March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This weekend we celebrate Laetare Sunday. Laetare is the Latin word for 'rejoice'. This title comes from the first word of the entrance antiphon for Holy Mass this weekend. The customary liturgical color is 'rose' because it is the liturgical color that represents joy. If rose vestments are not available, violet could also be utilized as the liturgical color.

Let us rejoice in our Lord today because Holy Week and the Easter celebration are rapidly approaching! Even though we 'rejoice' this weekend, let us continue to keep our eyes fixed closely upon our good Lord.

This week I share with you a sermon by St. John Chrysostom, bishop, (b. 344 - d.407) on the rewards and importance of a daily discipline or habit of prayer.

"Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illumined by His infinite Light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods but continuous throughout the day and night.

Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God, not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of Charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God and call Him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's Love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe. Throughout the whole of our lives we may enjoy the benefit that comes from prayer if we devote a great deal of time to it.

Prayer is the Light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, mediating between God and man. The spirit, raised up to Heaven by prayer, clings to God with the utmost tenderness; like a child crying tearfully for its mother, it craves the milk that God provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires, and receives gifts outweighing the whole world of nature.

Prayer stands before God as an honored ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayer, not words. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God's Grace. The Apostle Paul says: *We do not know how we are to pray but the Spirit Himself pleads for us with inexpressible longings*. (Rom 8:26)

When the Lord gives this kind of prayer to a man, He gives him riches that cannot be taken away, heavenly food that satisfies the spirit. One who tastes this food is set on fire with an eternal longing for the Lord: his spirit burns as in a fire of utmost intensity. Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds.

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 8:20am, 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 at10:30am

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

Adorn it with the walls and stones of Faith and generosity. Crown it with the pinnacle of prayer. In this way you will make it a perfect dwelling place for the Lord. You will be able to receive Him as in a splendid palace, and through His Grace you will already possess Him, His image enthroned in the temple of your spirit." Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph, St. Michael, and St. Paul, may God bless us with the graces we each need to grow in holiness this Lenten Season! In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel



CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION The next Faith Formation session will be on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island.

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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, March 20, 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.

St. Michael Homeschool Co-op for Spring: The Church of St. Michael is offering an opportunity for children ages 3-14 to participate in a Homeschool Co-op on six (6) Fridays beginning April 12. Registration forms are available in the church entry. Contact the Office at 507-356-4280 or stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net. Fill out the registration form and give it to Fr. Kasel or turn it in to the church office.

Jesus' Rule of Love

"O Sacred Heart of Jesus, Fountain of Eternal Life, Your Heart is a glowing furnace of Love. You are my refuge and my sanctuary. O my adorable and loving Savior, consume my heart with the burning Fire with which Yours is aflamed. Pour down on my



soul those Graces which flow from Your Love. Let my heart be united with Yours. Let my will be conformed to Yours in all things. May Your Will be the rule of all my desires and actions. Amen." St. Gertrude the Great

Quilting Bee Cause will meet Tuesday March 12, at 9am in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to help make quilts!

Men of Christ - Rising Daily in Discipleship on Saturday, March 23, from 9am - 3pm, at the Church of St. Joseph, Rosemount. Join men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 2024 men's conference. Keynote speakers Deacon Harold Burke-Sievers and Jeff Cavins will lead the day that will include presentations by Bishop Joseph Williams, Deacon Joe Michalak, and Bishop Izen. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will celebrate Holy Mass. For more information call 651.291.4488 or email flomos@archspm.org.

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series: TRADITIONAL LOGIC: A Practicum in Classical Reasoning

Man is the rational animal—our defining activity is reasoning. But how much attention do we pay to our ability to reason and to come to knowledge? This course aims to deepen our understanding of our capacity to reason and to sharpen it by examining in detail some key problems in our time. Students will discover how logic can help us solve them and see the truth that lies beyond. Last day to apply is Tuesday, April 9.

An orientation session will be held on April 16, and classes will begin on April 23. Note: If you are unable to attend the live classes you can still register. Lecture recordings will be available following each class. Details: Tuesdays, April 23 - September 10, 2024

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM ET, Lecture: 8:00 PM ET Instructor. Timothy Kearns, Ph.D. Registration is required. Visit: Traditional Logic: A Practicum in Classical Reasoning (instituteofcatholicculture.org)

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for March: Baking items - baking soda or powder, cornstarch, spices

WEEKLY TITHING March 2-3, 2024

Sunday Envelopes: Plate: EFT: Total:

\$ 3,155.00 1,126.00 2.500.00 6,781.00



St. Joseph's Altar and Hospitality Sunday, March 10: You are invited to the Annual St. Joseph's Altar and Hospitality

on Sunday, March 10, after the 10:30am Holy Mass to celebrate the feastday of St. Joseph, hosted by hospitality team and Little Flowers Girls. The St. Joseph's Altar is a tradition in the Catholic Church to honor the foster father of Jesus. Come and honor the great St. Joseph in this very special way!

Easter Flower Donations

Help to beautify our sanctuary and remember a loved one through a contribution for Easter Flowers! There is an envelope contribution packet for Easter flowers. The suggested donation is \$13. Please consider making a donation and put it



in the Sunday collection or return to the office by Sunday, March 24. Thank you!

Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit: March 13 – 20, 2024 All are invited to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse between March 13 - 20, to view a life-size replica of the original Shroud of Turin (believed to be the burial cloth Jesus was wrapped in after His crucifixion). "It contains all of the information in the gospels, and then even more information that science has been able to

extract from the shroud, showing the evidence that Jesus was a real person," said Tony Cherniawski, Expert Presenter. Mr. Cherniawski will offer free presentations to pilgrimage, parish, and school groups that would like to visit the exhibition. Please call the Shrine in advance if you are bringing a group of 10 or more to see the Shroud. Group reservations information: GuadalupeShrine.org/events !

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday, March 15, 2024 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass Saturday, March 16, 2024 4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions 5:00pm Holy Mass Sunday, March 17, 2024

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

March 13, 2024	†Rosalinda Gando (J. Meyer)
March 15, 2024	Laurie Schultz
March 16, 2024	Lynn Peplinski (Jon & Kate Lenn)
March 17, 2024	<pre>†Gerry Arnold (Catherine Arnold)</pre>
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> Stations of the Cross at the Church of St. Paul: Each Tuesday of Lent at 5:30pm

Church Cleaning: Mark your calendars: Wednesday, March 20, at 9:30am for Spring Cleaning of the Church upstairs. Men and ladies are all invited - many hands make light work! We hope to finish before noon or sooner. Contact Barb Boraas at 507-696-7997 with questions.

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WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"There is more joy in Heaven over a converted sinner than over a righteous person standing firm. A leader in battle has more love for a soldier who returns after fleeing and who valiantly pursues the enemy, than for one who never turned back but who never acted valiantly either. A farmer has greater love for land which bears fruitfully, after he has cleared it of thorns, than for land which never had thorns but which never yielded a fruitful harvest." St. Pope Gregory the Great (540-604)

"The Sun of our lives is the Eucharist." St. Luigi Guanella "A Saint is not someone who never sins, but one who sins less and less frequently and gets up more and more quickly." St. Bernard of Clairvaux

"Then, overcome by joy, I cried, 'Jesus, my Love. At last I have found my vocation. My vocation is Love. In the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be Love, and then I will be all things." St. Thérèse de Lisieux

"Do not be afraid, then, when Love makes demands. Do not be afraid when Love requires sacrifice." St. Pope John Paul II

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." St. Augustine "Mihi mori lucrum - For me to die is a gain. To die, murdered by the haters of Jesus Christ, would be my gain. All my fervent desires have always been to die in a hospital as a poor man, or on the scaffold as a martyr, murdered by enemies because of the most holy Religion that we profess and preach. I should like to seal with my blood the Virtues and Truths which I have preached and taught." St. Anthony Mary Claret

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1. Visit: signup.formed.org 2. Enter your parish zip code or name (St. Michael 55963 or St. Paul 55992) 3. Grow in our Catholic Faith!

WEEKLY TITHING March 3, 2024

Plate. 5	251.00
Sunday Envelopes: \$ Plate: \$	775.00

St. Patrick's Ham Dinner at the Zumbrota VFW



from 10:30am -1:00pm Prices: Adults: \$16.00, Children 6-12: \$6.00, Under 6: fre

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. For those who wish to give a cash donation, there is a box and envelopes located by the entrance of the Church or you may drop

your donation in the collection basket. *Desserts can be dropped off on Saturday, March 16, at the

Church of St. Paul, from 10am - 3pm or Sunday, March 17, at the VFW from 7:00am - 9:00am.

If you have any questions, contact the Ham Dinner committee members: Linda Kazmierczak & Karen Hodgman, Steve & Mary Kingsbury, Mark & Donna Huneke, and Fr. Kasel Thank you in advance for your willingness to make this endeavor a success!



Baskets/Items for St. Patrick's Ham Dinner Sileng Auction

Calling all parishioners! We are looking for silent auction baskets and items for this fundraiser held during

St. Patrick's Ham Dinner. Any type of themed basket or items including religious items, gift cards/certificates, homemade or ourchased items will be appreciated! If you have any questions, contact Josefina or Sara in the parish office. Please drop off any items at the office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"Some people argue that changing laws will not Eliminate abortions. It is certainly true that a change of heart is more important than a change of law. What is forgotten, however, is that the law is the great teacher. Children grow up believing that if a practice is legal, it must be moral."-- John Cardinal O'Connor

"Look at the mothers who truly love their children - how many sacrifices they make for them. They are ready for everything, even to give their own blood so that their babies grow up good, healthy and strong." St. Gianna Molla, wife and mother, b.1922 - d.1962"Give us the grace - When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life." St. John Paul II

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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

Thursday, March 14, 2024

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

Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions 8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

March 12, 2024 [†]Avonne Marvin (St. Paul CCW) March 14, 2024 †Phyllis Nagle (Dawn Udenberg) March 17, 2024 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

Looking for a way to grow spiritually this Lent?

Encounter Jesus anew, expand our parish community, and meet new people through small groups! Check out small group options online and sign up at: https://archspm.groupvitals.com/groupFinder



The next Knights of Columbus membership meeting is on Wed., March 13, at 7 pm, at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota.

Catholic Services Appeal 2024



Christ waits for you to join Him in His desert trial this Lent. The adventure is hard, and worth it. You can help others find the joy of the Gospel this Lent through your support of the Catholic Services Appeal. This appeal supports many ministries whose outreach is beyond the boundaries of individual parishes, such as prison ministry, Catholic Schools, campus and young adult ministry, Venezuelan mission, hospital chaplains, Catholic Charities of St. Paul/Minneapolis, deaf ministry, and more.

Giving is Faith in Action. Give to the Catholic Services Appeal today. GIVE ON-LINE TODAY

https://www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil: A prayer vigil will be held until March 24 to pray for an end to abortion. Join in the campaign and sign up for hours at https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/rochester. Questions? Contact Margaret Mulligan 40daysforliferoch@gmail.com



Save the date for a Bi-Parish Mission:

Fr. David Gunter will be back with us for a Bi-Parish Mission this coming April 13 - 17. The title of the Mission is: Jesus will come again! More details will be forthcoming.

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Starting on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, four processions starting at different locations around the country will begin, concluding at the Eucharistic Congress July 16. The route coming through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is the Marian Route.

The procession departs from the headwaters of the Mississippi, the northern arm of the Pilgrimage will descend through the midwestern United States, pass through Wisconsin and Illinois, and meet up with the other three Pilgrimage routes in Indianapolis at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress.

The Marian Route pilgrimage will be traveling through the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis from May 24-31. Our parishes are blessed to be along the route of the pilgrimage route and will host the pilgrimage on May 31!

More information at: https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/marian-route

Kitui Living Water Program- Lent 2024 Give Change...Change Lives

Kitui Water Bottle Project: Please continue filling your water bottles with change and return to the church when full or by the end of Lent to help those in the Kitui Diocese in Africa overcome their water shortage. Questions regarding the Kitui Partnership may be directed to the Parish Office. Thank you, ahead of time, for any contributions you are able to make!

