March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

First, I encourage you to receive the Sacrament of Confession before Easter Sunday. There are several opportunities this coming week. Also, I urge you to prayerfully participate in the Sacred Liturgies of Holy Week! Holy Week is filled with spiritual riches that can be profoundly beneficial for one's soul. Please see details in this bulletin.

This month of March is dedicated to growing in devotion to the great St. Joseph (Solemnity celebrated on March 19). This weekend I share with you a reflection on the efficacy of the meditation on the Passion of our Lord.

"Meditating on the Passion - The custom of meditating on Our Lord's Passion: My people! What have I done, in what way have I offended you? Answer me. I gave you the water of salvation which flowed from My sorrow to drink and you gave me honey and vinegar. My people, what have I done to you? (Liturgy, Good Friday) The liturgy of these days during Lent brings us closer to the fundamental mystery of our Faith - the Resurrection of the Lord. If the liturgical year is centered upon Easter then this period demands an even greater devotion on our part, given its proximity to the sublime mysteries of Divine Mercy. (St. Leo the Great, Sermon 47) But we should not tread this path too hastily, lest we lose sight of a very simple fact which we might easily overlook. We will not be able to share in Our Lord's Resurrection unless we unite ourselves with Him in His Passion and death (cf. Rom. 8:17). If we are to accompany Christ in His glory at the end of Holy Week, we must first enter into His holocaust and be truly united to Him as He lies dead on Calvary. (J. Escriva, Christ Is Passing By, 95) So during these days let us accompany Jesus, in our prayers, along His painful way to Calvary and His death on the Cross. As we keep Him company let us not forget that we too were protagonists in all those horrors, for Jesus bore the burden of our sins (cf. 1 Pet. 2:24), each and every one of them. We were freed from the hands of the devil and from eternal death at a great price (cf. 1 Cor. 6:20), that of the Blood of Christ.

The custom of meditating on the Passion began in the very earliest days of Christianity. Many of the faithful in Jerusalem had themselves been present as Christ passed through the streets of the city on the eve of the Pasch. They would never forget Jesus' sufferings as He made His way to Calvary. The Evangelists dedicated a good part of their writings to the detailed account of those events. *We should read our Lord's Passion constantly*, said St. John Chrysostom; *what great benefit we will gain by doing so. Even if you are as hard as stone, when you contemplate that He was sarcastically adorned, then ridiculed, beaten and subjected to the final agonies, you will be moved to cast all pride from you soul.* (St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on the Gospel of St. Matthew*, 87, 1) How many people have been converted by careful meditation on the Passion! St. Thomas Aquinas said that *the Passion of Christ is enough to serve as a guide and model throughout* (continued on page 3)

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

WALK WITH JESUS THIS HOLY WEEK!

Individual Confession times for Holy Week				
Tuesday, March 26	4:00-4:55pm	St. Paul		
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Wednesday, March 27	4:00-4:55pm	St. Michael	MPN.	
Wednesday, March 27	7:00-8:30pm	St. Michael	IK W S	
Holy Thursday, March 28	3 4:30-5:30pm	St. Paul		
Good Friday, March 29	4:30-5:30pm	St. Michael		
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*There will not be confessions at 4:00pm on Saturday, March 30.

Holy Week and Easter-2024

Thursday, March 28-Holy Thursday Mass of Our Lord's Last Supper 6:00pm St. Paul

8:00pm St. Michael (Latin) - Church open for prayer after Holy Mass Friday, March 29 -Good Friday Stations & Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion 12:00pm St. Paul - Stations of the Cross

3:00pm St. Michael (Latin)-Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion 7:00pm St. Michael -Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion Saturday, March 30 - Easter Vigil St. Michael 8:30pm Sunday, March 31- Easter: regular Sunday Holy Mass Schedule

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7, 2024 1:00-4:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island

The next **Holy Hour for Women** has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 2, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island.

The next Holy Hour and Social for Men will be Sunday, April 7, 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, April 3, 2024 at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Topic for April: The Virtue of Modesty

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

Confirmation/Youth Group Retreat! All confirmation candidates and youth, grades 7-12, are invited to a retreat on Wednesday, April 24, from 6:30-9:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. The evening will begin with a meal and include spiritual talks, adoration, and confession. Confirmation I and II students are required to attend (anyone with an unavoidable conflict-please contact the parish office as soon as possible). Please RSVP to our

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.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"Why did You suffer for me, dear Jesus? For Love! The nails ... the crown... the Cross... all for the Love of me! For You I sacrifice everything willingly. I offer You my body with all of its weakness, and my soul with all its Love." St. Gemma Galgani

"Whoever truly wishes to venerate the Passion of the Lord should contemplate Jesus crucified with the eyes of his soul, and in such a way that he identifies his own body with that of Jesus." St. Leo the Great "It is good for us to try to understand better the meaning of Christ's death. We must get beyond external appearances and clichés. We need to put ourselves really and truly into the scenes which we are reliving; to witness the sorrow of Jesus, His mother's tears, the disciples' flight, the courage of the holy women, the daring of those two Joseph and Nicodemus who ask Pilate for the Body of Our Lord." St. Jose Maria Escriva

"He who desires to go on advancing from virtue to virtue, from Grace to Grace, should meditate continually on the Passion of Jesus... there is no practice more profitable for the entire sanctification of the soul than the frequent meditation of the sufferings of Jesus Christ." St. Bonaventure

"Let us, above all, come close to Jesus in His death, close to His Cross which stands out in silhouette above the summit of Golgatha. But we must approach Him sincerely and with the interior recollection that is a sign of Christian maturity. The Divine and human events of the Passion will then pierce our soul as words spoken to us by God to uncover the secrets of our heart and show us what He expects of our lives." St. Jose Maria Escriva

"The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon Himself the death that He found in us, He has most faithfully promised to give us Life in Him, such as we cannot have of ourselves." --St. Augustine

"If it were only possible I would like to feel all that You feel. But You are perfect Man and Your sensitivity is so much greater than mine. At Your side I see, yet again, that I don't know how to suffer. And so I am amazed by Your ability to give everything without reserve. Jesus, I must tell You just how cowardly I am. Yet seeing You nailed to the Cross 'suffering all that can be suffered, Your arms spread in one gesture of an Eternal Priest." St. Jose Maria Escriva

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series: HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID

Entering into Holy Week Through Sacred Music

Details: Sunday, March 24

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM ET, Lecture: 8:00 PM ET Instructor: Floriani Registration is required.

Visit: https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/hosanna-to-the-son-of-david

WEEKLY TITHING March 16-17, 2024

Sunday Envelopes:	\$	6,033.00
Plate:	\$	1,821.56
EFT:	\$	3,405.00
Total:	\$	11,259.56
Kitui Mission Collec	ction:	\$ 425.00

The Divine Mercy Novena will begin this coming Good Friday, March 29, and end the Saturday after Easter Sunday, April 6. Please see Novena bulletin insert this weekend of March 23-24.

Congratulations to:

Zachary & Beatriz Siebenaler on the baptism of their sons Ambrose John and Augustine James on February 24, 2024.



Kitui Living Water Project: Please remember to return your water bottles for the Living Water Project to the Church or the Parish office this week. We thank you for your donations and your generosity. God bless you!

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.

Giving is Faith in Action.

Give to the Catholic Services Appeal today.

<u>GIVE ON-LINE TODAY</u> https://www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal

Easter Flower Donations: Help to beautify our sanctuary and remem-

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ers! 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!



Archdiocesan Chrism Holy Mass

The Chrism Holy Mass will be Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. The faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to join for the annual Archdiocesan Chrism Mass. During this Holy Mass, Archbishop Hebda will bless the Holy Oils that will be used throughout the Archdiocese. Also, during this Holy Mass all priests renew their priestly promises. The Liturgy is open to the public!

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

HOLY MASS TIMES

- Wednesday, March 27, 2024
 - 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

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

Thursday, March 28, 2024

8:00pm (Latin) Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Last Supper Friday, March 29, 2024 (No Holy Mass in the morning)

- 3:00pm (Latin) Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion
- 7:00pm Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion
- Saturday, March 30, 2024
- 8:30pm Easter Vigil Holy Mass
- Sunday, March 31, 2024

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass 10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

March 27, 2024	Cathy Rossow & family	
March 28, 2024	All priests of Jesus Christ, living & deceased	
March 30, 2024	Sean McShane (Sara McNamara)	
March 31, 2024	†Karen Coddaire (Lynette Stroh)	
March 31, 2024	Parishioners	ূত্ি

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(From Father Kasel ... from page 1) our lives. (St. Thomas, About the Creed, 6) One day while he was visiting St. Bonaventure, St. Thomas asked him where he had acquired such good doctrine as the one that he set out in his works. It is said that St. Bonaventure showed him a crucifix which was blackened from all the kisses he had given it, and explained This is the book that tells me what I should write; the little I know I have learned from it. (St. Alphonsus Liguori, Meditations on Christ's Passion, 1:4) From the crucifix the saints learned how to suffer and truly love Christ. We too should learn from it. Your crucifix... As a Christian, you should always carry your crucifix with you. And place it on your desk. And kiss it before going to bed and when you wake up; and when you poor body rebels against you soul, kiss it again. (J. Escriva, The Way, 302)

Our Lord's Passion should be a frequent theme in our prayer, but especially so in these days leading up to the central Mystery of Redemption.

How we should meditate on the Passion: In our meditation, the Passion of Christ comes out of its cold historical frame and stops being a pious consideration, presenting itself before our eves as terrible, brutal, savage, bloody ... yet full of love. (J. Escriva, Furrow, 993) We do well then to contemplate our Lord's Passion: in our personal mediation, when reading the Gospel, in the sorrowful mysteries of the Holy Rosary, in The Way of the Cross... sometimes we imagine ourselves to be there, present amongst those who witnessed those moments. We take a seat among the Apostles during the Last Supper, when our Lord washed their feet and spoke to them with infinite tenderness, at the supreme moment of the institution of the Sacred Eucharist. We picture ourselves as one more among the three who slept at Gethsemane when the Lord hoped that we would accompany Him in His infinite loneliness; as one amongst those who heard Peter swear that he did not know Jesus; as one who heard the false testimonies at that travesty of a judgement and saw the chief priest make a great show of being shocked at Jesus' words; as one in the thick of the mob that screamed out for His death and saw Him hoisted up on the Cross on Calvary. We put ourselves among the onlookers and see the disfigured yet noble Face of Jesus. Astonishingly, we feel His infinite patience. With the help of Grace, moreover, we can also try to contemplate the Passion of Christ as He Himself lived it. (cf. R. A. Knox, A Retreat for Lay People) It seems impossible, and of course it will always be a very impoverished view compared with the reality of what in fact took place, but it can become for us an extraordinarily rich source of prayer." (From In Conversation with God, by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Paul, and our Guardian Angels, may our good Lord grant us the Grace to contemplate His Passion! In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

5. F 68 5.4 Pro-Life Across America Banquet: Thursday, April 18, 5:45-8:45pm. Join us for our Annual Culture of Love Banquet. Our keynote speaker is Scott Klusendorf, president of the Life Training Institute where he trains pro-life advocates to make a persuasive case for life in the public square. This will be an educational and inspiring evening! We hope you will join us to learn more about our lifesaving outreach - proven to change hearts and save babies' lives! Register at prolifeacrossamerica.org/love.

WEEKLY TITHING March 17. 2024

Total:	\$ 1,998.25
EFT:	\$ 1,300.00
Plate:	\$ 93.25
Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 605.00
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St. Patrick's Ham Dinner: Thank you!

The Church of St. Paul Annual Ham Dinner Committee extends a huge THANK YOU to all volunteers who contributed to this event. Without your generous support of time, talents and/or money, this event could not come together as well as it does year after year. This fundraiser continues to support the important work of the church and essential causes. Your attendance and invitations to others to attend and participate in the camaraderie is equally important to making this a success. Thank you again! St. Patrick's Ham Dinner Committee 2024:

Linda Kazmierczak & Karen Hodgman, Steve & Mary Kingsbury, Mark & Donna Huneke, and Fr. Kasel

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

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!



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Catholic Daughters Court St. Mary Peter #1864 will meet Monday, March 25, 6:30pm in Mazeppa. We will have a light meal at 6:30pm, Stations of the Cross at 7pm and our meeting to follow. Please bring food pantry, personal care products or hygiene items to donate to our local food shelves. If you would like to learn about Catholic Daughters, call Linda Kazmierczak 612-759-6399.

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"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) "You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion." - St. John Paul II



Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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

9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday, March 28, 2024 (No Holy Mass in the morning) 6:00pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

Sunday, March 31, 2024

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

†Henry Cortez (Karen Hodgman) March 26, 2024 March 28, 2024 All priests of Jesus Christ, living & deceased March 31, 2024 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

Small Groups are now meeting in our Parishes!

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



National Eucharistic Pilgrimage: Marian Route Update *Coming to our parishes this spring!* Starting on Penterost Sunday, May 19, four process

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will begin, concluding at the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis on July 16. The route coming through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis from May 24-31 is the *Marian Route*.

The perpetual pilgrims will arrive by vehicle to the Church of St. Paul from the previous stop (St. Mary in New Trier) at approximately 9:30am on Friday, May 31, and plan to begin making their way by foot to the Church of St. Michael at 10:15 am. The pilgrimage is expected to arrive at the Church of St. Michael at approximately 3:30pm and continue on at 4:15pm by vehicle to the next stop in Rochester.

More information on the events at each location and how you can join in this historic procession between our parishes will be coming soon. Check out the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage website at: <u>https://</u> www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org

Holy Land Appeal: Friday, March 29 Good Friday is the annual Holy Land collection. Please help support Catholics in the Holy Land, which also includes Damascus. Funds directly support efforts to maintain sacred shrines, parishes, faith formation programs, Catholic schools, and basic humanitarian aid. Thank you for your generous assistance to your brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. God bless you!

Bi-Parish Mission: Come join Fr. David Gunter, MIC, as he teaches on *"Jesus Will Come Again"* on the evenings of April 14-17, 2024 at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota (749 S. Main St.)

Schedule of Events each night: 6:00pm –Confessions 6:35pm –Rosary 7:00pm –Presentation

Father Gunter will also speak at all the Holy Masses on April 13-14.

The next **St. Pio Knights of Columbus Council** membership meeting will be April 10, at 7pm, at the Church of St. Michael.

The Holy Face of Jesus Relic & Devotion—April 7:

Speaker and author, Vicki Schreiner, travels throughout the U.S. to share her family's Holy Face of Jesus relic and teach this beautiful devotion. Learn about the history, people, places, and events that took place for this devotion to finally become a reality as our Lord desired.



Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to venerate an actual Holy Face of Jesus relic, verified authentic by the Vatican (Pope St. Pius X in 1905). The Certificate of Authenticity verifies that it has been touched to the instruments of our Lord's Passion, the Veil of Veronica, the Wood of the Cross, and the Lance that pierced Christ's side.

Vicki will speak on Sunday, April 7, (Divine Mercy Sunday) at the Church of St. Michael in Pine Island, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 pm. Fr. Kasel will speak from 1:45-2:00pm on Divine Mercy. Adoration, Chaplet, Rosary, and Confession will be offered.

Vicki will also have Holy Face pictures, pamphlets, chaplets, prayer cards, crosses, medals, and her new book, *Chronology of the Holy Face Devotion*,

