February 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary! Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Remember that the Season of Lent begins this coming Wednesday, February 17. Please see in the bulletin the Holy Mass schedule. The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Let us ask the Holy Family for the grace of renewed love for God and one another within families throughout the world! This Sunday we celebrate the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. I share with you a reflection on our Lord's mercy and desire to forgive. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

"The Leprosy of Sin: Our Lord has come to cure our most deeprooted ills. The healing of a leper:

The healing of a leper narrated in the Gospel of today's Holy Mass (Mark 1:40-45) must have moved people very much, and it figured frequently in the preaching of the apostles. The fact that it is related in great detail by three of the Evangelists makes this clear. St. Luke provides the detail that the miracle was performed in a town, and that the disease was in an advanced state. The leper was covered with it: a man full of leprosy (Luke 5:12), St. Luke says.

At that time leprosy was an incurable condition. The limbs of the leper became gradually affected by the progressive illness, which would produce disfigurement to the face, hands and feet, and great suffering. For fear of contagion lepers were driven away from builtup areas and forbidden to use the highways. As we see in the First Reading of the Holy Mass (Lev. 13:1-2; 44-46), they were pronounced legally unclean. They had to keep their heads uncovered and wear torn clothes to distinguish themselves, and were obliged to make their presence known when they passed close to any inhabited place. People fled from even members of their own families. Their affliction was generally held to be a punishment from God for their sins. Thus it is strange to find this leper inside a city. Perhaps he has heard of Jesus and has been eagerly looking for a chance to approach Him. At last he has found Him and breaks the strict precept of the old Mosaic Law in ordered to speak to Him. Christ is his hope, his only hope.

It must have been an extraordinary scene. The leper knelt before Jesus. If You want to, he said, You can make me clean. If you want to... Perhaps he had prepared a longer speech, explaining things... but in the end this simple blurted-out aspiration, filled with trust, with sincere sensitivity, is enough: "Si vis, potes me mundare," if You will, You can... These few words, stammered out, are in a fact a powerful prayer. Jesus took pity on him, and the three Evangelists describe the surprising gesture of Our Lord: He stretched out His hand and touched him. Until now everyone had recoiled from Him in dread and loathing, but Jesus, Who could have healed from a distance as He had done on other occasions, not only did not draw away from him, but even touched his leprosy. It is not hard to imagine Christ's affection and the gratitude of the leper when he saw Our Lord's gesture and heard His words: I will; be clean. Our Lord always wants to heal us of our weaknesses and our sins. And there is no need for us to wait months or days for Him to pass

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 $8:25\,\mathrm{am}$, Rosary at $8:25\,\mathrm{am}$, Mass at $8:45\,\mathrm{am}$

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

through our city or our town... Every day we can find the same Jesus of Nazareth Who healed the leper. He is there in the nearest tabernacle, in the heart of a soul in grace, in the Sacrament of Penance. He is our Physician, and He cures our selfishness if we but let His grace penetrate into the depths of our soul. Jesus has taught us that the worst sickness is hypocrisy, the pride that leads us to conceal our own sins. We have to be totally sincere with Him. We have to tell the whole truth, and then we have to say: 'Domine, si vis, potes me mundare' Matt. 8:2), Lord, if You will - and You are always willing - You can heal me of my sickness. You know my weaknesses; I feel these symptoms; these failings make me feel wretched. We show Him the wound, with simplicity, and if the wound is festering, we show the pus too (J. Escriva, Christ is Passing By, 93); all the wretchedness of our life.

Today we should remember that our very failings (cont. on pg. 3)

Ash Wednesday Holy Masses, February 17, 2021

8:30am at St. Michael, Pine Island 11:30am at St. Mary, Bellechester

12:00noon at St. Michael, Pine Island

3:30pm at Holy Trinity, Goodhue

6:00pm at St. Paul, Zumbrota

7:30pm at Holy Trinity, Goodhue

7:30pm at St. Michael, Pine Island (Extraordinary Form)

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Paul, Zumbrota—each Tuesday of Lent at 7:00pm SPIRITUAL TALK/STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Michael, Pine Island— Each Friday of Lent Spiritual Talk at 6:30pm & Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

The next **Holy Hour for Men** will be on Sunday, February 21, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pl. All men are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, March 3, at 6:30-7:45pm TOPIC for March: Written On Stone, Chiseled In Your Heart (The Ten Commandments)

The True Value of Fasting: "For the value of fasting consists not in abstinence from food, but in

withdrawing from sinful practices; since he who limits his fasting only to an abstinence from meats, is one who especially disparages it. Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works! Is it said by what kind of works? If you see a poor man, take pity on him! If you see in enemy, be reconciled to him! If you see a friend gaining honor, envy him not! If you see a handsome woman, pass her by! For let not the mouth only fast, but also the eye, and the ear, and the feet, and the hands, and all the members of our bodies. Let the hands fast, by being pure from rapine and avarice. Let the feet fast, by ceasing from running to the unlawful spectacles. Let the eyes fast, being taught never to fix themselves rudely upon handsome countenances, or to busy themselves with strange beauties. For looking is the food of the eyes, but if this be such as is unlawful or forbidden, it mars the fast; and upsets the whole safety of the soul; but if it be lawful and safe, it adorns fasting. For it would be among things the most absurd to abstain from lawful food because of the fast, but with the eyes to touch even what is forbidden. Do you not eat flesh? Feed not upon lasciviousness by means of the eyes. Let the ear fast also. The fasting of the ear consists in refusing to receive evil speakings and calumnies. 'You shall not receive a false report,' it says. Let the mouth too fast from disgraceful speeches and railing. For what does it profit if we abstain from birds and fishes; and yet bite and devour our brethren? The evil speaker eats the flesh of his brother, and bites the body of his neighbor. Because of this Paul utters the fearful saying, 'If you bite and devour one another, take heed that you be not consumed one of another.' (Galatians 5:15)" From Homily 3 by St. John Chrysostom

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"If a man finds it very hard to forgive injuries, let him look at a Crucifix, and think that Christ shed all His Blood for him, and not only forgave His enemies, but even prayed His Heavenly Father to forgive them also. Let him remember that when he says the Pater Noster, every day, instead of asking pardon for his sins, he is calling down vengeance on himself." St. Philip Neri

"He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart." St. Faustina

"To the extent that you pray with all your soul for the person who slanders you, God will make the truth known to those who have been scandalized by the slander." St. Maximus the Confessor "For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by forgiving and by comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray - that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy. And when the Last Day comes, we shall be judged from this, and on this basis we shall receive the eternal verdict." St. Faustina "The Christian law commands that we forgive our enemies and those who have wronged us. I must therefore say here that I forgive Taikosama. I would rather have all the Japanese become Christians." St. Paul Miki - one of the Martyrs of Nagasaki

National Catholic Men's Conference: Living in View of Eternity February 19-21, online: This conference will drill down into the practical lessons of living our vocation as Fathers, Husbands, Sons, and Disciples. Regardless of where you are in your life, we are going to give you a little something new that you've never thought of before. And it might just transform your life. Learn more and register go.virtualcatholicconference.com/ncmc2021

Rochester Rosary Rallies: Our country continues to need fervent prayer. The next Rosary rally will be at 3pm on February 14 near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE.

<u>Pine Island Food Shelf:</u> The items requested for February: Shampoo and Toothpaste

WEEKLY TITHING for February 6-7, 2021

Envelopes: 2,563.00 Plate: 1,238.28 EFT: 1.152.50 Total: 4,953.78

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33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph

Dear Parishioners,

Join us stating Monday, February 15th, as we begin a 33-day preparation for the Consecration to St. Joseph at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. The consecration Holy Mass will be on March 19, 2021.



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

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Ash Wednesday Holy Mass (live-streamed) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:00am-12noon &

after the 12noon Ash Wed Holy Mass—5:00pm

12:00noon Ash Wednesday Holy Mass

7:30pm (Extraordinary Form) Ash Wednesday Holy Mass

Friday, February 19, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

Saturday, February 20, 2021

4:00pm—4:50pm Individual Confession

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, February 21, 2021

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

February 17, 2021 †Richard Krause (Joan Krause) †Bruce Freeman (Carolyn Ocariz) February 17, 2021

February 17, 2021 EF)Kristimari Kaiya (AnneRose Wanjiru) February 19, 2021 Special Intention

February 20, 2021 †Elmer Mullenbach February 21, 2021 (EF)Parishioners

February 21, 2021 †Cole Crooks (Katie Brost)



CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, March 3, at 6:30-7:45pm TOPIC for March: Written On Stone, Chiseled In Your Heart (The Ten Commandments)

(*From Father Kasel*...from pg. 1) and weaknesses can be the opportunity for us to approach Christ as the leper did. From that moment on he would have been an unconditional disciple of his Lord. Do we go to Confession with these dispositions of Faith and trust? Do we have a real desire for purity of soul? Do we make sure we go to Confession regularly?

Leprosy, an image of sin. Priests forgive sins in persona Christi: Because of its repulsive ugliness and loathsomeness, the separation from others it entailed, the Fathers of the Church saw in leprosy an image of sin (cf. St. John Chrysostom, Homilies on St. Matthew, 25:2). All in all, sin, even venial sin, is far uglier and far more loathsome than leprosy, and it has far more tragic consequences in this life and in the world to come. If we had Faith and were to see a soul in the state of mortal sin, we would die of horror. (St. Jean Vianney, The Cure d'Ars, quoted by John XXIII in the letter Sacerdotii nostri Primordia) We are all sinners, although by Divine Mercy we may be free from mortal sin. That is a reality we should not forget; and Jesus is the only one Who can cure us; He alone.

Our Lord has come to heal the sick, and only He can judge and measure the offense of sin in all its gravity. So we are moved when He approaches the sinner. He who is Holiness itself is not filled with anger, but is genuinely concerned and respectful. *This is Jesus' way. He came to fulfill, not to destroy.*

When He heals, when He cures us of leprosy, Our Lord performs great miracles. These miracles reveal God's power over the sicknesses of the soul - over sin. The same reflection is developed in today's Responsorial Psalm, which exactly describes and proclaims what joy there is at the forgiveness of sins: 'Happy the man whose offense is forgiven' (Ps 31:1). Jesus cures the physical illness, and at the same time frees from sin. In this way He shows Himself to be the Messiah Whose coming had been foretold by the Prophets, Who 'has borne our infirmities' and 'taken our sins upon Himself' (cf. Is. 53:3-12) in order to set us free from all that subverts our spiritual and material health... For this reason a central theme of today's liturgy is purification from sin, which is 'the leprosy of the soul.' (John Paul II, Homily, 17 February 1985) Jesus tells us that this is why He has come - to forgive, to redeem, to set us free from sin, the leprosy of the soul. And His forgiveness is a sign of omnipotence, a sign of a power that belongs to God alone. (cf. Matt. 9:2) Every Confession expresses in its absolution the power and the mercy of God. The priest exercises this power not in his own name, but in the name of Christ. He acts in persona Christi - as an instrument in His hands. Jesus identifies us with Himself to such an extent in the exercise of the power He has conferred on us, said John Paul II to priests, that our personality, as it were, disappears in the presence of His. He it is Who acts through us... It is Jesus Himself Who in the Sacrament of Penance pronounces the authoritative paternal words: Your sins are forgiven. (John Paul II, Homily, Rio de Janeiro, 2 July 1980) In the voice of the priest we hear Christ speak.

In Confession we approach Christ Himself with veneration and thanksgiving. In the priest we must see Jesus, the only One Who can heal our illnesses. 'Domine!' - Lord - 'si vis, potes me mundare' – if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. What a beautiful prayer for you to say often, with the Faith of the

what a beautiful prayer for you to say often, with the Faith of the poor leper, when there happens to you what God and you and I know! You will not have to wait long to hear the Master's reply: 'Volo, mundare' I will: be thou made clean! (J. Escriva, The Way, 142) Jesus treats us with the deepest affection and love when we are most in need because of our failings and our sins.

Apostolate of Confession: We must learn from this leper. He goes before Our Lord sincerely and *kneeling* (Mark 1:40), admits his disease, humbly asking to be cured. Our Lord (cont. on pg. 4)

WEEKLY TITHING for February 7, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 1,650.00
Plate: \$ 49.00
EFT: \$ 1,140.00

Total: \$ 2,839.00

Church of St. Paul's Council of Catholic Women will be meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Holy Mass will start at 6:00pm, followed by the meeting. All women are invited to join us.

Meal in a Bucket Last Chance- This is the last week to place an order for "Meal in a Bucket". Order sheets are in the back of Church and your meals will be available after Holy Mass on February 21st All COVID-19 food prep safety protocols will be followed when food is prepared. Thanks for all your support. followed when food is prepared. Thank you for your support.

Synod at Home: Tips and Tools for Growing in Faith February 18—March 18

Sign up to receive videos weekly and other Synod updates. In the Synod process, the Church is taking time to listen to one another, pray, and discuss in order to determine priorities. These steps are important for every household, too, that wants to thrive. The Synod at Home series takes helpful videos, tips and tools for growing in faith, and pairs them with family-friendly activities based on four pillars:

- 1. Prayer & Sacraments
- 2. Lifelong Learning
- 3. Generosity & Service
- 4. Traditions & Fun

Families, couples and individuals will find their faith and relationships strengthened by this Synod at Home, beginning February 18. **Participate in one of three ways:**

- *Find weekly videos and materials posted on the Archdiocesan Synod web page.
- *Text APP to 88202 or <u>click to download MyParish App</u>, download, then in the app under "Find my Parish" search for Archdiocesan Synod.
- * <u>Sign up</u> to receive weekly emails during the Synod at Home and other Synod updates.

ACCW Leadership Day Via Zoom Leadership, Training & Development Saturday, March 6, 2021 9am-12noon

Contact the ACCW office to Register before February 24th. There is **no cost** for this wonderful morning of information from NCCW.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

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

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

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

6:00pm Ash Wednesday Holy Mass

Thursday, February 18, 2021

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

Sunday, February 21, 2021

8:25am Confessions/Rosary

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

February 16, 2021 †Roger Burdick February 17, 2021 †Allan Schaefer

February 18, 2021 †Janet Quandt (Annette Fritz)

February 21, 2021 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 3) said to the leper: 'I will; be clean.' And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. We can imagine the huge joy of the cured leper. So great was his happiness that in spite of Our Lord's warning he began to tell everybody what had happened and spread the news of the great good that had been done to him. Such blessings were too great for him to keep to himself; he had to share his good fortune with others.

We must have the same attitude towards Confession. Through it we too are cleansed of our illnesses, however great they may be. Not only is sin washed away, but the soul receives a new grace, a restored youthfulness, the renewal of the life of Christ in us. We are united to God in a special and distinct way. We must enable everyone, particularly those we love, to share in the new life and new joy we experience in each Confession. It is not enough for us to have found the Master ourselves. By means of personal apostolate we must spread the news to many who do not know they are ill, or who imagine that their illnesses are incurable. Take many people to Confession. That is one of the great responsibilities Christ lays upon us in these times when great hordes of people have turned their backs on what they need most of all: the forgiveness of their sins.

In some cases we shall have to begin with an elementary catechesis, advising them to read some simple books, and explaining the basic points of faith and morals in words they can understand. We can help them to see that the empty sadness they notice has its roots in the absence of God from their lives. With great understanding we will help them to make a deep examination of conscience, and encourage them to go to a priest, perhaps the one we normally make our own Confession to. We should show them how to be simple and humble and tell everything that is holding them back from God. He is waiting for them. We shall pray for them, offer up hours of work and some mortification for them, and make sure we are regular in our own

KITUI UPDATE: Living Water Program- Lent 2021 Give Change...Change Lives

Here we are at another season of Lent! Water bottles are available again to support our Partnership of Kitui with much-needed water. Each time you turn your faucet on to take a drink of water, remember there is a child or persons who may be dying because of lack of



water. Please be generous this year as you have been in the past to support this project which assists those in Kitui to build dams, supply water tanks for schools, and help CARITAS Kitui to find the areas of the diocese that are in most need of water. May God bless you during this Lenten Season. Questions regarding the Kitui Partnership may be directed to Parish Office 507-356-4280

confessions. In this way we shall obtain new and effective graces from God for those people we want to go to the Sacrament, to Christ Himself.

It must have been an unforgettable day for the leper. Every meeting of ours with Christ is equally unforgettable. Our friends, those we have helped along the pathway to God, will never forget the peace and joy of their encounter with the Master. They in turn will become apostles who spread the Good News, what it is to know the joy of a good Confession. If we turn to Mary, our Mother will inspire us with joy and a spirit of urgency as we tell people of the great benefits God - the Father of Mercies - has left us in this Sacrament." (From: In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, Virgin most Powerful, St. Joseph, St. Michael, and St. Paul, may we all have the grace to make a good Confession in the coming Season of Lent!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel



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