### April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

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### From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I want to thank all those who helped with and attended the Divine Mercy celebration held at the Church of St. Michael last Sunday, April 7. Our Lord opened the gates of Heaven on that day in a special way! Let us all continue to grow in thanksgiving and confidence in Our Lord's Divine Mercy!

Also, I am praying for all of you during my pilgrimage. I am grateful for any remembrance in prayer that you may offer to our good Lord!

This week I share with you what our Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches about the Dogma of Resurrection of the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ:

"We bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this day He has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus.' (Acts 13:32-33) The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning Truth of our Faith in Christ, a Faith believed and lived as the central Truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the Cross: 'Christ is risen from the dead! Dying, He conquered death; To the dead, He has given Life.' (Byzantine Liturgy, Troparion of Easter)

The mystery of Christ's Resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness. In about A.D. 56 St. Paul could already write to the Corinthians: 'I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve...' (I Cor 15:3-4) The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus. (Acts 9:3-18)

'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.' (Luke 24:5-6) The first element we encounter in the framework of the Easter events is the empty tomb. In itself it is not a direct proof of Resurrection; the absence of Christ's body from the tomb could be explained otherwise. (Cf. John 20:13; Matthew 28:11-15) Nonetheless the empty tomb was still an essential sign for all. Its discovery by the disciples was the first step toward recognizing the very fact of the Resurrection. This was the case, first with the holy women, and then with Peter. (Cf. Luke 24:3, 12, 22-23) The disciple 'whom Jesus loved' affirmed that when he entered the empty tomb and discovered 'the linen cloths lying there', 'he saw and believed'. (John 20:2, 6, 8) This suggests that he realized from the empty tomb's condition that the absence of Jesus' body could not have been of human doing and that Jesus had not simply returned to earthly life as had been

# 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 at10:30am

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

the case with Lazarus. (Cf. John 11:44; 20:5-7)

Mary Magdalene and the holy women who came to finish anointing the body of Jesus, which had been buried in haste because the Sabbath began on the evening of Good Friday, were the first to encounter the Risen One. (Mark 16:1; Luke 24:1; John 19:31, 42) Thus the women were the first messengers of Christ's Resurrection for the apostles themselves. (Cf. Luke 24:9-10; Matthew 28:9 -10; John 20:11-18) They were the next to whom Jesus appears: first Peter, then the Twelve. Peter had been called to strengthen the Faith of his brothers, (Cf. I Corinthians 15:5; Luke 22:31-32) and so sees the Risen One before them; it is on the basis of his testimony that the community exclaims: 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' (Luke 24:34, 36) Everything that happened during those Paschal days involves each of the apostles - and Peter in particular - in the building of the new era begun on Easter morning. As witnesses of the Risen One, they remain the foundation stones of His Church. The faith of the first community of believers is based on the witness of concrete men known to the Christians and for the most part still living among them. Peter and the Twelve are the primary 'witnesses to His Resurrection', but they are not the (continued on page 3)

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The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be Sunday, April 28, at 6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael. All women are invited!

### CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

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**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION** Confirmation/Youth Group Retreat! All confirmation candidates and youth, grades 7-12, are invited to a retreat on Wednesday, April 24, from 6:30-9:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. The evening will begin with a meal and include spiritual talks, adoration, and confession. Confirmation I and II students are required to attend (anyone with an unavoidable conflict-please contact the parish office as soon as possible). Please RSVP to our parish offices.

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#### **Garden Plots Available!**

Need a space to plant a garden? Sign-up for a garden plot at St. Michael's! Plots are 10'x20' in size and free to parishioners on a first come, first served basis. For more information or to claim a spot, talk with Father Kasel or Andy Drees or call or text Andy at (952) 465-9841 or email at dreez28@gmail.com.

Quilting Bee Cause will meet on Tuesday, April 16, at 9 a.m., in the church hall. Everyone welcome.

### **PRO-LIFE QUOTES**



"Formal co-operation in an abortion constitutes a grave offence. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life. 'A person who procures a completed abortion incurs excommunication 'latae sentientae' Code of Canon Law, 1398) 'by the very commission of the offence', (Canon Law 1314) and subject to the conditions provided by Canon Law. (Canon Law 1323-1324) The Church does not thereby intend to restrict the scope of mercy. Rather, she makes clear the gravity of the crime committed, the irreparable harm done to the innocent who is put to death, as well as to the parents and the whole of society." From the Catechism of the Catholic Church -2272 "If the bringing of children into the world is today an economic burden, it is because the social system is inadequate; and not because God's law is wrong. Therefore the State should remove the causes of that burden. The human must not be limited and controlled to fit the economic, but the economic must be expanded to fit the human." Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Once that living love is destroyed by contraception, abortion follows easily... And abortion, which often follows from contraception, brings a people to be spiritually poor, and that is the worst poverty and the most difficult to overcome. St. Teresa of Calcutta

#### Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series: The Church as Eucharist

St. Paul's Theology of the Mystical Body of Christ

Delve into St. Paul's Eucharistic theology with Fr. David Anderson. Discover the transformative power of the Eucharist and how it is constitutive of the Church's being and activity. Details: Monday, April 29, 2024

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM ET, Lecture: 8:00 PM ET Instructor: Rev. David Anderson Registration is required. Visit: https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/the-church-as-eucharist

#### **Forgiveness Prayer**

In the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, I willingly forgive anyone who has hurt or harmed me (including N., N., N., etc.). I forgive them with my whole heart and I ask God to bless them. (3 times) I choose to let go of the lack of love I experienced in the actions of (N., N., N., etc.). In the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, I ask that my heart be filled with the Light and Love of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for April: Personal hygiene -toothpaste, soap, lotion, female hygiene products

#### WEEKLY TITHING: April 6-7, 2024

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Sunday Envelopes:	\$	2,578.54
Plate:	\$	1.282.00
EFT:	\$	2,695.00
Total:	\$	6,555.54
Haly Thursday Callestian	. ¢	80.00

Holy Thursday Collection: \$ 80.00 Good Friday Collection: \$ 1,296.25

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.



WORDS TO LIVE BY:

2 "The rediscovery of the Lord's Day is a grace which  $\delta$ we must implore, not only so that we may live the demands of Faith to the full, but also so that we may respond concretely to the deepest human yearnings. Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human." St. John Paul II

"But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Savior on the same day rose from the dead." St. Justin Martyr

"Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?" St. Gerard Majella "Never despair of God's Mercy." St. Benedict "Jesus Christ loves a soul that is in a State of Grace with an

immense Love; He ardently desires to unite Himself with it. This is what Holy Communion does." St. Alphonsus Liguori

A Catholic family favorite on stage at Open Window Theatre, April 26 - May 26. The Lilies of the Field, a literary and cinematic classic, tells the story of an itinerant African American worker (circa 1950's) who encounters a small group of East German nuns in a parched valley of the American Southwest. What results is an inspiring and heartwarming story of faith, perseverance, improbable miracles, and unlikely friendships. Tickets & more info are available at openwindowtheatre.org or over the phone: 612-615-1515.

### HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday, April 19, 2024 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass Saturday, April 20, 2024 4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions 5:00pm Holy Mass Sunday, April 21, 2024 7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass 10:30am Holy Mass

#### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

April 17, 2024 Dean Ferber

†La Verne Zabel (Sue Moffit & Molly Garvey) April 19, 2024 April 20, 2024 †Michael Rolfson (Les & Barb Rolfson) April 21, 2024 *†*Gerry Arnold (Catherine Arnold) April 21, 2024 Parishioners

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(*From Father Kasel*... from page 1) only ones - Paul speaks clearly of more than five hundred persons to whom Jesus appeared on a single occasion and also of James and of all the Apostles. (I Corinthians 15:4-8; Cf. Acts 1:22)

Given all these testimonies, Christ's Resurrection cannot be interpreted as something outside the physical order, and it is impossible not to acknowledge it as an historical fact. It is clear from the facts that the disciples' Faith was drastically put to the test by their master's Passion and death on the cross, which He had foretold. (Cf. Luke 22:31-32) The shock provoked by the Passion was so great that at least some of the disciples did not at once believe in the news of the Resurrection. Far from showing us a community seized by a mystical exaltation, the Gospels present us with disciples demoralized ('looking sad' see: Luke 24:17; Cf. John 20:19) and frightened. For they had not believed the holy women returning from the tomb and had regarded their words as an 'idle tale'. (Luke 24:11; Cf. Mark 16:11, 13) When Jesus reveals Himself to the Eleven on Easter evening, 'he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw Him after He had risen.' (Mark 16:14)

Even when faced with the reality of the risen Jesus the disciples are still doubtful, so impossible did the thing seem: they thought they were seeing a ghost. 'In their joy they were still disbelieving and still wondering.' (Luke 24:38-41) Thomas will also experience the test of doubt and St. Matthew relates that during the risen Lord's last appearance in Galilee 'some doubted.' (Cf. John 20:24-27; Matthew 28:17) Therefore the hypothesis that the Resurrection was produced by the Apostles' Faith (or credulity) will not hold up. On the contrary their Faith in the Resurrection was born, under the action of Divine Grace, from their direct experience of the reality of the risen Jesus." (CCC 638-644) Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may our Merciful and Risen Lord Jesus bless you, your families and our parishes! In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

### **Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

V. Do you reject Satan? R. I do.

V. And all his works? R. I do.

V. And all his empty promises? R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator

of Heaven and earth? R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther? R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May He also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. R. Amen.

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Sunday Envelopes:	\$	2,09	90.00
Plate:	\$	2	03.00
EFT:	\$	1,5	15.00
Total:	\$	3,80	)8.00
Holy Thursday Collection	on:	\$	194.00
Good Friday Collection:		\$	30.00

Good Friday Collection:\$ 30.00Easter Donations (additional):\$ 350.00

### All Ladies of the Parish are invited to attend! Church of St. Paul CCW Madonna Dinner on

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024** 5:00pm Brief CCW meeting 5:30pm Holy Mass with Fr. Kasel 6:00pm Lasagna Dinner 6:45pm Be inspired, educated and connect **Speaker:** *Karen Hodgman: Pilgrimage Experience* 7:15pm Dessert Please **RSVP** to the Parish Office for the meal by April 29 by calling 732-5324 or emailing <u>stpauls@hcinet.net</u>.



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**Prayer for Priests** by St. Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep Your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their line, daily purpled with Y

Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the Priesthood. Let Your holy Love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen



### AN INVITATION FROM JESUS

Do you have no regular commitments during weekday mornings? Are you interested in growing in love with the One who loves you most - Jesus? Consider coming to Holy Mass on weekdays! Holy Mass, Confession and the Holy Rosary are

offered Tuesday through Friday at our parishes. Come to sanctify your weekdays with Jesus - He is waiting for you!

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

### HOLY MASS TIMES

### Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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

Thursday, April 18, 2024

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

#### Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions 8:45am Holy Mass

### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

April 16, 2024Hans Kober Edlert & familyApril 18, 2024†Bill Pass (Terri Pass)April 21, 2024Parishioners



## NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

Knight of Columbus Tootsie Roll weekend: April 27 & 28! If you see a Knight of Columbus with Tootsie Rolls, please help us assist the mentally handicapped. Thank You!

### Small Groups are now meeting in our Parishes!

Encounter Jesus anew. Expand our parish community, and meet new people through small groups! Check out options online and sign up at: https://archspm.groupvitals.com/groupFinder

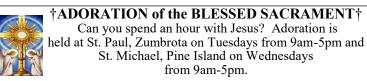
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6:00pm – Confessions 6:35pm – Rosary

7:00pm – Presentation

Father Gunter will also speak at all the Holy Masses on April 13-14.

### National Eucharistic Pilgrimage: Marian Route

Coming to our parishes this spring! Starting on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, four processions starting at different locations around the **Revival** 



country will begin, concluding at the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis on July 16. The route coming through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis from May 24-31 is the Marian Route. The perpetual pilgrims will arrive by vehicle to the Church of St. Paul from the previous stop (St. Mary in New Trier) at approximately 9:30am on Friday, May 31, and plan to begin making their way by foot to the Church of St. Michael at 10:15 am. The pilgrimage is expected to arrive at the Church of St. Michael at approximately 3:30pm and continue on at 4:15pm by vehicle to the next stop in Rochester. More information on the events at each location and how you can join in this historic procession between our parishes will be coming soon. Check out the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage website at: https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org

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