# January 16, 2022 Second 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 January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus: let us reverently pray His Holy Name and make reparation to our good Lord for the many times that His name is spoken with irreverence! This weekend I share with you a reflection on the first public miracle of Jesus. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

# "The First Miracle of Jesus - The miracle at Cana. Our Lady is called *Virgin Most Powerful*:

A wedding takes place in Cana. This town is only a short distance from Nazareth, where the Virgin Mary lives. As a friend or relation, she is present at this modest celebration and Jesus has been invited as well, with His first disciples.

It was customary for the women who knew the family to help in the preparation of all that was needed. The wedding feast began and, either through lack of foresight or because there turned out to be an unexpectedly large number of guests, the wine ran out. Our Lady, who is helping, realizes that the wine is running short. Jesus is there, her Son and her God; the Messiah has just begun His public preaching and ministry. She, better than anyone else, knows this. The Gospel of today's Holy Mass presents to us this simple and loving dialogue which takes place between the Mother and the Son. (cf. John 2:2-12) *The Mother of Jesus said to Him, 'They have no wine'*. Without asking for anything, she points to a need. *They have no wine*. She teaches us to pray.

Jesus answered her: 'O woman, what have you to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.' It looks as if Jesus is going to refuse Mary what she asks: 'My hour has not yet come,' He says to her. But Mary, who knows the heart of her Son very well, behaves as though He had acceded to her petition immediately: 'Do whatever He tells you, she says to the servants.

Mary is a Mother who is more attentive to all our needs than any mother on earth ever has been or ever will be. The miracle takes place because Our Lady has interceded; it happens only because of her petition.

Why do Mary's prayers have such efficacy before God? The prayers of saints are the prayers of servants, whereas those of Mary are the prayers of a Mother, whence they receive their efficacy and authoritative character. As Jesus' love for His mother is limitless she cannot ask for anything without being heard... Nobody asked the Blessed Virgin to intercede with her Son on the distressed couple's behalf. Above all, Mary's heart, which never fails to have pity on the unfortunate... impelled her to take upon herself the task of intercessor and beg her Son for the miracle, even though nobody had asked her to... If Our Lady acted thus without being asked, how would it have been if they 'had' asked? (St. Alphonsus Liguori, Abbreviated Sermons, 48: On Trust in the Mother of God) What will we not receive if we persist in turning to her time and again?

Virgin Most Powerful - This is the name Christian piety has given to our Mother Mary, because her Son is God and cannot refuse her any-

# 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

thing. (cf. St. John Paul II, *Homily*, Pompeii, 21 October 1979, 4-6) She is always aware of our spiritual and material needs; she desires, even more than we do, that we should not cease imploring her intervention before God on our behalf. There we are, so needy and yet so slow to ask! We show so little trust, so little patience when what we ask for seems a long time in coming!

Ought we not to turn more frequently to Our Lady? Should we not put more trust into our petitions, knowing that she will always obtain for us all that we need most? If she obtained from her Son wine that was not absolutely necessary, will she not find a solution for all those urgent needs that we have? I want, Lord, to abandon the care of all my affairs into Your generous hands. Our Mother, Your Mother - will have let You hear those words, now as in Cana: 'They have none!' I believe in You. I hope in You. (continued on page 3)

#### March For Life on January 22 - Knights of Columbus

St. Padre Pio Council invites all parishioners to participate in the March for Life on January 22, 2022 at the State Capitol Building in Saint Paul. Please join us in praying to end abortion!

Itinerary: Holy Mass will begin at 8:30am at St Michael. We will then caravan to the Cathedral, led by Father Kasel. We will leave Saint Michael at approximately 9:10am. The prayer service at the Cathedral begins at 10:30am. If you become separated from the caravan, please meet at the Cathedral steps after the prayer service has ended (approximately 11am). When the prayer service is over, we will march from the Cathedral to the State Capitol building. We will march around the capitol until 12:30pm. At this time, Minnesota Citizens Concerned For Life will provide a brief program with speakers at the Capitol steps.

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, PI. All women invited!

## CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

#### CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith Formation class/session will be on Wednesday, February 2, at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island.

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.

#### Chili Cook Off

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a chili cook off on Sunday, February 6, for hospitality. Any parishioner is welcome to enter a chili for the competition (One crockpot). A prize will be awarded to the best chili!

# Congratulations to:

Adam & Jessica Van Muyden on the baptism of their son, John Fulton Van Muyden, on January 8, 2022 at the Church of St. Michael.



Joshua L Anna Taubel on the baptism of their daughter, Philomena Clare Taubel, on January 9, 2022 at the Church of St. Michael.

#### The Necessity of Penance

"Doing penance for one's sins is a first step towards obtaining forgiveness and winning eternal salvation. That is the clear and explicit teaching of Christ, and no one can fail to see how justified and how right the Catholic Church has always been in constantly insisting on this. She is the spokesman for her Divine Redeemer. No individual Christian can grow in perfection, nor can Christianity gain in vigor, except it be on the basis of penance...

Our first need is for internal repentance; the detestation, that is, of sin, and the determination to make amends for it. This is the repentance shown by those who make a good confession, take part in the Eucharistic Sacrifice and receive Holy Communion. But the faithful must also be encouraged to do outward acts of penance, both to keep their bodies under the strict control of reason and Faith, and to make amends for their own and other people's sins. Saint Paul was caught up to the third heaven - he reached the summit of holiness - and yet he had no hesitation in saying of himself, I chastise my body and bring it into subjection. On another occasion he said: They who belong to Christ have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. Saint Augustine issued the same insistent warning: "It is not enough for a man to change his ways for the better and to give up the practice of evil unless by painful penance, sorrowing humility, the sacrifice of a contrite heart, and the giving of alms he makes amends to God for all that he has done wrong.'

External penance includes particularly the acceptance from God in a spirit of resignation and trust of all life's sorrows and hardships, and of everything that involves inconvenience and annoyance in the conscientious performance of the obligations of our daily life and work and the practice of Christian Virtue. Penance of this kind is in fact inescapable. Yet it serves not only to win God's mercy and forgiveness for our sins, and His heavenly aid, but also sweetens the bitterness of this mortal life of ours with the promise of its heavenly reward. For the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that will be revealed in us." St. Pope John XXIII (Saint John XXIII († 1963) reigned as pope from 1958 until 1963. From Paenitentiam Agere, Encyclical of Pope John XXIII on the need for the practice of interior and exterior penance, July 1962.)

<u>Pine Island Food Shelf:</u> items requested for January: Tuna, Hamburger, or Chicken Helpers; Boxed Mac & Cheese

## **WEEKLY TITHING for January 8-9, 2022**

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 2,325.00

 Plate:
 \$ 667.31

 EFT:
 \$ 647.50

 Total:
 \$ 3,639.81

**Exodus 90:** All men are invited to join in the Exodus 90 spiritual and mortification exercises beginning January 17, 2022. The program includes daily spiritual readings, mortifications, a weekly meeting and more opportunities to grow in our Catholic Faith. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the entry of the church. God bless you!

**Esther 90:** Ladies, are you looking to spiritually deepen your relationship with our Lord and His Mother Mary? You are welcome to join our Esther90 group starting the week of January 17 and going through Easter. This is a Lenten Prep and personal spiritual retreat. Please join us as we study the books of Esther and Ruth, have spiritually deepening exercises, daily challenges, and work on acts of charity. Let's see what God did with ordinary women, and what He can do for you! For more information contact: Ally Drees <a href="mailto:allydrees@gmail.com">allydrees@gmail.com</a>

### PRO LIFE QUOTE:

To be actively pro-life is to contribute to the renewal of society through the promotion of the common good. It's impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop. St. John Paul II

"Not even one abortion per week is acceptable. Not one per month. Not one per year. Not one in our lifetime...The dignity of the human person begins at the moment of conception, not at birth. The dignity, as recognized by the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is bestowed by the Creator, and no one has the right to destroy innocent unborn life." *Archbishop Samuel Aquila* 



Silent Retreat: A silent retreat for women, based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, will be preached by priests from the Miles Christi Religious Order on the weekend of March 11-13, 2022, at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. For more information and to register, please visit <a href="https://www.mileschristi.org/event/prior-lake-mn-2/">https://www.mileschristi.org/event/prior-lake-mn-2/</a>, email <a href="mailto:Minnesota@spiritualexercis-es.net">Minnesota@spiritualexercis-es.net</a> or call 248-596-9677.

#### **HOLY MASS TIMES**

#### Wednesday, January 19, 2022

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

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

Friday, January 21, 2022

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

#### Saturday, January 22, 2022

8:30am Holy Mass

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

#### Sunday, January 23, 2022

7:00am (Latin) Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

#### **HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

January 19, 2022 Jose Ocariz & Veegee Elser (Ocariz family)

January 21, 2022 †Mary Elaine Coyne (James & Connie Swanson)

January 22, 2022 End of Abortion

January 22, 2022 †James Clemens (Betty Clemens & family)

January 23, 2022 (Latin) †Joyce Brazil

January 23, 2022 Parishioners



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

#### Ride bus to March for Life in St. Paul

If would like to ride a bus to the St. Paul Cathedral for the March for Life on January 22, please call or contact Maggie Eggerichs at maggieeggerichs@hotmail.com.

If there is interest, the bus will stop in Zumbrota.

# Congratulations to:

Nicolaas Welgemoed & Samantha Ruger on the baptism of their daughter, Emma Marie Welgemoed, on January 8, 2022 at the Church of St. Paul.



(from page 1) I love You, Jesus. I want nothing for myself: it's for them. (J. Escriva, The Forge, 807)

#### The turning of water into wine. Our work too can be turned into grace. Finishing our work well:

Saint John calls Our Lady *Mother of God* twice. The next occasion will be on Calvary. (cf. John 19:25) Between the two events - Cana and Calvary - there are several analogies. One occurrence is placed at the beginning and the other at the end of Jesus' public life, as though to indicate that all of Our Lord's work is accompanied by Mary's presence. Both episodes highlight Mary's concern for men; in Cana she intercedes when the timing of her intervention might well have seemed inopportune: My hour has not yet come. (cf. John 2:4) On Calvary she offers the redeeming death of her Son, and accepts the mission that Jesus confers on her of being the Mother of all believers. (cf. Vatican Council II, Lumen Gentium, 58) At Cana in Galilee there is shown only one concrete aspect of human need, apparently a tiny one and of little importance: 'They have no wine.' But it has a symbolic value: this coming to the aid of human needs means, at the same time, bringing those needs within the radius of Christ's Messianic mission and salvific power. Thus there is a mediation. Mary places herself between her Son and mankind in the reality of their wants, needs and sufferings. In her position as Mother, she puts herself 'in the middle', that is to say, she acts as a mediatrix not as an outsider. She knows that in this way she can point out to her Son the needs of mankind, and in fact, she 'has the right' to do so. (St. John Paul II, Redemptoris

Mater, 25 March 1987, 20) His Mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever He tells you'. The servants obeyed readily and efficiently: they filled six stone jars standing there for the Jewish rites of purification as Our Lord told them to. Saint John points out that they filled them up to the brim. 'Now draw some out,' Our Lord says to them, and take it to the steward of the feast. This wine is better than any other wine that men have ever drunk.

Our lives, like the water, were flat and without the ferment of purpose until Jesus came to us. He transforms our work, our sorrows and our joys; even death is different beside Christ. Our Lord only wants us to carry out our duties usque ad summum right up to the top, to the brim; finishing them off so well so that He can work a miracle. If all the people who work in universities, in hospitals, in the home, in finance and in factories... were to do their work with human perfection and a Christian spirit, we will get up tomorrow morning to a completely different world. Our Lord will turn our efforts and our work which would otherwise remain supernaturally sterile, into the most exquisite of wines. Then the world will be a wedding feast, a more worthy dwelling place for mankind in which the presence of Jesus and Mary will imprint a special delight.

*'Fill the jars with water,'* Our Lord says to us. (continued on page 4)

#### WEEKLY TITHING for January 9, 2022

Sunday Envelopes: 1,020.00 Plate: 38.00 Total: 1,058.00

## \*\*SAVE THE DATE: March 27, 2022\*\* MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**St. Patrick's Ham Dinner** at Zumbrota VFW Serving from 10:30am to 1:00pm

#### Meal in a Bucket

The Catholic Daughters will have the 'Meal in a Bucket' sale for the last week. Pre-order slips will be in the back of Church. Available meals are: BBQ and buns, Chili, Potato soup, Portage soup, buns and cinnamon Rolls. Your support is truly appreciated!

#### To the Church of St Paul CCW,

Many thanks to you, the women who put together such a beautiful basket of so many goodies. God bless, Rita Huneke

#### WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"We take for granted the slow miracle whereby water in the irrigation of a vineyard becomes wine. It is only when Christ turns water into wine, in a quick motion, as it were, that we stand amazed." St. Augustine

"Miracles are not contrary to nature, but only contrary to what we know about nature." St. Augustine

"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace." St. Padre Pio

"When we work hard, we must eat well. What a joy, that you can receive Holy Communion often! It's our life and support in this life -- Receive Communion often, and Jesus will change you into himself." St. Peter Julian Eymard

"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself." St. Pope Pius X

Miriam Dinner: Tuesday, February 1, at 6 pm at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 777 Forest Street in St. Paul. Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda invites women, ages 16 - 35, who are discerning consecrated life to join him for a dinner event called the Miriam Dinner. Each Miriam Dinner includes an evening of prayer, dinner and conversation with consecrated women who come and share their vocation testimonies and answer questions about consecrated life. Usually, discerning guests attend the dinner with a parent, Religious Sister, their Pastor, School Chaplain or Youth or Campus Minister. Register before January 28 online at: https://www.10000vocations.org/ miriamdinner.html.

#### **HOLY MASS TIMES**

#### Tuesday, January 18, 2022

9:00am Holy Mass (note: change of time this week only)

9:30am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Thursday, January 20, 2022

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

#### Sunday, January 23, 2022

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**

**January 18, 2022** 

†Peter Schmitz

January 20, 2022 †Catherine Steger (Tom Steger) January 23, 2022

**Parishioners** 



#### NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 3) We must not let routine, impatience or laziness cause us to only half-fulfill our daily duties. What we have to offer is very little; but Our Lord wants us to place it at His disposal. Jesus could just as well have performed the miracle with empty jars, but He wanted men to cooperate, with their own effort, and with all the means they had. He worked the prodigy at His mother's request. Imagine the joy of those obedient and efficient servants when they saw the water turned into wine! They, like the master's disciples, whose Faith in Jesus was confirmed, are silent witnesses of the miracle. Imagine our joy, when, through God's mercy, we contemplate in Heaven all our deeds turned into glory!

The generosity of Jesus. He always gives us more than we ask **Him for:** Jesus does not refuse us anything. In particular He does grant us what we ask for through His Mother. She takes it upon herself to unravel our prayers if they are somewhat tangled up, just as mothers do. He always grants us more, much more, than we ask for, as He did at that wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. An ordinary wine would have been enough, even one inferior to what had already been served, and very probably a much smaller quantity would have been

Saint John is particularly interested in emphasizing that it was a matter of six stone jars... each holding twenty or thirty gallons. He wants to show how abundant the gift was, just as he would when he tells us about the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. (John 6:12-13) Indeed one of the signs of the Messiah's coming was to be this very

Commentators calculate that Our Lord turned into wine a quantity somewhere between 100 and 160 gallons, depending on the capacity of those great Jewish jars. (The Navarre Bible, note to John 2:6) And it was the best wine! In the same way, in our lives, God gives us

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**Youth Group Event!** All Youth are invited to a **Youth Group** Event on Wednesday, January 19, at 6:00-8:30pm at Bowlocity Entertainment Center. Bowling, pizza, pop and other food will be provided. Please RSVP by phone or email, so we can plan for needed space at Bowlocity!

more and better than we deserve.

We find here the concurrence of two fundamental images which had been used to describe the true Messiah: the wedding feast and the marriage ceremony. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God, Isaiah tells us in an extremely beautiful image presented in the First Reading of the Holy Mass. You shall no more be termed 'Forsaken', and your land shall no more be termed 'Desolate': but you shall be called 'My delight is in her', and your land 'Married': for as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your Builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. (Is. 62:3-5) It is the joy and intimacy that God wants to have with all of us. Those first disciples, one of whom was Saint John, were amazed. The miracle helped them to take a step forward in their newly-found Faith. Jesus confirms them in their Faith, as He does all those who follow Him. Do whatever He tells you. These are Our Lady's last words in the Gospel. There could have been no better words, no more profitable advice." (From In Conversation with God, by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph, St. Michael, and St. Paul, may our good Lord grant us the grace of a loving devotion to the Holy Names of Jesus, Mary and Joseph! In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel



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