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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

From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers! Today, let us remember to pray for our mothers and thank God for their generosity and role in giving us life! I encourage you to take some time to thank your mother for all the blessings God has brought into your life through her!

We all know that we have a mother on earth. Did you know that all of us have a Mother in Heaven? We have a Mother in the Order of Grace: the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is also our Mother! How can this be? This week I share with you an article by Fr. William Most that explains this beautiful reality.

“Mary our Mother: ‘As a result, she is our Mother in the order of grace.’ With these few words Vatican II (*On the Church* # 61) gave us a brilliant theology of the Motherhood of Our Lady, and a marvelous help to understand the motherhood of all Mothers. To follow it, we need to read the two sentences that come before it: ‘The Blessed Virgin, predestined from eternity along with the Incarnation of the Divine Word, as the Mother of God, on this earth was the gracious Mother of the Divine Redeemer, His associate more than others, in a singular way, and the humble maid-servant of the Lord. In conceiving Christ, in bringing Him forth, in nourishing Him, in presenting Him to the Father in the Temple, in suffering with her Son as He died on the cross, she cooperated in the work of the Savior, in an altogether singular way, by obedience, faith, hope and burning love, to restore supernatural life to souls. As a result, she is our Mother in the Order of Grace.’

‘As a result, she is our Mother in the Order of Grace.’ An ordinary mother does two things to gain that glorious title: she shares in bringing a new life into being, she takes care of that life so long as she is needed, as long as she is willing and able.

Mary gives us supernatural life: We have seen in our discussion of Mary's cooperation in the redemption how she shares in bringing new Life into being. And what a life that is! Compared to it mere mortal life is as nothing. The Second Epistle of St. Peter (1:4) says that in it we are made ‘sharers in the Divine Nature.’ And, we have seen in our discussion of Mary's continuing mediation how she takes care of our Supernatural Life.

Let us try to explore this mystery a bit. St. Paul says that in Heaven we will see God ‘face to face’. Now of course, God does not have a face. Nor do souls have mortal eyes. But the solid reality is far beyond what the words can readily convey. When I look at another person in this life, I do not take that one into my mind- no, I take in an image. The person is finite, limited, and so a finite image can let me know about that one.

But God is infinite. No image could begin to convey what He is like. So the next, the inevitable step is staggering: it must be that the Divinity will join Itself to the created human soul immediately, without even an image in between, so that the soul can know Him even as His Son knows Him, as He knows His Son. Within that Divinity

there as it were flow infinite streams of knowledge and of love. For the first chapter of John's Gospel tells us that in the beginning the Father spoke the Word. That Word is not a ripple in the air as our words are. No, it is substantial, it is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. Between Father and Son there arises love - again, not the feeble reality we know, but it too is substantial, it is another Divine Person, the Holy Spirit, proceeding by way of Infinite Love. Only a being at least partly Divine could, as it were, plug into these infinite streams of knowledge and of love. Yet that is what it means to be ‘sharers in the Divine Nature’, which we are by the Life of Grace, which she shared in gaining for us, at a cost so great that, as we said, only God can comprehend it. So she really is our Mother in the Order of Grace.

A Mother's Care: But a mother has a second role to fulfill: to take care of the new life, so long as she is willing, able, and needed. In ordinary human affairs, there comes a time when the mother is not really much needed, for the child grows to adult stature. But in the spiritual life, we remain children - for unless we become as little children we shall not inherit the Kingdom. Or, to put it more clearly, we always stand in the need of Grace as long as we have not yet entered the mansions of our Father. That Grace, every Grace, comes to us through her, for, as Vatican II taught (62), she is the Mediatrix. We said an ordinary mother should give care as long as she is willing and able. Sadly, some human mothers stop being (continued on page 4)

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be Sunday, May 21, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 7-11, 2023 8:30am-12:00 noon at
the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island

Come, Holy Spirit! Congratulations to the students from our parish who will be Confirmed on May 20 at the Basilica of St. Mary. All are invited to attend a reception for them after the 10:30a.m. Holy Mass on Sunday, May 21. *May God bless you!*

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most Holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the Mysteries of the Redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the Graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.



*Please pray the **Pentecost Novena** that is inserted in the Bulletin this weekend. This Pentecost Novena is different from the one we put in each month. (begins Friday, May 19 and concludes Saturday, May 27)

Journey through the Catechism as a Story from Blessing to Blessing

Applications are now being accepted for the class of St. Therese Lisieux in the Catechetical Institute's popular two-year Pillars Program beginning this fall!



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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 unsoiled 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.

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture:

GROUND OF UNION: *Notions of Salvation in the Apostolic Tradition* "For the Son of God became man so that we might become God," wrote St. Athanasius, Church Father and defender of orthodoxy, seventeen centuries ago. Quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 460), this quip is the go-to line about the doctrine of "deification"—but what exactly does it mean? Join us in exploring the Church's universal teaching about how Christ's salvation makes us partakers of the divine nature.

Event details: Monday, May 15 *Pre-Class Discussion:* 7:30 PM EST *Lecture:* 8:00 PM EST *Instructor:* Rev. Michael Shami
Registration required at: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/>

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for May: Condiments: Ketchup/Mustard, Salad Dressings

WEEKLY TITHING May 6-7, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,897.00
Plate:	\$ 1,236.55
EFT:	\$ 2,667.00
Total:	\$ 6,800.55

Catholic Home Mission Appeal Collection: \$ 989.00
Kitui Living Water Donations: \$ 2,289.34

Thank Mom for Life on Mother's Day, May 14, with an African violet, mini rose bush, or begonia plant with a "Thanks Mom for Life" button attached. Suggested donation is \$8 each. They will be available at Sunday Holy Mass on May 14. All proceeds benefit Goodhue County Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.



Cemetery Collection: There will be a second collection on the weekend of May 20-21 to support the upkeep of the parish cemetery. Please consider donating to honor our beloved dead and keep the parish cemetery looking beautiful!

Quilting Bee Cause will meet Tuesday, May 16, at 9:00am in the church hall. Everyone is welcome!

Memorial Day Holy Mass - May 29, 2023

8:30am at St. Michael, Pine Island
(Prayers at the St. Michael Cemetery at 9:30am)
11:30am at St. Rose, Cherry Grove

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!*



Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes teach couples the Church approved methods on how to achieve or postpone pregnancy while remaining in God's Will for the gift of sexuality. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, visit <https://www.archspm.org/marriage/natural-family-planning-nfp/> or call 651-291-4489

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

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

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

Thursday, May 18, 2023

5:15pm Latin Holy Mass (Ascension Thursday)

Friday, May 19, 2023

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

Saturday, May 20, 2023

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, May 21, 2023

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

May 17, 2023	Kristimari Kaiya
May 18, 2023	Zachary Berns
May 19, 2023	†John Tazell (Barbara Tazell)
May 20, 2023	†Robert Hanzel (Beth Giesen)
May 21, 2023	Shannon & Robert Monosmith
May 21, 2023	Parishioners



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WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"To give worthy praise to the Lord's Mercy, we unite ourselves with Your Immaculate Mother, for then our hymn will be more pleasing to You, because She is chosen from among men and Angels. Through Her, as through a pure crystal, Your mercy was passed on to us. Through Her, man became pleasing to God; through Her, streams of Grace flowed down upon us." (Diary, 1746) St. Faustina

"Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of Love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and Love Him as you Love Him and serve Him in the distressing disguise of the poor." St. Mother Teresa
 "The greatest saints, those richest in Grace and virtue will be the most assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them." St. Louis Marie de Montfort

"Mary having co-operated in our redemption with so much glory to God and so much Love for us, our Lord ordained that no one shall obtain salvation except through her intercession." St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

"If you invoke the Blessed Virgin when you are tempted, she will come at once to your help, and Satan will leave you." St. John Vianney

PRO LIFE QUOTES:

"Give us the grace - When the sacredness of life before birth is at-tacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life." St. John Paul II

"Respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of man and his integral development. Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life." St. John Paul II (Evangelium Vitae)

"Not even one abortion per week is acceptable. Not one per month. Not one per year. Not one in our lifetime...The dignity of the human person begins at the moment of conception, not at birth. The dignity, as recognized by the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is bestowed by the Creator, and no one has the right to destroy innocent unborn life." Archbishop Samuel Aquila

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WEEKLY TITHING May 7, 2023

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,525.00
 Plate: \$ 124.00
 EFT: \$ 1,765.00
Total: \$ 3,414.00

Catholic Home Mission Appeal Collection: \$ 361.00
 Kitui Living Water Donations: \$ 722.85



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with an African violet, mini rose bush, or begonia plant with a "Thanks Mom for Life" button attached. Suggested donation is \$8 each. They will be available at Sunday Holy Mass on May 14. All proceeds benefit Goodhue County Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.

Prayer to the Mother of God for all mothers:

Dear Blessed Mother Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank our Lord Jesus, whom you love with all your heart, for the great gift of motherhood. We place our trust in you: never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by Grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your 'Yes' to the invitation of the Angel which brought Heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's Word and the Word, Jesus Christ, was made flesh and dwelt among us.



Dear Mother, intercede for all mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the Grace of surrendered love so that they can join with you in giving their own 'Fiat'. May they daily find strength to say yes to the call to give themselves in sacrificial love, which is the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all who are called to follow your Son. On this Mother's day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you! Amen.



†**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-



VOLUNTEERS WANTED: Do you have a few spare hours each month to lend a hand at the Zumbrota Food Shelf? You could either stock shelves or serve clients. Multiple times and days are available. Your help in feeding the hungry would be greatly appreciated. Contact Jan Horsman: 507-732-7527

Weekly Rosary: You are invited to join in praying the weekly Rosary with Zumbrota Care Center residents on Mondays at 1:30 pm. We meet in the South Day Room. If you have questions, call Barb Boraas at 507-732-5877.

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Thursday, May 18, 2023

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Sunday, May 21, 2023

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

May 16, 2023 †Mary David (Karen Hodgman)
May 18, 2023 Rebecca & John Paulin family (Cathy Kelly)
May 21, 2023 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) willing. Not so our Heavenly Mother. The children she brought into Life by such tremendous pain she will never forget. She is always willing. Moreover, an ordinary mother may come to points at which she is unable to help, howsoever pathetically she may wish to do so. Not so our Mother in Heaven: Pope Benedict XV called her 'suppliant omnipotence'. That is, all that God can do by His very inherent power, she, with and through her Son, can obtain by asking Him for it. And that she does.

From what we have said, we see that she brought us forth on Calvary. Yet there is a sense in which we can correctly say that she became our Mother even before that day. On June 19, 1947, Pope Pius XII sent a message to the Marian Congress of Ottawa, Canada. He said: "When the little maid of Nazareth uttered her fiat to the message of the Angel... she became not only the Mother of God in the physical order of nature, but also in the supernatural Order of Grace she became the Mother of all who ... would be made one under the Headship of her Divine Son. The Mother of the Head would be the Mother of the members. The Mother of the Vine would be the Mother of the branches." The thought is obvious. Her Son is the Head of the Mystical Body, of which we are members. She really could not become the Mother of the Head without automatically, as it were, becoming the Mother of the Members of Her Son. Of course, that was only begun at the Annunciation. It was to be brought to light, with immense pain, only on the hill of Calvary.

Ordinary mothers cannot of course be both virgin and mother. But they can imitate, at a distance, her devotion to the Word of God, her fidelity to His Will, her carrying out of the role designed for her by our Father's plan. Even when the need for physical care of their sons dims, the sons still need spiritual care -and that the mothers should provide, even as she did.



Come, Holy Spirit!

Please pray for our Confirmation students who will be confirmed this coming Saturday, May 20, at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis.

Knights of Columbus meeting will be May 17, at 7p.m. at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota.










Youth Group Event! All Youth, Grades 7-12, are invited for a prayer, food, and game night Wednesday, May 24, 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! God bless you!

St. Luke tells us that when young, Jesus went down to Nazareth and was subject to His parents. He, in His strictly Divine Humility, allowed Himself to be formed, humanly, by His Mother and St. Joseph. Ordinary mothers can imitate this and should realize that to form a new life in the likeness of Jesus or His Mother is far higher than to be a business executive, a policewoman, a tram operator, or whatever - it is far higher and nobler than the masterpieces of Michaelangelo, who carved in marble - mothers carve in human souls!"

Let us remember to thank God for our Heavenly Mother!

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, St. Joseph, St. Paul, and St. Michael, may the Holy Spirit help us to grow in our devotion to our Heavenly Mother during this month of May!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

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