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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,

This weekend we celebrate World Marriage Day this Sunday, February 12, 2023. Marriage in our good Lord's plan is a beautiful gift to the human family! This World Marriage Day is an opportunity for us to show support for married couples and families! Let us grow in our knowledge and awareness of the great gift of marriage and the place it has in our Heavenly Father's plan for us. Here is what our Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches about the meaning of Christian marriage in the human family:

“The Matrimonial Covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a Sacrament.” Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of ‘the wedding-feast of the Lamb.’ Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its ‘mystery,’ its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal ‘in the Lord’ in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church.

The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by Him with its own proper laws... God Himself is the author of marriage. The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures, and spiritual attitudes. These differences should not cause us to forget its common and permanent characteristics. Although the dignity of this institution is not transparent everywhere with the same clarity, some sense of the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life.

God who created man out of love also calls him to love the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is Himself love. Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. It is good, very good, in the Creator's eyes. And this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation: ‘And God blessed them, and God said to them: *Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.*’ Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: ‘It is not good that the man should be alone.’ The woman, ‘flesh of his flesh,’ his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a ‘helpmate’; she thus represents God from whom comes our help. ‘Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.’ The Lord Himself

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 8:20am, 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

shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been ‘in the beginning’: ‘So they are no longer two, but one flesh.’

Every man experiences evil around him and within himself. This experience makes itself felt in the relationships between man and woman. Their union has always been threatened by discord, a spirit of domination, infidelity, jealousy, and conflicts that can escalate into hatred and separation. This disorder can manifest itself more or less acutely, and can be more or less overcome according to the circumstances of cultures, eras, and individuals, but it does seem to have a universal character.

According to Faith the disorder we notice so painfully does not stem from the *nature* of man and woman, nor from the nature of their relations, but from sin. As a break with God, the first sin had for its first consequence the rupture of the original communion between man and woman. Their relations were distorted by mutual recriminations; their mutual attraction, the Creator's own gift, changed into a relationship of domination and lust; and the beautiful vocation of man and woman to be fruitful, multiply, and subdue the earth was burdened by the pain of childbirth and the toil of work.

Nevertheless, the order of creation persists, though seriously disturbed. To heal the wounds of sin, man and woman need the help of the grace that God in His infinite mercy never refuses them. Without His help man and woman cannot achieve the union of their lives for which God created them ‘in the beginning.’

In His preaching Jesus unequivocally taught the original meaning of the union of man and woman as the Creator willed it from the beginning: permission given by Moses to divorce one's wife was a concession to the hardness of hearts. The matrimonial union of man and woman is indissoluble: God Himself has (continued on page 4)

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be Sunday, February 26, at 6pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith Formation class/session will be **Wednesday, March 1, 2023**, at the Church of St. Michael.

Topic for March: The Virtue of Respect

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.

St. Pio KC Pancake Breakfast

The St. Pio Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast after Holy Masses (7am and 10:30am) on Sunday, February 19, at Church of St. Michael. This will be a fundraiser for children's playground equipment to be built at the Church of St. Michael. All are welcome to the breakfast!



Volunteers Needed for Adoration

Can you spend an hour with Jesus? Adoration is held at St. Michael, Pine Island on Wednesdays from 9am-5pm. **We are looking for additional partner adorers for 11am, 1pm, and 2pm!** Please contact the parish office at 507-356-4280 or stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net if you are interested in signing up to spend one hour a week with Our Lord.

Quilters Group

The Quilting Bee Cause will meet Tuesday, February 21, at 9am in the church hall. We have many tops to tie - everyone welcome! We are in need of used/worn bed sheets. If you have any to donate, please contact Bea Rauen at 356-4858 or leave in the church lower entry on coat rack and marked for the quilting group. Thank you!

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start." St. Theresa of Calcutta

"It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God. Without God people only succeed in bringing out the worst in one another. Lovers who have nothing else to do but love each other soon find there is nothing else. Without a central loyalty, life is unfinished." Ven. Fulton Sheen

"The things that we love tell us what we are." St. Thomas Aquinas
"When a man loves a woman, he has to become worthy of her. The higher her virtue, the more noble her character, the more devoted she is to Truth, justice, goodness, the more a man has to aspire to be worthy of her. The history of civilization could actually be written in terms of the level of its women." Ven. Fulton Sheen

"Take away from Love the fullness of self-surrender, the completeness of personal commitment, and what remains will be a total denial and negation of it." St. Pope John Paul II

"Don't you long to shout to those youths who are bustling around you: Fools! Leave those worldly things that shackle the heart - and very often degrade it - leave all that and come with us in search of Love!" St. Josemaria Escriva

"Love is the most necessary of all virtues. Love in the person who preaches the Word of God is like fire in a musket. If a person were to throw a bullet with his hands, he would hardly make a dent in anything; but if the person takes the same bullet and ignites some gunpowder behind it, it can kill. It is much the same with the Word of God. If it is spoken by someone who is filled with the Fire of Charity - the Fire of Love of God and neighbor - it will work wonders." St. Anthony Mary Claret

"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves." St. Francis de Sales

WEEKLY TITHING February 4-5, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,395.00
Plate:	\$ 1,710.10
EFT:	\$ 2,130.00
Total:	\$ 7,235.10

The Church of St. Michael Men's Club Fish Fries

Serving each Friday of Lent from 4:30-7:00pm

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

Both baked & fried fish will be offered!



Prices:

Adults-\$13.00, Children 5-12-\$6.00,
Family maximum \$45.00

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:30pm



Holy Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have given us the model of family life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign. May it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic and full of joy. Help us to live united in joy and sorrow through family prayer. Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our family, especially in His distressing disguise hidden in suffering and rejection. May the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus make our hearts humble like His and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way. May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day, and forgive each other's faults as You forgive our sins. Help us, O Loving Father, to accept whatever you give and let go of whatever you take with a big smile. Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us! St. Joseph, pray for us! Holy Guardian Angels, be always with us, guide and protect us! Amen.

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture

THE ST. THOMAS CHRISTIANS- by: Rev. Ezra Sullivan, O.P.

Origins of Christianity in India: After Christ's ascension into heaven, His apostles brought the Gospel to the world outside of Israel. Peter and Paul eventually went to Rome, and the others spread out to evangelize all nations, with Thomas the Apostle making his way to India. The Church he planted there has flourished ever since. This is his story, and the history of the St. Thomas Christians. Event Details: Saturday, February 18, Pre-Class Discussion: 10:30 AM EST Lecture: 11:00 AM EST Registration is required. Visit <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/the-st-thomas-christians>

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

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

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

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

Friday, February 17, 2023

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

Saturday, February 18, 2023

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, February 19, 2023

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

February 15, 2023 Jason Kaiya

February 17, 2023 Daniel Winkels (Kathy Winkels)

February 18, 2023 †Richard Krause (Joan Krause)

February 19, 2023 †Ruth Hanson (Paul & Mary Sutton)

February 19, 2023 Parishioners



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Baskets/Items for St. Patrick's Ham Dinner

SILENT AUCTION



Calling all parishioners! We are looking for silent auction baskets and items for our silent auction fundraiser held during **St. Patrick's Ham Dinner**. Any type of "baskets" that you like or individual items, including religious items, gift cards/certificates, homemade or purchased items will be appreciated. Please drop off any items at the parish office. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Serve as a Totus Tuus Missionary!

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is in need of college men and women with missionary hearts who are committed to their Catholic faith and feel called to share it with the youth around the Archdiocese. This is a two-month commitment (June 2 – July 29), which includes one week of training and one week break for Independence Day. Missionaries receive a \$2,520 stipend for the summer, and lodging and most meals are provided. Apply at www.archspm.org/totustuus or contact the Totus Tuus Coordinator at 651.291.4489 totustuus@archspm.org

Volunteers Needed for Adoration



Can you spend an hour with Jesus? Adoration is held at St. Paul, Zumbrota on Tuesdays from 9am-5pm. **We are looking for more adorers!** Please contact the parish office at 507-732-5324 or stpauls@hcinet.net if you are interested in signing up to spend one hour a week with Our Lord.

Prayer for New Auxiliary: Bishop-elect Michael Izen

Dear Parishioners: Let us join in prayers of thanksgiving for Bishop-elect Michael Izen! Pope Francis announced January 5 Bishop-elect Izen will serve in our Archdiocese. He will be ordained Tuesday, April 11, at the St. Paul Cathedral. Let us pray that our good Lord may bless him and our Archdiocese!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

ARCHDIOCESAN EVANGELIZATION PRAYER

Holy Spirit, renew your wonders in our time, as though in a new Pentecost, and grant that this Archdiocese, united in prayer around Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Peter, may spread the Kingdom of the divine Savior, a Kingdom of truth, of justice, of love, and of peace. Amen. Saint Paul, our great missionary patron, pray for us!

Give the gift of an Hour of Adoration for someone.

Cards are in the vestibule to send to the recipient.

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WEEKLY TITHING February 5, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 900.00
Plate:	\$ 85.00
EFT:	\$ 1,765.00
Total:	\$ 2,750.00

St. Patrick's Ham Dinner at the Zumbrota VFW

March 19 at the Zumbrota VFW, serving from 10:30am - 1:00pm

Prices:

Adults or Take Out \$14.00, Children 6-12--\$6.00, Under 6 -free

Available for Dine-In & Take Out

Please sign up to give donations and also to volunteer your time for the event. The sign-up board is at the entrance of the Church. You may also email at stpauls@hcinet.net or call the Parish Office at 732-5324 to sign up.

If you have any questions, contact the Ham Dinner committee members: Shirley Gregory and Linda Kazmierczak, Karen Hodgman & Gene Leifeld, Steve & Mary Kingsbury, and Fr. Kasel

PRO LIFE QUOTE:



"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) "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 "God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes." [nefanda sunt crimina] Vatican Council II, Church in the Modern World #51

Southeast Deanery CCW Request

The Southeast Deanery serving the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) in each parish is hoping to revitalize the organization with your help. The Deanery needs each parish CCW or parish women's groups to get involved. With your help, the Deanery will continue its mission to provide assistance to further the goals of each CCW with leadership, training, speakers, and more. We encourage all of you to think and pray about being part of the Deanery. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pat Reinardy, (507)-263-3295 or Laurie Otte at (507)-663-0512.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

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

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

Thursday, February 16, 2023

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

Sunday, February 19, 2023

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

February 14, 2023

Lily Urban (Carolyn Ocariz)

February 16, 2023

Jill Rock

February 19, 2023

Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) determined it 'what therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder.'

This unequivocal insistence on the indissolubility of the marriage bond may have left some perplexed and could seem to be a demand impossible to realize. However, Jesus has not placed on spouses a burden impossible to bear, or too heavy - heavier than the Law of Moses. By coming to restore the original order of creation disturbed by sin, He Himself gives the strength and Grace to live marriage in the new dimension of the Reign of God. It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses will be able to 'receive' the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ. This Grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ's Cross, the source of all Christian life.

This is what the Apostle Paul makes clear when he says: 'Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her,' adding at once: 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one. This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church.'

The entire Christian life bears the mark of the spousal love of Christ and the Church. Already Baptism, the entry into the People of God, is a nuptial mystery; it is so to speak the nuptial bath, which precedes the wedding feast, the Eucharist. Christian marriage in its turn becomes an efficacious sign, the Sacrament of the Covenant of Christ and the Church. Since it signifies and communicates Grace, marriage between baptized persons is a true Sacrament of the New Covenant." (CCC 1601-1608; 1614-1617)

Through the intercession of the Holy Family, may God bless all married couples, all families and all of our parishioners!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

Thirty-Day Prayer to St. Joseph



Dear Parishioners,
Join us starting Friday, February 18, as we begin the 30-Day Prayer to St. Joseph for any Special Intention. **The Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19.** The 30-Day Prayer to St. Joseph is included in the Bulletin this weekend.

Youth Group Event! All Youth, Grades 7-12, are invited for a prayer, food, and game night Wednesday, February 15, 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!

United for Life

Tuesday, February 28, 10am - 2:30pm, at the Minnesota State Capitol, Saint Paul: Join us for United for Life, a pro-life advocacy day at the Minnesota State Capitol, bringing together pro-life Minnesotans. This free event at the Capitol will include a rally, educational opportunities, and meetings with your lawmakers. Find further details at unitedforlifemn.eventbrite.com.

Mardi Gras Fundraiser: Holy Trinity Parish in Goodhue will be hosting a Mardi Gras fundraiser on Sunday, February 19, from Noon-4pm at the Goodhue Lions Community Center. There will be a corn hole competition and children's games. All are invited. 90% of the proceeds will go to the parish's youth and family ministry and 10% will go to First Choice Clinic in Red Wing.

 <p>Buy one Blizzard at regular price, get 2nd Blizzard at 99¢! 215 E. 18th St. Zumbrota 732-5910</p>	<p>ZUMBROTA MINI STORAGE Lighting—Paved 24 Hour Access 1550 Jefferson Drive, Zumbrota 507-696-4406</p>	 <p>Hub Food Center 228 West Ave. Zumbrota 507-732-7329 https://www.nilssensfoods.com</p>	<p>Steve Johnson's ZUMBROTA Ford Hwy 52 & 58 in Zumbrota 507-732-5127 Home: 651-460-6706 www.zumbrotaford.com</p>	 <p>Foot Care Service 507-269-7827 125 Elton Hills Dr. NW Suite 112, Rochester, MN 55901 footcareprofessionalsllc@gmail.com Care provided by Sheila Buehler, APRN, CNP, CFCSS Certified Foot Care Specialist <i>Helping YOU live well with YOUR feet!</i></p>
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<p>Knollwood Apartments Located next door to the Church of St. Michael Walk to Sunday Mass! Call for more information (507)-356-8448</p>				
<p>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 register for a VIRTUS class, complete the Essential 3, or do updates.</p>	<p>Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Sara McNamara St. Michael: 507-356-4280 stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net St. Paul: 507-732-5324 stpauls@hcinet.net</p> <p>St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese Victim Assistance Program Hotline: (651) 291-4475</p>	<p>Church of St. Michael Cemetery For Plot Information Call the Parish Office 507-356-4280 <i>"Remember To Pray For Our Beloved Departed."</i></p>	<p>Church of St. Paul Cemetery For Plot Information Call the Parish Office 507-732-5324</p>	