

NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from p. 3) constant care for little things will nourish our love for God. Our Blessed Mother will teach us to appreciate what seems to be of little importance, to care for details. This should be our approach in family life, in social relations, in the fulfilment of our duties and in our dealings with God.” (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, the Immaculate Conception, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God grant us the grace of attentiveness to the little things in life!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

“There are not a hundred people in America who hate the Catholic Church. There are millions of people who hate what they wrongly believe to be the Catholic Church - which is, of course, quite a different thing.” *Servant of God Fulton Sheen*

“It is not hard to obey when we love the one whom we obey.” *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

“About Jesus Christ and the Church, I simply know they are just one thing, and we shouldn’t complicate the matter.” *St. Joan of Arc*

“No one can have God as his Father if he does not have the Church as his Mother.” *St. Augustine*

“I would not believe in the Gospel, if the authority of the Catholic Church did not bid me to do so.” *St. Augustine*

Dear Parishioners,
Archbishop Hebda will be at the Church of St. Michael on August 8 for the 10:30AM Holy Mass to dedicate our new altar. All are invited to attend! - Fr. Kasel

Synod process continuing soon!

The Synod process is taking place over three years in our Archdiocese, culminating at Pentecost 2022! We are grateful for the 8,000+ people who gave 30,000+ comments during the Prayer and Listening Events in fall 2019-winter 2020. Now it is time to take the next step: the Parish Consultation with small groups, which will take place in parishes across the Archdiocese this fall. Using the feedback from the Prayer and Listening Events, we will now come together to respond to and propose solutions that will help inform the next steps of the Synod process. These small group meetings will take place weekly for six weeks between September 19 and November 1 at our parishes. See more at archspm.org/synod.



NFP Awareness Week Begins July 25, 2021

To have, To hold, To honor

Celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the last week of July as NFP Awareness Week. NFP stands for Natural Family Planning, and offers a scientific and marriage building opportunity by learning about one’s fertility. NFP Awareness Week supports couples by bringing awareness of spousal love. This year NFP Week runs from July 25-31. This week includes the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) and the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26). *Human life is a beautiful gift and is to be cherished!*
For additional information please visit: <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week>

**July 25, 2021
Seventeenth 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 July is dedicated to increased devotion to the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus. Let us ask our good Lord for the grace to know and understand the power of His Precious Blood over evil! This Sunday I share with you a meditation on being faithful in little things out of love for our Lord Jesus. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

“Faithfulness in Little Things - Jesus is always attentive to our needs. He teaches us to sanctify temporal realities: Along the shores of the Sea of Galilee people from the surrounding villages gathered to hear the Lord. While Jesus was speaking, no one had given a thought to their weariness, to the hours they had been without food, to their lack of provisions and to the impossibility of procuring any. The people had become captivated by the words of the Lord. They had forgotten their hunger as well as their travel plans. Nevertheless, Jesus had the material needs of His audience in mind. He took pity on those exhausted people who had been following Him for a number of days. So, He worked the splendid miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. (John 6:1-15)

After everyone had eaten, Jesus took advantage of the opportunity to teach a lesson to His Apostles - and to us - about the importance of little things. *And when they had eaten their fill, He told His disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost’. So they gathered up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten.* Jesus shows us His magnanimity in two ways: first by giving to the people *as much as they wanted* and secondly by making sure that no food was wasted. He educates by means of dramatic action as well as through insignificant detail.

The grandeur of the heart of Christ is revealed in both the large and small happenings of each day. *The collecting of the left-overs is a way of showing us the value of little things done out of love for God - orderliness, cleanliness, finishing things completely.* (The Navarre Bible, note to Mark 6:42) Christ spent the better part of thirty years immersed in ordinary, everyday life. While He occupied Himself in a simple workshop, the Son of Man was engaged in the Redemption of humanity.

According to the Gospels, during the years of His public life Jesus remained in continual conversation with His heavenly Father. Yet Jesus was fully aware of what was going on all around Him. Having brought the daughter of Jairus back to life, He asked that she be given something to eat. Right after performing the miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus, He told the bewildered spectators: *Unbind him, and let him go.* (John 11:44) Jesus sensed when it was time for His disciples to get some rest. (Mark 6:31) He teaches us to treat human situations according to their proper importance. We have to sanctify our daily concerns. We cannot live in the clouds. We should be actively involved in the lives of others. In the Second Reading of the Holy Mass, St. Paul reminds us of

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

how we should behave towards the people around us: *with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love.* (Eph. 4:16) The Lord is calling us to live those virtues which make life pleasant for others. This is how we will demonstrate our love of God.

Drawing close to the Lord through the faithful fulfilment of our duties. The value of little things: *Gather up the fragments left over...* This would seem to be a detail of little importance in comparison with the spectacular miracle, but it is the Lord Who makes the request. Our entire life is made up of many things which are very simple and mundane. We develop virtues by our habitual, day-to-day struggle. It is in this struggle that we forge our sanctity. *‘Love means deeds and not sweet words.’ Deeds, deeds! And a resolution: I will continue to tell you often, Lord, that I love You. How often have I repeated this today! But, with Your grace, it will be my conduct above all that shows it. It will be the little things of each day which, with silent eloquence, will cry out before You, showing You my Love.* (J. Escriva, *The Forge*, 498)

The Lord values order, punctuality, care for the books we use and the instruments we work with, our friendliness towards colleagues, our dedication to spouse, children, friends. We have to fight against any sense of routine in our relationships or in our work. We have to want to give new meaning to each day and each hour, even though we may have been doing the same thing for years on end. Life becomes a bore when we give in to any sense of routine. We can find a broad field for living mortification in our daily work - not putting people down, working with intensity, carrying out our tasks with a spirit of service... (continued on page 3)

The next Holy Hour for Women will be **Sunday, July 25,** at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All women invited!

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From a sermon on the Virgin Mary

by Saint Leo the Great, Pope:

A royal virgin of the house of David is chosen. She is to bear a Holy Child, one who is both God and man. She is to conceive Him in her soul before she conceives Him in her body. In the face of so unheard of an event she is to know no fear through ignorance of the Divine Plan; the angel tells her what is to be accomplished in her by the Holy Spirit. She believes that there will be no loss of virginity, she who is soon to be the Mother of God. Why should she lose heart at this new form of conceiving when she has been promised that it will be effected through the power of the Most High? She believes, and her Faith is confirmed by the witness of a previous wonder: against all expectation Elizabeth is made fruitful. God has enabled a barren woman to be with child; He must be believed when He makes the same promise to a virgin. The Son of God who was in the beginning with God, through whom all things were made, without whom nothing was made, became man to free him from eternal death. He stooped down to take up our lowliness without loss to His own glory. He remained what He was; He took up what He was not. He wanted to join the very nature of a servant to that nature in which He is equal to God the Father. He wanted to unite both natures in an alliance so wonderful that the glory of the greater would not annihilate the lesser, nor the taking up of the lower diminish the greatness of the higher. What belongs to each nature is preserved intact and meets the other in One Person: lowliness is taken up by greatness, weakness by power, mortality by eternity. To pay the debt of our human condition, a nature incapable of suffering is united to a nature capable of suffering, and true God and true man are forged into the unity that is the Lord. This was done to make possible the kind of remedy that fitted our human need: one and the same mediator between God and men able to die because of one nature, able to rise again because of the other. It was fitting, therefore, that the birth which brings salvation brought no corruption to virginal integrity; the bringing forth of Truth was at the same time the safeguarding of virginity.

Dearly beloved, this kind of birth was fitting for Christ, the power and the wisdom of God: a birth in which He was one with us in our human nature but far above us in His Divinity. If He were not true God, He would not be able to bring us healing, if He were not true man, He would not be able to give us an example.

And so at the birth of our Lord, the angels sing in joy: Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to His people on earth as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. If the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

WEEKLY TITHING for July 17-18, 2021

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,549.00
Plate:	\$ 1,660.06
EFT:	\$ 2,547.50
Total:	\$ 5,756.56

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

Suscipe (Latin word 'receive')

Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess, Thou hast given me: I surrender it all to Thee to be disposed of according to Thy will. Give me only Thy love and Thy grace; with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more. Amen. *by St. Ignatius of Loyola - Feast day July 31*



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: The Lord is close to the broken-hearted...Psalms 34:18. If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is July 30-August 1, 2021. For more information, contact rachels@vineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or see www.vineyardmn.org.

PRO LIFE QUOTES

"...while there are many issues the Catholic must consider in forming moral judgments, 'Abortion is different. It is always intrinsically evil. There are no circumstances that justify abortion. Its victims are innocent and defenseless, and number in the millions. Abortion is the fallacious foundation upon which the culture of death builds its ugly edifice.'" *Bishop Thomas Tobin, Bishop of the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island*

Pine Island Food Shelf: The items requested for July: Peanut Butter & Jelly.

HOLY MASS TIMES

- Wednesday, July 28, 2021**
8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Friday, July 30, 2021**
8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
- Saturday, July 31, 2021**
4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions
5:00pm Holy Mass
- Sunday, August 1, 2021**
7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass
10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

- July 28, 2021** Brian Hoerle (Julie Hoerle)
- July 30, 2021** †Jerry Bodensteiner (Janet Shannon)
- July 31, 2021** Special Intention for healing
- August 1, 2021** (EF) Souls in Purgatory
- August 1, 2021** Parishioners



Please Mark your Calendars! **SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2021**

Church of St. Michael FALL FESTIVAL

WEEKLY TITHING for July 18, 2021

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 580.00
Plate:	\$ 73.00
EFT:	\$ 1,750.00
Total:	\$ 2,403.00



St. Paul CCW Salad Luncheon August 11, 2021

The Annual CCW Salad Luncheon will be held Wednesday, August 11, from 11am - 1pm at the

Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota!
Assorted Salads, Cheese Tray, Deviled Eggs,

French Bread, and Beverages

Adults : \$10.00

Children 6-12: \$4.00

Preschool FREE



St. Paul CCW Ladies: Pull out your favorite recipes and plan to supply a salad on August 11th for the Annual CCW Salad Luncheon. Your salad should serve 20. There is a signup sheet at the back of church for you to indicate what you wish to bring and when you wish to work. It takes a number of us to make this a success, so please take the time to sign up. *Thank you!*

Pro-life Fundraiser: First Choice Clinic in Red Wing is having their 5K Walk/Run & Silent Auction on July 31. It's a fun event for the whole family with free games and activities, a bounce house, face painting, and a youth and adult run/walk. All proceeds go to continue to provide free life-affirming services to the community. Register: Text "WALK4LIFE" TO 651-615-4114 OR www.firstchoiceclinic.org/events. Questions: info@firstchoiceclinic.org

Thank you to all who contributed to the clothing collection for Dale. The volunteer coordinator extends her thanks also for the items and for the extra clothes donated which will be used by the juvenile residents.

Dear Parishioners,

"I would like thank you for the kind gift that I have received from you. Thank you very much! And may God bless you! Sincerely yours, Dale"



**†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.

HOLY MASS TIMES

- Tuesday, July 27, 2021**
8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Thursday, July 29, 2021**
8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
- Sunday, August 1, 2021**
8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions
8:45am Holy Mass - On 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month populum; 2nd & 4th ad Orientem

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

- July 27, 2021** †Mary Bendtsen
- July 29, 2021** †Scott Hodgman (Karen Hodgman)
- August 1, 2021** Parishioners



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(from page 1) It is possible that we might some day be challenged to save someone else's life at the risk of our own. It's possible, but not very likely. Yet we do find opportunities virtually every single day to give of ourselves for others. This may involve having a smile for someone we don't really like, giving a word of encouragement to a member of the family who seems tired or out of sorts, a willingness to withhold our opinion for the sake of avoiding an argument, a conscious effort to listen with interest to someone we don't find very interesting. It can happen that an action of little consequence (a friendly greeting, a tiny favor, a thank-you note) can produce in others a good result out of all proportion to what we might have expected. These simple courtesies help others to feel wanted and appreciated. Social life thus becomes a reflection of God Himself. This is in marked contrast to those situations where people treat one another as mere objects, with careless disregard for the most fundamental aspects of human dignity.

Little things are essential to our struggle to live all of the virtues. Faith can be expressed with a momentary act of love when we pass by a Tabernacle in the middle of a city. Fortitude can be lived whenever we interrupt an impure conversation, whenever we take a stand for our beliefs, for Jesus Christ and His Church. Christ awaits us in everyday life. This is the 'real world' to which we belong, which we need to sanctify by our diligence and 'sporting spirit'. It is here that we will learn to appreciate what He appreciates - those treasures which last on into Eternal Life. Our hope is that we will be fortunate enough to win the Master's praise: *Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much.* (Matt. 25:21)

Whatever God may ask of us is within our reach. We need to be faithful even in those areas that seem of little importance: Our life is made up of many small actions. If we channel all these actions in the direction of God's Will, they will carry us very far. Many small steps will take us to the end of our journey. Faithfulness in little things will steel us in the face of any great temptation. (cf. Luke 16:10) As we read in the Book of Sirach: *A workman who is a drunkard will not become rich; he who despises small things will fail little by little.* (Sir. 19:1)

God is asking something of us at every moment, and that something is always well within our reach. As a consequence of our initial correspondence to grace, there follow more graces for the second challenge. If we are faithful, one grace succeeds upon another. By focusing on little things, we enjoy the added advantage of diminishing our vanity. Who will honor us for giving up our seat on the bus? What testimonial will we receive for having kept order in our work area? Who will build a statue to the mother who smiles, to the professor who carefully prepares each lecture, to the student who really studies for an exam, to the doctor who treats a patient with respect for his dignity?

When we offer up our work, we transform little things into big things, human details into supernatural events. Every morning we should make our *morning offering* with greater and greater devotion. We will see the human and Divine come together in a unity of life which will allow us to win Heaven little by little. To be faithful in little things we need to have a great love for the Lord. We have to foster an ardent desire to be united with Him, to find Him in the normal circumstances of daily life. This (continued on page 4)