

December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

We have arrived at the Fourth Sunday of Advent! If you have not already done so, I encourage you to make plans for an individual sacramental Confession during this last week of Advent. You can find the schedule in this bulletin.

This week I want to share some possible Christmas traditions that you and your family may like to add to the ones you already do.

- The Nativity Scene:** this practice was made popular by St. Francis of Assisi. Many people are collectors of various styles and types of Nativity scenes. Taking time as a family to put out a Nativity scene and added the various characters on the particular liturgical days enhances the devotion and meaning of this practice (ie: the manger and animals several days before Christmas; Jesus and Mary shortly before Christmas; the Christ-child, shepherds and angels Christmas eve; and the Magi at Epiphany – January 6 or Epiphany Sunday). With each addition the family can gather for prayer with may include the litany of the Virgin Mary or St. Joseph, a prayer to the Holy Family, the Rosary or some other suitable prayer.
- The Family Rosary:** taking time to pray a five-decade rosary or even one decade each day will help your family grow in during the remaining days of Advent and in the Christmas Season. Maybe, if you are not doing this now, it will become a habit that will happen every day!
- Christmas Baking:** my grandmother and my mother have been prolific Christmas bakers. I have many happy memories of coming home from school smelling something good in the kitchen. Of course I would try a few (too many!) of whatever type of cookie was warm on the counter. Christmas baking is a great activity to bring the whole family together. This a great activity for mom and dad to involve the whole family: some can crack eggs, others can mix ingredients, some can decorate and some need to try the warm cookies, too!
- Family Prayer asking for God's blessing upon a Christmas Tree:** Here is a possible blessing you could use:
Dear God, our Father: two thousand years ago, You sent Your Son, Jesus into this world to teach us the power of Your Love and the meaning of Sacrifice for the redemption of the human family. As we raise this tree, we remember His birth and the meaning of His life, given for us. We ask You to bless this tree, that it may be a symbol of our celebration of Jesus' birth and our gratitude for His Sacrifice. May this tree be a symbol of our joy at the gift of Your Son. May the gifts we place under it remind us to share the Love You have given us. We ask Your blessing upon our family, and all (continued on page 4)

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

*We invite you to worship our Savior with us
this Advent and Christmas Season!*



Individual Confession times during Advent**:

Sunday, December 18	St. Michael, Pine Island	7:00-7:45 am
Tuesday, December 20	St. Paul, Zumbrota	4:00-4:55 pm
Tuesday, December 20	St. Paul, Zumbrota	6:30-8:00 pm
Thursday, December 22	St. Michael, Pine Island	6:30-8:00 pm
Saturday, December 24	St. Michael, Pine Island	10:30am-noon

**The Sacrament of Confession is also offered before each weekday Holy Mass

Holy Mass on Christmas Eve:

Archbishop Hebda has granted permission to pastors to begin Christmas Eve Holy Masses as early as 2pm this year.

Saturday, December 24	St. Paul, Zumbrota	3:00 pm
Saturday, December 24	St. Michael, Pine Island	4:30 pm

Holy Mass on Christmas Day:

Sunday, December 25	St. Michael, Pine Island	7:00 am (Latin)
Sunday, December 25	St. Paul, Zumbrota	8:45 am
Sunday, December 25	St. Michael, Pine Island	10:30 am

Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God –

January 1

Saturday, December 31	St. Michael, Pine Island	5:00 pm
Sunday, January 1	St. Michael, Pine Island	7:00 am (Latin)
Sunday, January 1	St. Paul, Zumbrota	8:45 am
Sunday, January 1	St. Michael, Pine Island	10:30 am

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be Sunday, December 18, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on **Advent: the importance of spiritually preparing to receive our Lord's Graces now and for the future.**

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

WEEKLY TITHING December 10-11, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,005.00
Plate:	\$ 524.41
EFT:	\$ 890.00
Total:	\$ 4,418.41

Religious Retirement Collection: \$ 757.00
 Kitui Mission Collection: \$ 299.00



Christmas Flowers: This year we will again be collecting Christmas Flower offerings for the purchase of poinsettias for the Christmas Season. You will find a Christmas Flower envelope in your packet. The suggested donation is \$13. Please put your envelope in the collection basket by Sunday, Dec. 18. If you miss this deadline, please drop off donation at the Church office the following week. Thank you and God bless you!

*“Dear Father Kasel & members of St. Michael, Thank you for your financial contribution to the **Kitui Living Water Project**. Contributions are used to help support their ongoing drought concerns—maintaining dams, educating farmers, & promoting health & hygiene. Your prayers & caring are appreciated.”*
In Christ,

Kristen LaJeunesse & the Kitui Partnership

Respect Life Holy Mass

The Cathedral of Saint Paul, in St. Paul, MN, will offer Holy Mass on Sunday, January 22, at 12 noon. This Holy Mass will commemorate the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion’s aftermath. It is also an opportunity to recognize those who exemplify pro-life work in our local communities with the Saint John Paul II Champion for Life Award. This Holy Mass will replace the Prayer Service for Life. This event is sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family and Life

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

Candle Lighting Ceremony: All are invited to attend the **20th Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony** at the historic Church of St. Rose on Sunday, December 18, at 2:00 p.m. Music provided by *Brass Etc.* Reception at the Palof residence. The church is located at 8778 County Hwy 11 Blvd., Kenyon 55946.
www.friendsofstrose.org

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

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

Friday, December 23, 2022

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

Saturday, December 24, 2022 Christmas Eve

4:30pm Holy Mass

Sunday, December 25, 2022 Christmas Day

7:00am Latin Holy Mass
 10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

December 21, 2022 †John Connelly (Paul & Mary Sutton)
December 23, 2022 †John Tauzell (Barbara Tauzell)
December 24, 2022 Kelly Amiot (Mary Amiot)
December 25, 2022 Tristan O’Reilly
December 25, 2022 Parishioners



CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith Formation class/session will be **Wednesday, January 4, 2023**, at the Church of St. Michael.

Topic for January: The Virtue of Obedience

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.

Youth Group Event! All Youth, Grades 7-12, are invited for a prayer, food, and game night Wednesday, December 28, from 6:30-8:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk. We will have some special activities to celebrate Christmas! All high school students and confirmation candidates are invited to this youth event. Please RSVP to our parish offices! God bless you!

Advent Prayer

My hidden Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You with profound gratitude for uniting Yourself with fallen humanity. When You first entered into this world, You remained hidden for nine months in the immaculate womb of Your Blessed Mother. She carried You, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, within the sanctuary of her body. She also carried You within her heart as a result of her perfect love for You and her perfect obedience to the Will of the Father.

Dear Precious Lord, as I embrace this Advent Season, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden Presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully this Advent. May I become a sanctuary in which You dwell so that I, like Your dear Mother, may bring Your Presence into the world.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

My dear Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the Will of the Father in imitation of you. You said “Yes” to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His Divine Will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your Divine Son,
 Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, Come,
 Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus!
 Amen. (from www.mycatholic.life)



Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture: by: Chad Pecknold, Ph.D.
CATHOLIC POLITICAL THOUGHT 101: Foundations and Principles

In this course, we will examine the history of Catholic Christianity in relation to the nature of political order, especially in the first fifteen centuries of Christendom, placing a strong emphasis on the teaching of popes, councils, and *doctores ecclesiae*. We will pay careful attention to the relation of *religio* and *ordo*, the relationship between temporal and spiritual power, and the mediating ecclesial bonds which unite the common good to the highest good that is God.

Event Details: Thursdays, January 26 - June 15, from 8:00 - 9:15 PM EST, Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM EST, Lecture: 8:00 PM EST. Registration is required at: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/catholic-political-thought-101>

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for December: Your choice!

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Advent Reflection

“Lord God, as you did for Mary, the Virgin of Advent, send Your Spirit upon us... Help us to accept, like Mary, the Gift of Your Divine Presence and Protection. Help us to be docile to the promptings of the Spirit, so that we can proclaim with courage and apostolic zeal the Word Who became flesh and came to dwell among us: Jesus Christ, God made Man, Who has redeemed us by His Death and Resurrection. Amen!” - St. John Paul II, November 30, 1997

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

“Lord, you were conceived in the womb of a Virgin and were crucified for all men... for all without distinction. And yet, how differently they pay you back.” *St. Rafael Arnaiz*

“We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at the Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.” *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

“Rejoice and be glad that so great and good a Lord, on coming into the Virgin’s womb, willed to appear despised, needy, and poor in this world, so that men who were in dire poverty and suffering great need of Heavenly Food might be made rich in Him.” *St. Clare of Assisi*

“Mankind is a great, an immense family... This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas.” *St. John XXIII*

“And in the end... everything else will turn out to be unimportant and inessential, except for this: Father, Child and Love.” *St. John Paul II*



†ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT†

Can you spend an hour with Jesus? Adoration is held at St. Paul, Zumbrotta on Tuesdays from 9am-5pm and St. Michael, Pine Island on Wednesdays from 9am-5pm.

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The **Catholic Daughters** will meet Monday, December 19, at 6pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Mazeppa. We will celebrate Christmas with a potluck and fellowship, followed by our meeting at 7 pm. Remember to bring items for Birthright.

The **Catholic Daughters** will offer the “Meal in a Bucket” fundraiser for the next three weeks. Pre-order slips are 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!

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 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.

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

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3:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, December 25, 2022 Christmas Day

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

December 20, 2022 †Richard Thamert (Katie Holmstadt)

December 22, 2022 †Roy & Gloria Bradley

December 24, 2022 Clare Taylor (T & J Meyer)

December 25, 2022 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

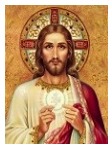
(from page 1) *loved ones, this day and always. Amen.*
 (Credit (with edits by Fr. Kasel): National Shrine of Our Lady of Providence, USA)

5. Family Prayer at the time of gathering to celebrate Christmas: it is very important that family gatherings keep in mind the reason for gathering: the newborn Christ-child! I suggest prayer that goes beyond the before and after meal prayers. I suggest the family make it a priority to attend Holy Christmas Mass together and pray the Rosary at some point during the gathering (especially the Joyful Mysteries).
6. Christmas hymns and sharing gratitude: singing Christmas hymns brings everyone together and enlivens hearts; also give each member of the family a chance to share with others any reasons why he or she is thankful to God and others in the family.
7. Sharing of gifts: this wonderful family custom should be offered and received as a sign of mutual love, respect and gratitude. Gift-giving should in some way reflect our own personal gratitude and love for the greatest gift of all time: Jesus! Take time to emphasize this with children and allow family members to use words during the sharing of gifts.

These are just a few ideas for your families and I am sure that many of you have some wonderful practices that I have not mentioned. If you do, please pass them on to me.

Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless you, your families, and our parishes!

In Christ through Mary,
 Fr. Kasel



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!*

PRO LIFE QUOTE:

“A Christian can never conform to a law which is in itself immoral, and such is the case of a law which would admit in principle the liceity of abortion. Nor can a Christian take part in the propaganda campaign in favor of such a law or vote for it... On the contrary, it is the task of law to pursue reform of society and conditions of life in all its milieu, starting with the most deprived, so that always and everywhere it may be possible to give every child coming into this world a welcome worthy of a person.” Declaration on Procured Abortion, Vatican, 1974



“The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally prolife: who will acclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of life in every situation. A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil.” Pope John Paul II
 “Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. *Christ is with you: be not afraid!*” St. John Paul II

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