February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

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From Father Kasel

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

This Sunday we enter the second full week of our Lenten Season. How are your commitments during Lent coming along? Hopefully, you are experiencing some fruitful self-denial and growing in self-giving habits toward God and neighbor! I also hope you find your practices to be challenging. Sacrifices that challenge one to change a bad habit or grow into a good habit are the most rewarding. Furthermore, challenging sacrifices often bear greater spiritual fruit and lead to greater joy in our souls! In other words, the blessing of discipline during Lent leads to deeper love in friendship with Jesus and greater joy at the time of Easter!

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 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.

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 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

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. 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, Help of Christians, St. Joseph,

Through the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians, 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

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

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



March 1, 8, 15, & 22

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CHURCH OF ST. PAUL Each Tuesday of Lent at 5:30pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL Each Friday of Lent at 7:30pm

The next <u>Holy Hour for Women</u> will be Sunday, February 25, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on: *Helpful spiritual and penitential practices during Lent*. All women are invited!

The next <u>Holy Hour for Men</u> will be on Sunday, March 10, 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 Faith Formation session will be on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Topic for March: The Virtue of Sincerity

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, **February 28**, 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.

Holy Spirit Novena: March 1 to March 9

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"He so hated and despised sin that He avenged it on His own body with great pain, derision, torture, and reproach, His Passion and death - and not for Himself (for the poison of sin was not in Him) but only as a service to us, to satisfy for our sins. He gives us back the light of Grace and relieves us of the darkness that had entered our soul because of sin." St. Catherine of Siena

"I say we have been given a guide. I mean the only-begotten Incarnate Word, God's Son, who shows us how to walk along this road that is so well lighted. He says, you know 'I am the Way and Truth and Life. Whoever walks in me walks not in darkness but in light.' He is Truth, and there is no falsehood in Him." St. Catherine of Siena "He who wishes to find Jesus should seek Him, not in the delights and pleasures of the world, but in mortification of the senses." St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

"Let us read the lives of the Saints; let us consider the penances which they performed, and blush to be so... fearful of mortifying our flesh." St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

"Some subordinate their progress in perfection, which consists in denying their desires and likings out of Love for God, to their own tastes and whims. So strong is this inclination that even if they are commanded by obedience to do something which is to their liking, they immediately lose their desire for it, and all interest in it, because their one desire is to do their own will. The Saints did not act this way." St. John of the Cross

Quilting Bee Cause will meet Tuesday, February 27, at 9am in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to help make quilts! Any questions call Bea Rauen at 356-4858.

Curatio Catholic Apostolate of Healthcare Workers Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 7:45 am - 1:15 pm at the Church of St. Helena, 3204 E 43rd St. Mpls, MN 55406

All Catholic healthcare workers are invited to enjoy Lenten renewal! Holy Mass at 8am followed by light breakfast; Adoration & Reflec tion by Fr. Milless, former Curatio & hospital chaplain. There will be a unique Stations of the Cross designed for Healthcare, and a Q & A with Fr. Milless and a Healthcare Panel Discussion that will include: Ann Tescher, RN, Critical Care CNS and newly ordained Deacon Patrick Spencer, APRN, CNP from AALFA Clinic. There will be a catered lunch, fellowship & option for 1pm Confessions. Please register online by Feb. 27 at: CuratioApostolate.com

Witness to Life: Join us on Thursday, March 7, at 6:30 pm at St. James Coffee for the documentary "*I Lived at Parker Avenue*", presentations from local pregnancy resource centers, and Fr. Andy Vogel will share his personal adoption story. Bring something to donate to the pregnancy centers (diapers - especially larger sizes, pullups, wipes, etc.) and get a free drink. Fr. Vogel will offer Holy Mass at 6 pm. Hope you can join us and bring a friend. Life is a gift!

<u>Pine Island Food Shelf:</u> items requested for **February**: Soups of any kind.

WEEKLY TITHING February 17-18, 2024

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 2,775.00

 Plate:
 \$ 1,803.06

 EFT:
 \$ 3,400.00

 Total:
 \$ 7,978.06

 Kitui Misson Collection:
 \$ 272.00

COME AND JOIN US!

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

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

March 1, 8, 15, & 22

Both <u>baked & fried fish</u> will be offered!
Prices:



Adults-\$14.00, Children 5-12-\$6.00, Family maximum \$45.00 TAKE OUT AVAILABLE!

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:30pm

<u>Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus – composed by Blessed</u> Miguel Pro

"Does our life become from day to day more painful, more oppressive, more replete with afflictions? Blessed be he a thousand times who desires it so. If life be harder, love makes it also stronger, and only this love, grounded on suffering, can carry the Cross of my Lord Jesus Christ. Love without egotism, without relying on self, but enkindling in the depth of the heart an ardent thirst to love and suffer for all those around us: a thirst that neither misfortune nor contempt can extinguish.

I believe, O Lord; but strengthen my Faith. Heart of Jesus, I love you; but increase my Love. Heart of Jesus, I trust in you; but give greater vigor to my confidence. Heart of Jesus, I give my heart to you; but so enclose it in you that it may never be separated from you. Heart of Jesus, I am all yours; but take care of my promise so that I may be able to put it in practice even unto the complete sacrifice of my life." Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro (Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro († 1927) was a Mexican Jesuit priest who was martyred at the age of thirty-six. / From Blessed Miguel Pro: 20th-Century Mexican Martyr. © 1996 by TAN Books, Charlotte, NC.)

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series: <u>Jesus of Nazareth</u>: Discovering Christ with Pope Benedict XVI

Join Dr. Staudt and the ICC for a guided book study of Pope Benedict's <u>Jesus of Nazareth</u> trilogy. *Note: This series is already underway, but you may register at any time to access the recordings of previous lectures.

Details: Mondays, Feb. 26, Mar. 11 & 25

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM ET, Lecture: 8:00 PM ET Instructor: Jared Staudt, Ph.D. Registration is required. Visit: https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/jesus-of-nazareth

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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

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

Friday, March 1, 2024

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Latin First Friday Holy Mass

Saturday, March 2, 2024

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, March 3, 2024

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



February 28, 2024 Bob Lamp (Laurie Schultz)

March 1, 2024 †Mary Klouser (Dan Klouser)

March 2, 2024 †James Clemens (Betty Clemens & family)

March 3, 2024 †Paul Stroh (Lynette Stroh)

March 3, 2024 Parishioners

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At 7:30pm all students, parents and teachers gather in the Church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Our program is open for all of our parishioners to attend and it will benefit all ages! There will be separate presentations for adults & youth.

Holy Spirit Novena: March 1 to March 9



Stations of the Cross at the Church of St. Paul: Each Tuesday of Lent at 5:30pm

Universal Prayer for Holiness – attributed to Pope Clement XI (b. 1649 - d. 1721)

I believe, O Lord, but may I believe more firmly; I hope, but may I hope more securely; I love, but may I love more ardently; I sorrow, but may I sorrow more deeply.

I adore You as my first beginning; I long for You as my last end; I praise You as my constant benefactor; I invoke You as my gracious defender.

By Your Wisdom direct me, by Your righteousness restrain me, by Your clemency console me, by Your Power protect me.

I offer You, Lord, my thoughts as toward You, my words, as about You, my deeds, as following You, my trials, as for Your sake. I will whatever You Will, I will it because You Will, I will it in the way You Will, I will it so long as You Will.

I pray, Lord, enlighten my Understanding, inflame my will, cleanse my heart, sanctify my soul.

May I weep for sins past, repel temptations to come, correct evil leanings, nurture fit virtues.

Give me, good God, Love for You, hatred for myself, zeal for my neighbor, contempt for the world.

May I strive to obey those above me, to aid those dependent on me, to have care for my friends, to have forgiveness for my enemies.

May I conquer sensuality by austerity, avarice by generosity, anger by gentleness, lukewarmness by fervor.

Render me prudent in planning, steadfast in dangers, patient in adversity, humble in prosperity.

Make me, O Lord, attentive at prayer, moderate at meals, diligent at work, firm in purpose.

May I be careful to maintain inward innocence, outward modesty, exemplary behavior, a well-governed life.

May I be always watchful in subduing nature, fostering Grace, observing Your Law, winning salvation.

May I learn from you how precarious is the earthly, how great the Divine, how fleeting is time, how lasting the Eternal. Grant that I may prepare for death, fear judgment, flee hell, gain Paradise. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Catholic Daughters Court St. Mary Peter #1864 will meet Monday, February 26, at Holy Trinity in Goodhue. We will gather at 6:30pm for a light meal with our meeting to follow at 7pm. Remember to bring items for the Birthright collection. For information about Catholic Daughters, contact Linda Kazmierczak at 612-759-6399.

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.

WEEKLY TITHING February 18, 2024

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 580.00

 Plate:
 \$ 165.00

 EFT:
 \$ 1,300.00

 Total:
 \$ 2,045.00

St. Patrick's Ham Dinner at the Zumbrota VFW

March 17 at the Zumbrota VFW, serving from 10:30am -1:00pm

Prices: Adults: \$16.00, 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.

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.

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 or Items for the Ham Dinner Silent 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 purchased 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!

CARROLE SECTION SECTION OF THE SECTI

Join First Choice Clinic for their 1st annual Pickleball Tournament! Come out and have some fun while supporting this life-affirming ministry. All levels of experience are welcome.

When: Saturday, March 9: 9:30am walk-in registration and 10:00am start time

Where: Goodhue School (510 3rd Ave, Goodhue)

Prizes: First Place: \$100, Second Place: \$50, Third Place: \$25. Double Elimination!

\$50 entry fee per team. Text 651-301-5239 for registration (pre-registration strongly encouraged).

Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

The Church of St. Dominic will host the *Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World* [http://www.miracolieucaristici.org] on Friday, March 1 (6-8pm), Saturday, March 2 (9am-8pm.) and Sunday, March 3 (9am-3pm). All are welcome; admission is free. The Church of St. Dominic [https://church ofstdominic.org] is located at 104 Linden St. N., Northfield, MN.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

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

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

Thursday, February 29, 2024

8:00am Confessions/8:30am

Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

February 27, 2024 †Jeanne Heintz (Jackie Heintz)

February 29, 2024 Willie Thies March 3, 2024 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

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. Jesus anew, expand our parish community, and meet new The title of the Mission is: Jesus will come again! More details will be forthcoming.



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

SAINT PIELE MINNEAPOLI — CATHOLIC — SERVICES APPEA 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

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"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." Second Vatican Council, Church in the Modern World,#51

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil: We are holding prayer vigil 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

Looking for a way to grow spiritually this Lent? Encounter people through small groups! Check out small group options online and sign up at: https://archspm.groupvitals.com/groupFinder

National Eucharistic Revival Prayer Eucharistic Revival Lord Jesus Christ, You give us Your Flesh and Blood for the Life of the world, and You desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in Your Church the Truth, Beauty, and Goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist. Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me. Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me. Jesus sacrificing Yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me. Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new Life in me. Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me. Lord Jesus Christ, through the Paschal Mystery of Your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out Your healing love on Your Church and on our world. Grant that as we lift You up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, Your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us.

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!



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nors 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.