# April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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# From Father Kasel

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

The month of April is dedicated to devotion the Holy Eucharist. Let us ask Mary, the Mother of the Eucharist and St. Joseph to increase our Faith in the True Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist! This week I share with you a reflection on the importance of Unity in the Church and a goal for all Christians. I encourage you to read it through a few times this week, and to pray for true unity!

"The First Christians: Unity among Christians is a gift of God. Pray for it.

The company of those who believed were of one heart and soul.

(Acts 4:32) These words of the Acts of the Apostles are like a summary of the deep unity and fraternal love of the first Christians, which attracted so much attention from their follow citizens. *The disciples bore testimony to the Resurrection not only with their words but also with their virtues.* (St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on the Acts of the Apostles*, 11) What stands out among them is the attitude - born of charity - of seeking harmony always. The unity of the Church from its very beginnings is an express wish of Christ. He speaks to us of one sole Pastor (cf. John 10:16), and He highlights the unity of the Kingdom which cannot be divided (cf. Matt. 12:25), of the building that has one single foundation. (cf. Matt. 16:18) This unity was always founded on the profession of

Matt. 16:18) This unity was always founded on the profession of one sole Faith, on the observance of a single form of worship and on submission to a sole hierarchical authority, constituted by Jesus Christ Himself. There is only one Church of Jesus Christ, Pope St. John Paul II taught in his catechesis in Spain, which is like a big tree into which we are all grafted. It's a matter of a deep vital unity which is a gift from God. It is not merely, nor above all, an external unity; it is a mystery and a gift...

This unity then is shown around him who in each diocese has been constituted as Shepherd, the Bishop. In the universal Church it is shown around the Pope, the Successor of Peter. (St. John Paul II, Homily, Madrid, 3 November 1982)

The unity of Faith was, among the first Christians, the support of their fortitude and of the inner life which flowed over into the exterior. The same Christian life has been lived since then by very different peoples, each with their own specific individual, social, racial and linguistic characteristics. There, wherever there were Christians, they shared, experienced and transmitted one single doctrine with the same soul and the same heart and identical voice. (St. Irenaeus, Adversus Haereses, 1, 10, 2)

The first Christians defended this unity of theirs to the point of facing persecution and even martyrdom. The Church has always encouraged her children to watch over their precious unity and pray for it. Our Lord prayed for it at the last Supper for the whole Church: that they all may be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us. (John 17:21)

Unity is a very great benefit that we should implore every day be-

# 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 8:25am, 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

cause every kingdom divided against itself cannot last and every city or house divided against itself cannot stand. (Matt. 12:25) And St. John Chrysostom comments: a house or city once divided is destroyed quickly; and it is the same with regard to the Kingdom, which is the strongest entity that there is, since it is the union of their subjects that gives strength to kingdoms and to houses. (St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on St. Matthew*, 48) So there should be unity with the Pope, unity with the Bishops, unity with our brothers in the Faith - and with all men to attract them to Faith in Christ. What destroys fraternal unity: The one, says St. Thomas, is not opposed to the multitude, but to division; and neither does the multitude exclude unity: what it excludes is the division of each thing into its components. (St. Thomas, Summa Theologiae, I q30, a3) What divides is whatever separates from Christ: any sin, for example, although this separation is more perceptible in those faults of charity which isolate one from others, and the faults in obedience towards the Shepherds whom Christ has established to rule the Church. The variety of characters, races, customs, or ways of being is not opposed to unity. It is for this reason that the Church can be Catholic, universal and one and the same in all times and places. It is this interior unity, St. Paul VI said, which endows her with the surprising capacity of uniting men of the greatest diversity, respecting or, even more, giving a new value to their specific characteristics, providing they are positive, that is, truly human; which endows her with the capacity of being catholic, of being universal. (Paul VI, Address, 30 March 1965)

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

Holy Hour for Men will be Sunday, May 2, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael. Pine Island. All men are invited!

# **CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS**

### CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30-7:45pm TOPIC for May: Mary, God's Masterpiece (includes the Living Rosary)

### The Victory of the Holy Cross

"Death trampled our Lord underfoot, but He in His turn treated death as a highroad for His own feet. He submitted to it, enduring it willingly, because by this means He would be able to destroy death in spite of itself. Death had its own way when our Lord went out from Jerusalem carrying His Cross; but when by a loud cry from that Cross He summoned the dead from the underworld, death was powerless to prevent it. Death slew Him by means of the Body which He had assumed, but that same Body proved to be the weapon with which He conquered death. Concealed beneath the cloak of His manhood, His Godhead engaged death in combat; but in slaying our Lord, death itself was slain. It was able to kill natural human life, but was itself killed by the Life that is above the nature of man.

Death could not devour our Lord unless He possessed a Body, neither could hell swallow Him up unless He bore our flesh; and so He came in search of a chariot in which to ride to the underworld. This chariot was the Body which He received from the Virgin; in it He invaded death's fortress, broke open its strong-room and scattered all its treasure.

At length He came upon Eve, the mother of all the living. She was that vineyard whose enclosure her own hands had enabled death to violate, so that she could taste its fruit; thus the mother of all the living became the source of death for every living creature. But in her stead Mary grew up, a new vine in place of the old. Christ, the new Life, dwelt within her. When death, with its customary impudence, came foraging for her mortal fruit, it encountered its own destruction in the hidden Life that fruit contained. All unsuspecting, it swallowed Him up, and in so doing released Life itself and set free a multitude of men.

He who was also the carpenter's glorious Son set up His Cross above death's all-consuming jaws, and led the human race into the dwelling place of Life. Since a tree had brought about the downfall of mankind, it was upon a Tree that mankind crossed over to the realm of life. Bitter was the branch that had once been grafted upon that ancient tree, but sweet the young shoot that has now been grafted in, the shoot in which we are meant to recognize the Lord whom no creature can resist.

We give glory to You, Lord, who raised up Your Cross to span the jaws of death like a bridge by which souls might pass from the region of the dead to the land of the living. We give glory to You who put on the Body of a single mortal man and made it the source of Life for every other mortal man. You are incontestably alive. Your murderers sowed Your living Body in the earth as farmers sow grain, but it sprang up and yielded an abundant harvest of men raised from the dead.

Come then, my brothers and sisters, let us offer our Lord the great and all-embracing Sacrifice of our Love, pouring out our treasury of hymns and prayers before Him who offered His Cross in Sacrifice to God for the enrichment of us all." (From a sermon by St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church)

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### WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"If anyone cannot find a master to teach him how to pray, let him take this glorious saint as his master, and he will not go astray." (speaking of St. Joseph) St. Bernadette Soubirous: "Be in good spirits under the fatherly mantle of St. Joseph, a place of safest refuge in trials and tribulations." St. Joseph Marello "A servant of Mary will have a tender devotion to St. Joseph, and by his pious homage of respect and love, will endeavor to merit the protection of this great saint." Blessed William Joseph Chaminade "Saint Joseph, our father and lord, is a teacher of the interior life. Place yourself under his patronage and you'll feel the effectiveness of his power." St. Josemaria Escriva

### WEEKLY TITHING for April 17-18, 2021

Sunday/Easter Envelopes: \$ 1,268.00 Plate: 873.10 EFT: 2,275.50 Total: \$ 4,416.60

### Holy Spirit Novena for MAY: May 1 - May 9.

## Congratulations to:

Phillip and Lisa Elizondo on the baptism of their son, Roman Bennett Elizondo, on April 17, 2021.

**Thank Mom for Life** on Mother's Day, May 9, with an orchid corsage, mini rose bush, violets, or begonia plant with a "Thanks Mom for Life" button attached. They will be available at all weekend Masses with a suggested donation of \$6 for the orchids and violets, \$7 for the begonias, and \$8 for the mini roses. All proceeds benefit Goodhue County Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.

### Church of St. Michael Fall Festival!

Fr. Kasel and the Fall Festival committee recently met and are happy to announce that plans have started in order to hold our Fall Festival this year. It is scheduled for **Saturday/Sunday**, **September** <u>**18/19.**</u> We are planning for most of the familiar activities will be held on Saturday: Tractor Pull, outside concessions, farmers market, quilt show, craft vendors, bingo, silent auction. For Sunday we are planning: our Beef Dinner, Tractor Show, outside concessions, farmers market, silent auction, quilt show, craft vendors, bingo, Pedal Tractor Pull and kids' games. All of these events are subject to change. We will need volunteers to make this a success! Please consider helping. There is a sheet in entry of the church for you to sign and make us know you are willing to volunteer. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 28 at 6:30 in the office building - if you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Fr. Kasel. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact the parish office.

### **†ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT†** Can you spend an hour with Jesus?

Adoration is held at St. Paul, Zumbrota on Tuesdays from 9am-5pm and St. Michael, Pine Island on Wednesdays from 9am-5pm.



Pine Island Food Shelf: The items requested for April: Crackers (Saltines & Snack)

### **HOLY MASS TIMES**

### Wednesday, April 28, 2021

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

### Friday, April 30 2021

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

### Saturday, May 1, 2021

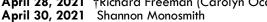
4:00pm-4:50pm Individual Confession 5:00pm Holy Mass

### Sunday, May 2, 2021

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass 10:30am Holy Mass

### **HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

April 28, 2021 †Richard Freeman (Carolyn Ocariz)



May 1, 2021 †Paul & †Anne Kasel & deceased family members May 2, 2021 (EF) Parishioners

May 2, 2021 †Robert Sullivan



### CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

### **CHURCH OF ST. PAUL FAITH FORMATION**

The Next Session: Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30-7:45pm
TOPIC for May: Mary, God's Masterpiece
(includes the Living Rosary)

(*From Father Kasel*...from pg. 1) The Apostles and their successors had to bear the pains provoked by those who spread errors and divisions. *They speak of peace and they make war*, regretted St. Irenaeus; they swallow the camel while they strain out the fly. The reforms they preach can never remedy the ills of disunity. (St. Irenaeus, Adversus Haereses, 4, 33, 7)

The first Christians were convinced that if their Faith *enjoyed good health, they had nothing to fear*. (Tertullian, *De Praescriptione Haereticorum*) We should pray a lot for unity for the whole Church: that we all may be one, that we may be faithful to the Faith we have received, that we may obey promptly all the commands and indications of the Roman Pontiff and of the Bishops in communion with him.

Unity is closely linked to personal ascetic struggle to be better, to be more united to Christ. There is very little we can do in our work for the whole Church... if we have not attained this close intimacy with Our Lord Jesus: if we are not really with Him and like Him sanctified in the Truth; if we do not preserve His Word in us trying to discover its hidden riches every day. (John Paul II, Message for Church Unity Octave, 23 January 1981)

The unity of the Church, whose vital principle is the Holy Spirit, has as its central point the Blessed Eucharist, which is the sign of unity and the bond of love. (St. Augustine, Commentary on St. John, 26) Removing discord and praying for unity is never more appropriately achieved than when the Body of Christ, which is the Church, offers the very Body and Blood of Christ in the Sacrament... (Divine Office, Second reading, St. Fulgentius)

Charity unites, pride separates. The fraternity of the first Christians. Avoid anything that could harm unity: St. Paul calls frequently for unity: to the Christians of Ephesus he writes: I beg you to lead a life worthy of the vocation to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, with forbearing for one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

He continues, referring to an ancient acclamation, possibly used in the early Liturgy during baptismal ceremonies, which highlights the unity of the Church as the fruit of the oneness of the Divine Essence and of the action of the Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity, Who act in the Church and are the cause of its unity. (cf. *The Navarre Bible*, Captivity Epistles) *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one Faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all.* (Eph. 4:1-6)

St. Paul lists different virtues: humility, gentleness, longanimity, various manifestations of charity, which is the bond of unity in the Church. *The temple of the King is not ruined, or cracked or divided: the cement of the living stones is charity.* (St. Augustine, *Commentary of Psalm 44*) Charity unites, pride separates.

The first Christians showed their love for the Church through a charity which overcame all barriers, whether social, economic, racial or cultural. Whoever possessed material goods shared them with those who had none (cf. Acts 4:32 ff.), and they all prayed for one another and encouraged each other to persevere in the Faith of Christ. One of the earliest Apologists, in the second century, described the behavior of the first Christians as follows: they love one another, they do not despise widows and they rescue orphans from those who treat them with violence; and he who has, gives unbegrudgingly to him who has not. (Aristides, Apology, XV, 5-7) However, the greatest charity was directed towards fortifying the brethren in the Faith. The Acts of the Martyrs recount in almost every page specific details of this concern for the fidelity of the others. Truly it was Love that enabled them to make their way through that corrupt pagan world. (J. Escriva, (cont. on pg. 4)

### **WEEKLY TITHING for April 18, 2021**

 Sunday/Easter Envelopes:
 \$ 1,220.00

 Plate:
 \$ 107.00

 EFT:
 \$ 1,225.00

 Total:
 \$ 2,552.00

Holy Spirit Novena for MAY: May 1 - May 9.

# All Ladies of the Parish are invited to attend!!! Church of St. Paul CCW Madonna Celebration

on Tuesday, May 4, 2021

6:00pm Holy Mass with Fr. Kasel 6:30pm Light Snack hosted by Joan Circle 7:00pm *Terese Horlocker will be speaking on:* 

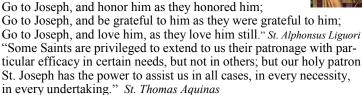
"Our Lady of Grace"
the history of the Miraculous Medal

7:15pm Brief Meeting No **RSVP** needed!

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## Go to Joseph

"Go, then to Joseph, and do all that he shall say to you; Go to Joseph, and obey him as Jesus and Mary obeyed him; Go to Joseph, and speak to him as they spoke to him; Go to Joseph, and consult him as they consulted him;



#### **PRO-LIFE QUOTES**

"You are called to stand up for **life!** To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of **unborn babies**, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against **abortion**." – *St. John Paul II* 

**Thank you and an invitation!** The Saint Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold their 88<sup>th</sup> annual Convention on April 30, 8am to 3:30pm at the Church of St. Patrick in Shieldsville. Pre-register through email at <a href="mailto:accw@archspm.org">accw@archspm.org</a>. Thank you to our local St. Paul CCW and all members of CCW!

The **Catholic Daughters** will meet on Monday, April 26th at Holy Trinity Church in Goodhue, gathering at 6:30pm with meeting starting at 7pm. We will have our white elephant auction at this meeting. If you want to attend the meeting via Zoom, please contact Beth Arendt for information. If you have any questions about CDA, please contact Beth Arendt at 507-272-5829.

### **HOLY MASS TIMES**

### Tuesday, April 27, 2021

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

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

### Thursday, April 29, 2021

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

### Sunday, May 2, 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**

April 27, 2021 †Carl Patros (Louise Gerken)
April 29, 2021 †Elmer Mullenbach

May 2, 2021 Parishioners



## NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 3) Friends of God, 172) It was love for the brethren in the Faith and love for the pagans. We also will bring our world to God if we can imitate the first Christians in our understanding and affection for everybody, even if at times our concern for and attention to others meet with no response. And we shall strengthen in the Faith any who are growing weak, with our example and our word and our dealings that are always friendly and open. A brother helped by a brother is like a strong city. (Prov. 18:19)

Out of love for the Church, let us use all possible means so as not to damage, not even remotely, the unity of Christians: you should always avoid complaining, criticizing, gossiping... avoid absolutely anything that could bring discord among brothers. (J. Escriva, Furrow, 918) On the contrary, we should always foster everything that is an occasion for mutual understanding and concord. If on some occasion we are not able to praise, we should say nothing. (idem., The Way, 443) In the words of the Liturgy: May we overcome today all envy and dissension. (Divine Office, Morning Prayer, intercessions)

In order to learn how to safeguard the unity of the Church let us have recourse to our Mother Mary. May she, the Mother of Love and Unity, bind us closely, in order that, like the first community born from the Cenacle, we may be 'one heart and one soul.' May she, the 'Mother of Unity', in whose womb the Son of God was united with humanity, inaugurating mystically the nuptial union of the Lord with all men, help us to be 'one' and to become instruments of unity, among Christians and among all men. (St. John Paul II, Homily, 24 March 1980)" (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez) Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of the Church, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless us with the graces we each need to seek and practice unity within the Church! In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: Sunday, April 25

Did you know that over 40% of dioceses in the U.S. and U.S. territories are unable to support necessary pastoral activities for their communities? These dioceses face challenges like fragile financial situations, vast distances and difficult terrain. Even dioceses in our own state receive grants from Catholic Home Missions: Duluth, Crookston and New Ulm. By donating to the Catholic Home Missions appeal, you provide support for even the most basic pastoral programs like faith formation and sacraments. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal through your parish.

Family Rosary Procession Sunday, May 2, 2:00pm State Capital As a public witness to our Catholic faith during the month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, come with family and friends to the annual Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession led by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. Gather at the State Capitol at 1:15 p.m. The procession to the Cathedral of Saint Paul begins at 2 p.m. Those who cannot walk the route may go directly to the Cathedral to pray the Rosary. The event will also be live streamed on the Cathedral's Facebook page. Find more details at archspm.org/events and at minnesotarosaryprocessions.org.

Kitui Living Water Project: Please remember to turn in LIVING WATER your water bottles for the Living Water Project to the Church or the Parish office this week. We thank you for your donations and your generosity. God bless you!



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