# January 14, 2024 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus.

The month of January is dedicated to growing in loving devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. The Holy Name of Jesus is not loved enough in our world. I am deeply saddened when I hear His Name used in an irreverent manner. When I hear this happen, I will pray for that soul and, if possible, I offer words of encouragement and instruction to avoid this behavior. Taking our Lord's Name in vain wounds His Heart and it is sin for that soul. We also must understand that we are called to spread our Lord's Love for souls. Therefore, out of Love for Him, we are to practice reverence for His Holy Name and not be afraid to teach others about the grave importance of loving and practicing reverence toward His Holy Name!

In order to best help others, we must first work to perfecting our personal habits of showing reverence to His Holy Name. We can do this by:

1) conscientiously speaking His Name with reverence when in prayer; 2) when talking with others about our Lord, to speak His Name with reverence; 3) when attending Holy Mass we can make a slight bow of our heads when His Name is mentioned; 4) when we hear His Name used in an irreverent manner we can offer a prayer in reparation for that sin, asking Jesus for Mercy and forgiveness; 5) when we hear His Name used irreverently we can offer some kind of correction or encouragement to avoid that sin; 6) we can spread devotion and teach others to understand the great power and strength Jesus shares with us when we love His Holy Name; 7) we can offer our personal prayers and petitions to our Heavenly Father through the praying in the Holy Name of Jesus. Perhaps you may be able to add a few more possible ways to grow in the habit of loving the Holy Name of Jesus! There is a marvelous booklet on the efficacy of the Holy Name of Jesus written by Fr. Paul O'Sullivan, O.P. I include the first few chapters to help us grow in love of the Holy Name of Jesus:

#### "Chapter 1 – The Wonders of the Holy Name

We have been hearing and have been repeating from childhood the Holy Name of Jesus, but alas, many, very many, have no adequate idea of the great wonders of this Holy Name!

What do you know, Dear reader, about the Name of Jesus? You know that it is a holy name and that you must bow your head reverently when you say it. That is very little. It is as if you looked at a closed book and merely glanced at the title on the cover. You know nothing of all the beautiful thoughts in the book itself. Even so, when you pronounce the Name of Jesus you know very little of the treasures hidden in it.

This Divine Name is in truth a mine of riches; it is the fount of the highest holiness and the secret of the greatest happiness that a man can hope to enjoy on this earth. Read and see.

It is so powerful, so certain, that it never fails to produce in our souls the most wonderful results. It consoles the saddest heart and makes the weakest sinner strong. It obtains for us all kinds of favors and graces, spiritual and temporal.

Two things we must do. First of all, we must understand clearly the meaning and value of the Name of Jesus. Secondly, we must get into

# 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

the habit of saying it devoutly, frequently, hundreds and hundreds of times every day. Far from being a burden, it will be an immense joy and consolation.

#### Chapter 2 – What Does the Name of Jesus Mean?

The Holy Name of Jesus is, first of all, an all-powerful prayer. Our Lord Himself solemnly promises that whatever we ask the Father in His Name we shall receive. God never fails to keep His word. When, therefore, we say, "Jesus," let us ask God for all we need with absolute confidence of being heard. For this reason, the Church ends her prayer with the words "through Jesus Christ," which gives the prayer a new and Divine efficacy.

But the Holy Name is something still greater. Each time we say, "Jesus," we give God infinite joy and glory, for we offer Him all the infinite merits of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. St. Paul tells us that Jesus merited the Name Jesus by His Passion and Death. Each time we say, "Jesus," let us clearly wish to offer God all the (Holy) Masses being said all over the world for all our intentions. We thus share in these thousands of (Holy) Masses...

Each time we say, "Jesus," it is an act of perfect love, for we offer to God the infinite Love of Jesus. The Holy Name of Jesus saves us from innumerable evils and delivers us especially from the power of the devil, who is constantly seeking to do us harm. The Name of Jesus gradually fills our souls with a peace and a joy we never had before. The Name of Jesus gives us such strength that our sufferings become light and easy to bear.

#### What Must We Do?

St Paul tells us that we must do all we do, (continued on page 4)

The next Holy Hour and Social for Men will be Sunday, January 14, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on: How to respond to current events in the Church? All men are invited!

The next Holy Hour for Women will be Sunday, January 28, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All women are invited!

# CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

#### CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION The next Faith Formation session will be on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Topic for February: The Virtue of Perseverance 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

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There will be no expenses for the youth – bowling, pizza, pop and other food will be provided for the group.

**Please RSVP** to the parish office so we can plan for needed space at Pool and Pins/Trailhead Grill!

Also, all parents are welcome to stay for the event! According to Archdiocesan protocol, if a parent will not be present for the event, their youth will need to bring a signed permission/contact form to the event. It is needed in case a parent needs to be contacted. Please contact the parish office to obtain a copy of this form.

# WORDS TO LIVE BY:

He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. St. Paul's Letter the Philippians 2:8-11 "To holy people the very Name of Jesus is a Name to feed upon, a Name to transport. His Name can raise the dead and transfigure and

beautify the living." St. John Henry Newman "Faith in Jesus and in the power of His Holy Name is the greatest spiritual force in the world today. It is a source of joy and inspiration in our youth; of strength in our manhood, when only His Holy Name and His Grace can enable us to overcome temptation; of hope, consolation, and confidence at the hour of our death, when more than ever before, we realize that the meaning of Jesus is 'Lord, the Savior.' We should bow in reverence to His Name and submission to His Holy

#### Women Ages 16 - 35: Join Archbishop Hebda for Dinner!

**Miriam Dinner:** Wednesday, January 24, from 6-8pm at Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 777 Forest Street in St. Paul. Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Bishop Michael Izen and Father David Blume, director of vocations, invite women ages 16 - 35 who are discerning consecrated life. It is typical for women discerners to be accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious, or youth minister. The evening begins with prayer, followed by dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocations testimonies. More Information and Registration: www.10000vocations.org

#### Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series: St. Augustine's Confessions ICC Book Club

"You rouse up [man] to take delight in praising You, for You have made us for Yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in You." —*St. Augustine* 

Join acclaimed author and translator Dr. Anthony Esolen for a guided book study of St. Augustine's *Confessions*. Discover a true literary masterpiece—the greatest autobiography ever written—and enter into St. Augustine's spiritual journey as he seeks the Lord from the depths of his heart.

**Details:** Tuesdays, Jan. 23, Feb. 20, & Mar. 19 Pre-Class Discussion:7:30PM ET, Lecture: 8:00 PM ET

Instructor: Anthony Esolen, Ph.D.

Registration is required. https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/iccbook-club-st-augustines-confessions

<u>**Pine Island Food Shelf:**</u> items requested for January: Crackers: saltines, graham, variety types, and gluten free.

#### WEEKLY TITHING January 6-7, 2024

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| Sunday Envelopes:     | \$<br>3,029.00 |
| Plate:                | \$<br>946.00   |
| EFT:                  | \$<br>2,437.00 |
| Total:                | \$<br>6,412.00 |
| Christmas Collection: | \$<br>9,396.22 |
| Solemnity of Mary :   | \$<br>572.00   |

**Thank you to the Decorating Committee of St. Michael:** Thank you to all who helped beautify our Church during the Seasons of Advent and Christmas! Thank you to all who assisted with the Sacred Liturgies and the worship of our good Lord! Thank you to all who were generous with our parish in any way – God bless you! *In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel* 

### **Planning Ahead!**

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is February 14. The Church of St. Michael Men's Club Fish Fries start on February 16 and continue on Fridays throughout Lent.

**Discounted tickets to National Eucharistic Congress are now available!** Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years on July 17-24, 2024, in Indianapolis, Indiana! Encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and be sent out on mission for the life of the world. With tens of thousands of pilgrims expected, the best time to secure your spot at this historic event is now. One more reason to register early: The Archdiocese has a limited number of discounted tickets available! Find out more and begin your registration at <u>archspm.org/eucharisticrevival</u>.

**Quilting Bee Cause** will meet January 23 at 9am in the church hall. We welcome all who want to help make quilts for the needy!

#### Parents, are you ready for Tax Day?

The Minnesota Catholic Conference is excited to remind you about the New Minnesota Child Tax Credit. Getting money back to our Minnesota families through this tax credit was an integral goal achieved by the Catholic Conference's Families First Project last year. The credit encourages and supports strong families by providing a tax break to eligible families.

It's as simple as filing a tax return, claiming the tax credit benefits, and receiving cash back.

To ensure you don't miss out, visit www.FamiliesFirstProject.com/ CTC where you can learn more about the child tax credit and access additional resources. Tell every parent you know to file their taxes to receive this credit. Together we will support and strengthen the families in our community.

#### HOLY MASS TIMES

| Wednesday, January 17, 2024                      |   |
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| 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass              |   |
| 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |   |
| Friday, January 19, 2024                         |   |
| 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass              |   |
| Saturday, January 20, 2024                       |   |
| 4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions                        |   |
| 5:00pm Holy Mass                                 |   |
| Sunday, January 21, 2024                         |   |
| 7:00am Latin Holy Mass                           |   |
| 10:30am Holy Mass                                |   |
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**Plan now to attend the Prayer Service for Life:** The Cathedral of Saint Paul, in St. Paul, MN, will have the Annual Prayer Service for Life on Monday, January 22, at 10:30am. This prayer service commemorates 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. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage, Family and Youth at 651-291-4488.

# Minnesota March for Life:

**Olmsted County MCCL** has chartered a coach bus to go from Rochester to St. Paul on Monday, January 22, at Cathedral of St. Paul. We will then march to the Capitol and attend the March for Life service at the Capitol steps. We will leave Rochester at 8:30am and should be back by 3pm or shortly thereafter. We will likely have pickup stops in Zumbrota and Cannon Falls. If you would like to ride the bus, please call/text: 507-259-4035. We will plan to leave from the HyVee North (off of 37<sup>th</sup> St. and West Circle Drive) at 830am. There is a nominal charge of \$10 for the round trip. Please do not let this prevent you from attending as we do have a private donor as well who has generously donated towards the cost of the bus. God bless you!

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 <u>flomos@archspm.org</u>.

WINE:Catholic Women's Conference: Feb. 10 at St. Patrick, Edina Ladies, you are invited to the 9th annual WINE: Catholic Women's Conference. The day begins with Mass at 8 a.m., celebrated by Bishop Joseph Williams. Catechetical Institute instructor Alyssa Bormes is the always entertaining emcee and speakers Debbie Herbeck, Anne Trufant, and Melissa Overmyer will light our hearts on fire with faith-filled inspirational talks. There will be opportunities for confession, adoration, shopping, and prayer teams, along with tons of laughter, a fabulous lunch, more shopping, chocolate, and a fun raffle. Early bird specials ends soon! More information and a registration link can be found below.

### Brew Ha Ha Fundraiser for St. James:

Get ready for a night of a whole latte of fun at the **Brew Ha Ha Fund**raiser for St. James Coffee! Please join us Friday, February 9, 2024 at the Empire Event Center at Best Western Apache. Tickets are on sale now. Seating is limited so grab your tickets soon at St. James Coffee or online at <u>www.stjamescoffee.com</u>. Your presence at the Brew Ha Ha directly supports the mission of St. James Coffee. We hope to see you there!

# WEEKLY TITHING January 7, 2024

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| Sunday Envelopes:     | \$      | 915.00   |
| Plate:                | \$      | 185.00   |
| EFT:                  |         | 1,515.00 |
| Total:                | \$      | 2,615.00 |
| Christmas Collection: |         |          |
| Solemnity of Mary : S | \$ 124. | 00       |
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## \*\*SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 17, 2024\*\* St. Patrick's Ham Dinner

**Thank you** to the Decorating Committee for a job well done in decorating the Church for Advent and Christmas. Beautifying the Church of St. Paul is important as it is a place of spiritual formation and inspiration. It also provides just a taste of the perfect beauty of God. If you are interested in joining the effort, contact any present members: Duane & Jane Hinrichs, Randy & Shirley Gregory, Byron & Barb Boraas, Jacob Tschann, Tom Steger, Rick & Collette Zillgitt, Maggie Eggerichs, Karen Hodgman, Mary Kingsbury, Lynn Kemmetmueller, Lenny Feuling, Dan & Annette Fritz, Gary & Louise Gerken and Fr. Kasel.

**40 Days for Life 2024 Spring Campaign Launch:** Praying for the end of abortion? Fasting to end to abortion? Come together on Tuesday, January 16, at 6 pm at St. James Coffee to join forces for the upcoming campaign which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, through Palm Sunday, March 24. Are you being called to participate in this ministry to save innocent lives through prayer, fasting and community outreach? Invite a friend and come join us. Questions to Margaret Mulligan at <u>40daysforliferoch@gmail.com</u>. More information at <u>https://www.40daysforlife.com</u>

#### Catholic Daughters 'Meal In A Bucket' Sale

Don't be left out in the cold – order your "**Meal In A Bucket**" today! Pre-order slips are in the back of Church. Available meals are BBQ with Buns, Chili, Potato Soup, Portage Soup, and Cinnamon Rolls. Orders will be available for pick up the weekend of January 21 after Mass. Thanks for supporting Catholic Daughters' fundraiser.

### CDA Talk on the Holy Face of Jesus:

Catholic Daughters Court St. Mary Peter #1864 is sponsoring a talk by Marta Garbarino on her Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus. Marta will talk about her childhood in Cuba and the consequences to her family and their Catholic Faith when Communism took over in Cuba before their immigration to America. The Holy Face is a method of spiritual warfare to defeat Communism, which is anti-human, antifamily, anti-God and anti-religion and most expressly, against the Catholic Church. All are welcome on January 22 for a light lunch and fellowship at 6:30pm, followed by Marta speaking at 7pm at the Church of St. Paul in Zumbrota.

**KOC Pancake Breakfast:** The Bellechester Knights of Columbus invite you to their next Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 21, from 9:00am to 12:30pm at the Bellechester Community Center.

| - | HOLY MASS TIMES                                  |
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|   | Tuesday, January 16, 2024                        |
|   | 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass              |
|   | 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
|   | Thursday, January 18, 2024                       |
|   | 8:00am Confessions/8:30am                        |
| 1 | Sunday, January 21, 2024                         |
| - | 8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions                 |
|   | 8:45am Holy Mass                                 |
|   | HOLY MASS INTENTIONS                             |
|   | January 16, 2024 †Eileen Evans                   |
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Parishioners

Gregory Hilbert (Louise Gerken)

January 18, 2024

January 21, 2024

# NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) whether in word or work, in the Name of Jesus. "All whatsoever you do in word or in work, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ..." (Col 3:17). In this way, every act becomes an act of love and of merit, and moreover, we receive grace and help to do all our actions perfectly and well.

We must therefore do our best to form the habit of saying, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus," very often every day. We can do so when dressing, when working - no matter what we are doing - when walking, in moments of sadness, at home and in the street, everywhere. Nothing is easier if only we do it methodically. We can say it countless times every day. Bear in mind that each time we say, "Jesus," devoutly:

1. we give God great glory,

2. we receive great Graces for ourselves,

3. and we help the Souls in Purgatory."

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, St. Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus, St. Paul and St. Michael, may our good Lord Jesus bless us with a fervent love for His Holy Name!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

#### Thank you!

Thank you to all who have been so generous with your prayers, cards and gifts at the time of Christmas! Your generosity and kindness is truly appreciated!

Second, thank you to all who helped in any way to make our Christmas liturgies so beautiful! I know there are many who sacrificed your time and efforts to help in a variety of ways. Many of you work 'behind the scenes' and I say again, thank you! May God reward you! Third, thank you to all those who made contributions at Christmas and at the end of this past December! May God bless you! *Fr. Kasel*  Chili Cook-off on January 28: The Knights of Columbus are

looking for 20 pots of chili for the annual Chili Cook-Off. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of each Church. Please give your name, phone number, and description of your chili. There is a \$5 sign-up fee - please bring it on January 28. We ask you to bring your chili in an electric Crock Pot



because it is necessary to have a way to keep your chili hot and ready to serve. We will have a People's Choice Award and a panel of Judges with multiple prizes awarded. See you after the 10:30am Holy Mass on January 28, at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island!

#### Jesus is calling YOU... to join a small group!

"In choosing the Twelve ... we could say that Jesus formed the original Christian small group, and once again set the example by saying, 'Follow me.'" - Archbishop Hebda

Our Lord set the example of sharing and living the Faith in a small community. This Lent, see why small groups - in our Lord's time, and in our present day - are a powerful way to live our Catholic Faith in the company of other believers. Small groups will:

- grow your Faith in Jesus
- -foster personal relationships,
- build community, and

- provide formation, so we all may grow as joyful missionary disciples of Christ.

Join a small group this Lent! More information will be coming soon!

# **PRO-LIFE QUOTES:**

"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

