant sources of light which illuminate the road, enabling us to see and to travel more easily. The person who tries to respond sincerely to the Grace of God will discover true freedom by following Jesus. On hearing His voice one sees, at last, one's way: *the Commandments then are not seen as an imposition from outside, but as a requirement that is born within, and to which, therefore, the Christian submits willingly, 'freely', because he knows that in this way he fulfils himself more fully.* (St. John Paul II, *Address*, 6 June 1988) And we take the free decision through which we seek after good in our work, in honest recreation, in family life, in friendship, in all noble things - a decision that is often renewed, through which we adhere to Christ and thus achieve that fullness of being to which we have been called. St. John Paul II tells us that *man cannot be genuinely free or foster true freedom unless he recognizes and lives the* (cont. on page 4)

WEEKLY TITHING for August 15, 2021

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 520.00
Plate:	\$ 544.00
EFT:	\$ 1,750.00
Total:	\$ 2,814.00

Fellowship Sunday will be held this Sunday, August 22, after the Holy Mass, sponsored by the Church of St. Paul Coffee Group. Baked goods from the new Goodhue bakery will be served. All are invited!

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Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotion for the month of August

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father, You are the most valued

Heavenly treasure. New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body. Created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, you are the spiritual Mother of mankind. Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, to be elevated above all the hosts 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 are now presenting my need before Jesus, for you have never turned away those in dire need. Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine Will of the Lord, for all glories are His forever and ever.

Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!



HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

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

Thursday, August 26, 2021

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

Sunday, August 29, 2021

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions
8:45am Holy Mass - On 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month
versus populum; 2nd & 4th ad Orientem

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

August 24, 2021 †Barbara Gilgenbach
August 26, 2021 †Jack Reich & Vander (Karen Hodgman)
August 29, 2021 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 3) *transcendence of his being over the world and his relationship with God; for freedom is always the freedom of man made in the image of his Creator... Christ, the Redeemer of man, makes us free. The Apostle John records the words: 'If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36). And the Apostle Paul adds: 'Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom' (2 Cor 3:17). To be free from injustice, fear, constraint and suffering would be useless if we were to remain slaves in the depths of our hearts, slaves of sin. To be truly free, man must be liberated from this slavery and transformed into a new creature. The radical freedom of man thus lies at the deepest level, the level of openness to God by conversion of heart, for it is in man's heart that the roots of every form of subjection, every violation of freedom, are found.* (St. John Paul II, *Message for World Peace Day*, 8 December 1980, 11) Each day we follow Christ we experience more strongly the joy of our choice and the broadening out of our freedom, at the same time as we see around us the slavery of those who at some stage turned their back on God or who didn't want to know Him. *Slavery or Divine Sonship, this is the 'dilemma' we face. We can choose to be children of God or slaves to pride, to sensuality, to the fretful (of) selfishness which seems to afflict so many souls. Love of God marks out the way of truth, justice and goodness. When we make up our minds to tell Our Lord, 'I put my freedom in your hands,' we find ourselves loosed from the many chains that were binding us to insignificant things, ridiculous cares or petty ambitions.* (St. Jose Escriva, *Friends of God*, 38) When we choose Christ as the purpose of our life we have gained everything. *Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of Eternal Life.* Let us reaffirm today our following of Christ, with a lot of love,

trusting in His merciful help; and with complete freedom we can tell Him: *I put my freedom in Your hands. Let us also imitate her who said: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be in me according to your word.*" (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, the Queen of Heaven and earth, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God grant us the grace of being generous and faithful disciples!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

†ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT†

Can you spend an hour with Jesus?





Adoration is held at St. Paul, Zumbrota on Tuesdays
9am-5pm and St. Michael, Pine Island
on Wednesdays from 9am-5pm.



PRO LIFE QUOTE

"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

"The Catholic community must offer support to those women who may find it difficult to accept a child, above all when they are isolated from their family and friends. Likewise, the community should be open to welcome back all who repent of having participated in the grave sin of abortion, and should guide them with pastoral charity to accept the grace of forgiveness, the need for penance, and the joy of entering once more into the new life of Christ." -- Pope Benedict XVI

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