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The Ascension of the Lord

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This weekend we celebrate the manifestation of our Lord's almighty power in His Ascension into Heaven. This event is a most joyful and inspiring Dogma of our Catholic Faith; for Jesus has preceded us into Heaven to prepare a place for us (cf John 14:2). Here is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us about this hope-filled event:

“So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.” (Mark 16:19) Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys. (Cf Luke 24:31; John 20:19,26) But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. (Cf. Acts 1:3; 10:41; Mark 16:12; Luke 24:15; John 20:14-15; 21:4) Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand. (Cf. Acts 1:9; 2:33; 7:56; Luke 9:34-35; 24:51; Exodus 13:22; Mark 16:19; Psalm 110:1) Only in a wholly exceptional and unique way would Jesus show himself to Paul ‘as to one untimely born’, in a last apparition that established him as an apostle. (1 Corinthians 15:8; cf. 9:1; Galatians 1:16)

The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: ‘I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ (John 20:17) This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension.

This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who ‘came from the Father’ can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. (Cf. John 16:28) ‘No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man.’ (John 3:13; cf. Ephesians 4:8-10) Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the ‘Father's house’, to God's life and happiness. (John 14:2) Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us. (Roman Missal, Preface of the Ascension)

‘And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.’ (John 12:32) The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and

Welcome to the Churches of

St. Paul &

St. Michael



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

eternal Covenant, ‘entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands. . . but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.’ (Hebrews 9:24) There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he ‘always lives to make intercession’ for ‘those who draw near to God through him’. (Hebrews 7:25) As “high priest of the good things to come” he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven. (Hebrews 9:11; cf. Revelation 4:6-11) Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father: ‘By ‘the Father's right hand’ we understand the glory and honor of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified.’ (St. John Damascene) Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment (continued on page 4)

Memorial Day Holy Mass - Monday, 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



The next Holy Hour for Women will be Sunday, May 21, at 6pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on: The Virgin Mary and Spiritual Motherhood. All women are invited!

**CHANGE OF DETAILS!  
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CVBS  
(CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL)  
COMING SOON!**

*Congratulations to these children who received their*

*First Holy Communion on May 13, 2023:*



Dominic Bauer, Lydia Brown, Barclay Eirikson, Vivien Elizondo, Thomas Jarrett, Jerome Jay, Samantha Lee, Maximilian Lorentz, Philip Marks, Leo Maxon, Ivan Ocariz, Elijah Ring, Gianna Williams, Therese Wyant

*Please keep our children in your prayers!*

**Come, Holy Spirit!** *Congratulations to the students from our parish who were Confirmed on May 20 at the Basilica of St. Mary.*



*Faith Elo*

*Lauren Elsmore*

*Bodi Horton*

*Theodor Noser*

*Salome Osterhaus*

*Caleb Schroeder*

*Seth Schroeder*

*Jonathan Schultz*

*McKinley Sorum*

*Aaliyah Williams*

*Isaiah Williams*

*Please keep the youth of our parish in your prayers!*

All are invited to attend a reception for them after the 10:30am. Holy Mass on Sunday, May 21. *May God bless you!*

**WEEKLY TITHING May 13-14, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,954.00

Plate: \$ 653.71

EFT: \$ 1,105.00

**Total:** \$ 3,712.71

(additional) Kitui Living Water Donations: \$ 140.00

**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!

**Procession of the Holy Eucharist:** We will have a procession of the Holy Eucharist after the 10:30am Holy Mass on Sunday, June 11. We plan to process through the city. Let us join together in public Adoration of our Lord's True Presence in the Holy Eucharist!

**Prayer in Honor of the Ascension of our Lord**

Dear Lord Jesus, before You Ascended into Heaven, You told Your Apostles to be Your witnesses to the ends of the earth. May the Holy Spirit inspire me to spread Your Gospel message in word and deed, according to Your Will for me. May I proclaim Your Gospel with Wisdom, Fortitude, Prudence and with Joy. With Your help, guidance, and grace may You be glorified and consoled with the conversion of many souls to Your Kingdom! As I remember Your glorious Ascension, help me to always seek Heaven, where You are seated at the right hand of God our Father. Amen.



**Archdiocesan Marriage Day Celebration: Saturday, June 10, 2023 - 10am Holy Mass, Cathedral of Saint Paul:**

Celebrate the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between a man and woman in the Sacrament of Matrimony! This celebration includes Holy Mass, renewal of vows, and a short reception. Couples celebrating their silver, golden and platinum anniversaries will be honored in a special way. Families and friends of all couples are welcome! Registration is encouraged by contacting 651-291-4488. Couples married one year or more may request a commemorative certificate signed by Archbishop Hebda. To request a certificate, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family & Life by June 5 at 651-291-4488 or [mfl@archspm.org](mailto:mfl@archspm.org).



**Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture:**

**COME AND SEE: An Evening Intro to the ICC**

New to the ICC? Looking to grow in faith? Hungry for a deeper experience of Christianity? Join Fr. Hezekias and your ICC Team for a special event geared towards new members and those seeking to get more out of what the ICC has to offer. The evening will begin with a short "meet and greet" fifteen minutes before the scheduled start time. We will then discuss the ICC mission, share how best to engage in ICC programs, and offer some encouraging tips for you to get the most out of your time with us. Whether you are brand new to the ICC, or just want to dive in deeper, you are welcome to join us for this informal ICC evening.

Please note: this session will not be recorded, so if you miss it, please keep an eye out for the next one on our Live Events page.

*Event details:* Monday, May 22

*Pre-Class Discussion:* 7:30 PM EST *Lecture:* 8:00 PM EST

*Instructor:* Rev. Hezekias Carnazzo Registration required at: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/come-and-see-20230522?>

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

**HOLY MASS TIMES**

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

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

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

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

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

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**May 24, 2023** Theresa Lawrence (Ocariz family)

**May 26, 2023** Jason Hoerle

**May 27, 2023** †Paul Aurit (Richard & Kathy Ellenbecker)

**May 28, 2023** †Lorraine Meitner

**May 28, 2023** Parishioners



**CHANGE OF DETAILS!  
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CVBS  
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**Come, Holy Spirit!** Congratulations to *Emma Shofner*, who was confirmed on May 20 at the Basilica of St. Mary. All are invited to attend a reception for her after the 8:45 a.m. Holy Mass this Sunday, May 21. May God bless you!

**Procession of the Holy Eucharist:** We will have a procession of the Holy Eucharist after the 8:45am Holy Mass on Sunday, June 11! All are encouraged to participate in this prayer of Adoration!

**WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

"Out of compassion for us He descended from Heaven and although He ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in Him by Grace." St. Augustine.  
 "As the prophet says, *Ascending on high He led captivity captive; He gave gifts to men.* The undoubted meaning of these words is this: that since the devil led the human race captive, our Lord, by wresting it from him, took it captive Himself, and as the prophet tells us, led that very captivity to the heights of Heaven. Both captivities do indeed bear the same name, but they differ one from the other. The devil's captivity means enslavement; Christ's, on the contrary, means restoration to freedom." St. Maximus of Turin  
 "Moses brought out of Egypt a timid nation, and in the space of forty years trained it to be full of valor for the task of conquering the promised land; Christ in forty days trains His Apostles to be bold and patient instead of cowards. *They mourned and wept* at the beginning of the season, but at the end they are full of courage for the good fight; their spirits mount high with their Lord, and when He is received out of their sight, and their own trial begins, *they return to Jerusalem with great joy, and are continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.*" St. John Henry Newman  
 "We are of such value to God that He came to live among us... and to guide us home. He will go to any length to seek us, even to being lifted high upon the Cross to draw us back to Himself. We can only respond by loving God for His love." St. Catherine of Siena  
 "In the moment of temptation think of the Love that awaits you in Heaven: foster the Virtue of Hope." St. Jose Maria Escriva  
 "Let us have Charity and Humility, and give alms, for almsgiving cleanses our souls from the filth of sin. At death we lose all that we have in this world, but we take with us Charity and the alms deeds we have done, and for these we shall receive a great reward from God." St. Francis of Assisi  
 "Let us sing Alleluia here on earth, while we still live in anxiety, so that we may sing it one day in Heaven in full security." St. Augustine

**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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**Catholic Daughters Court St. Mary Peter 1864** will meet Monday, May 22, at Church of St. Paul - Zumbrota (Please note change in location). A light meal will be served at 6:30 pm with meeting to follow at 7 pm. We will be reciting the Patriotic Rosary, so bring your books. For information about Catholic Daughters, call Linda Kazmierczak at 612-759-6399.

**WEEKLY TITHING May 14, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 670.00
Plate:	\$ 37.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 707.00</b>

**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!

**The Ascension**

Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven; let our hearts ascend with Him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: *If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.* For just as He remained with us even after His Ascension, so we too are already in Heaven with Him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies. Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but He still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of His body, have to bear. He showed this when He cried out from above: *Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?* and when He said: *I was hungry and you gave Me food.*

Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with Him in Heaven even now, through the Faith, Hope and Love that unites us to Him? While in Heaven He is also with us; and we while on earth are with Him. He is here with us by His Divinity, His Power and His Love. We cannot be in Heaven, as He is on earth, by Fivinity, but in Him, we can be there by Love.

He did not leave Heaven when He came down to us; nor did He withdraw from us when He went up again into Heaven. The fact that He was in Heaven even while He was on earth is borne out by His own statement: *No one has ever ascended into Heaven except the One who descended from Heaven, the Son of Man, Who is in Heaven.*

These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for He is our head and we are His body. No one ascended into Heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: He is the Son of Man by His union with us, and we by our union with Him are the sons of God. So the Apostle says: *Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ.* He too has many members, but one body.

Out of compassion for us He descended from Heaven, and although He ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in Him by Grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head. (from a sermon by St. Augustine, Bishop)

**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.

**HOLY MASS TIMES**

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

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

**Thursday, May 25, 2023**

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

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

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

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

- May 23, 2023** Carol Berns (T & J Meyer)
- May 25, 2023** Martha Murray (Char Murray)
- May 28, 2023** Parishioners



## NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: 'To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.' (Daniel 7:14) After this event the apostles became witnesses of the 'kingdom [that] will have no end'. (Nicene Creed)

Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Colossians 3:3).

Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever.

Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit." (CCC 659-667)

Through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven, St. Joseph, St. Paul and St. Michael, may God bless you, your families and our parishes!

In Christ through Mary,  
Fr. Kasel

**Prayer to the Virgin Mary:** My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my entire self without reserve. As I am your own, my good Mother, guard me and defend me as your property and possession. Amen.



**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!

### PRO LIFE QUOTES:

"Not all moral issues have the same moral weight as abortion and euthanasia. For example, if a Catholic were at odds with the Holy Father on the application of capital punishment or on the decision to wage war, he would not for that reason be considered unworthy to present himself to receive Holy Communion. While the Church exhorts civil authorities to seek peace, not war, and to exercise discretion and mercy in imposing punishment on criminals, it may still be permissible to take up arms to repel an aggressor or to have recourse to capital punishment. There may be a legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not however with regard to abortion and euthanasia." ~ Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI), *Worthiness to Receive Holy Communion: General Principles*, n. 3



**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

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