## September 24, 2023 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ through Mary,

This is the time of the year that our Holy Catholic Church draws our attention to the presence of the Holy Angels in our life. September 29 is the day set aside when the entire Catholic Church will normally honor the Archangels: St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael. October 2 is the day when the Church will honor our Guardian Angels. Let us all grow in our devotion to all members of the Nine Choirs of Holy Angels! To help us, I offer a meditation and lesson on the Angels this weekend.

#### "Created for Adoration

The Angels in heaven behold constantly the face of GOD (cf. Mt. 18,10). For adoration they were created, adoration is their fulfillment. They live for the magnification of GOD's glory. Their entire being and all their activities are immersed in the holiness of GOD. They are eternally one with GOD (cf. Jn 17, 21-22), enjoying a happiness absolutely beyond the comprehension of any but those who receive it. Even while they are watching over the entire creation, even while they are assisting us in our trials and battles against the forces of darkness, they never divert their face from the face of GOD. Indeed, this loving, adoring union with GOD is the source, not only of all their beatitude, but also of their love for us, and of all the grace, light and help which they communicate to us.

## Models for Mankind

Most of all, we ought to learn adoration from the holy angels, for mankind too was created for the adoration and glorification of GOD. We have a harder time of it, because we cannot see GOD, because we can adore only in the obscurity of faith. The Angels, therefore, help us and teach us to pray with them: 'Blessing, and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be t our GOD forever and ever!' (Apoc 7, 12) The Angel can properly fulfill all his duties only because he does not turn his countenance away from GOD, because he remains immersed in perpetual adoration. For our own prayer we can learn these things from the example of the Angel: 1) to pray always, 2) to never withdraw our countenance from GOD, 3) to (remain) constantly in the presence of GOD.

Here is how we can pray always: 1) by remaining united with and doing GOD's will; 2) by offering up ejaculations during work, by directing our spirit to GOD, 3) by offering all our works to GOD, especially every cross and hardship.

JESUS taught His disciples that 'they ought always to pray and not to lose heart' (LK 18,1). Let your prayer and your work be a pleasing sacrifice before GOD; and offer it in HIM and with HIM and through HIM.

#### The Angels Carry our Prayers before GOD

The adoration of mankind is carried aloft by the holy Angels. Through this ministry our prayer is enhanced, strengthened and becomes more to GOD. St. Raphael speaks thus to Tobias: 'When you prayed with tears, and buried the dead, and left your dinner standing,... I offered your prayer to the Lord' (Tob. 12,12). In the holy liturgy we pray that the Angel might carry our prayers before GOD. The Angel not only presents our prayer, but he bears it aloft in a precious vessel. The four

## 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

angels 'fell down before the Lamb, having each a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints' (Apoc. 5,8). The prayer of an angel is like a fire, which he holds flaming up out of the vessel of his spiritual nature. This vessel stands for the entire being of the Angel. Now into this vessel the Angel places our prayer. The fire of our adoration burns together with the fire of the Angel: 'Another Angel came and stood before the altar, having a golden censer: and there was given to him much incense, that he might offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the altar which is before the throne. And with the prayers of the saints there went up before GOD from the Angel's hand the smoke of the incense' (Apoc. 8, 2-4). In his ministry the Angel is conscientious and faithful. GOD beholds us together with our Guardian Angel as though we were one. This unity also has its specific traits. No being in heaven or on earth is better suited to our own distinct individuality than our own Guardian Angel. This is why devotion to the Guardian Angel is particularly profitable. In him we find help and protection; he is our most beautiful compliment. Our poor, stammering prayers receive their most perfect form in his adoration. In the future, whenever we pray, let us remember to invite our Guardian Angel. He wills surely to pray with us and hear our prayers up to GOD, lending them some of his own splendor.

This Ministry is a Joy for the Angel

It is an enriching grace for the Angel to carry our prayers before GOD. Consider, that prayer comes forth from your heart, from that heart which GOD loves and in which He dwells. This is why the Angel so gladly carries our prayers. He feels therein the love and the presence of GOD. He rejoices to carry this fire, even though there is only a small glowing of the warmth of love therein. Mediatorship (continued on pg.4)

The next Holy Hour for Women will be Sunday, September 24, at 6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. TOPIC: Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus. We welcome Fr. Lawrence Carney from the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, who will familiarize us with this wonderful devotion. All women are invited!

## CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

## CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The next **Faith Formation session** will be on Wednesday, October 🖇 4, at the Church of St. Michael.

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6:00-6:30pm - Meal

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At 7:30pm all students, parents and teachers gather in the Church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

## Friday, September 29: Holy Mass at 5:30pm in Honor of St. Michael: You are invited to participate in Holy Mass in honor

of our patron, St. Michael the Archangel, at 5:30pm.

## Saturday, September 30: Holy Mass at 8:30am, followed by a Procession in Honor of St. Michael the Archangel:

Holy Mass will be offered beginning at 8:30am, then we have a procession of a statue of St. Michael on September 30 at the Church of St. Michael! We plan to process through the city while praying the Chaplet of St. Michael and singing hymns. All are invited!



## Rosary Coast To Coast Event - Saturday, October 7, 2023

Join us on Saturday, October 7, for the Rosary Coast to Coast Event at the Church of St. Michael. This event is part of a nationwide prayer campaign for the healing of our Church and our Nation, culminating in the public recitation of the Rosary in over 2000 locations across the United States at 3pm CST. Please join us at St. Michael, gathering around 2:45pm, with the Rosary beginning at 3PM. Please call the parish office for more information or contact Ann Tescher.

Quilting Bee Cause will meet Tuesday, October 3, at 9am in the church hall. We will be tying quilts to be donated to the needy. We have all the supplies to assemble the quilts. Everyone is welcome to join us. Come for fellowship and coffee. Any questions call Bea Rauen 356-4858.

## **Higher Education Opportunities for Homeschoolers:**

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota is considering offering Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) for juniors and seniors in high school on the Rochester campus for homeschooled students. The PSEO program would provide eligible students the chance to experience college-level courses while still in high school, and the courses will be offered through a hybrid model of both in-person and online learning.

In addition, St. Mary's University is introducing a College Prep Seminar tailored specifically for homeschooling students, designed to equip students with the necessary tools and insights to navigate the transition from high school to college seamlessly, from study skills and navigating financial aid to time management.

Interest in these offerings is currently being gauged and your input would be greatly appreciated. A minimum number of students will need to be enrolled. If you have a junior or senior in your homeschooling community who might be interested in the PSEO courses or the College Prep Seminar, or if you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Molly Kroulik Bigelow - mbige-<u>low@smumn.edu</u> or Kim Doebbert - <u>kdoebber@smumn.edu</u>.

### **Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series:** Modern Marvels: Eucharistic Miracles of the 21st Century

Three contemporary Eucharistic miracles—Buenos Aires (1996), Tixtla, Mexico (2006), and Sokolka, Poland (2008)—provide us with considerable scientific evidence of the presence of living heart tissue in consecrated hosts. Fr. Spitzer will discuss the scientific testing and conclusions from each of these miracles, and reflect on their theological and spiritual significance in a skeptical modern age. Details: Tuesday, October 3, Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM EST, Lecture: 8:00 PM EST Registration is required. Visit: https:// instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/the-light-of-the-resurrection/

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for September: cereals & oatmeal

## WEEKLY TITHING September 16-17, 2023

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 3,640.00 Plate: 707.00 EFT: 3,592.00 Total: 7,939.00 Kitui Mission Collection \$ 176.85

## CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FALL FESTIVAL **OCTOBER 6 & 8, 2023**

#### Friday, October 6:

Our fabulous St. Michael Fish Fry from 4:00-7:30pm Sunday, October 8:



Kids' pedal tractor pull, Kids'games, Fall mums, Silent Auction, Art & Craft Vendors, & Concessions

A Concession Stand will offer variety of food items for purchase, including water/pop on Sunday.

Kids Games will begin at 11:45am and Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull will be on Sunday at approximately at 1 pm.

Fall Mums will be available for sale beginning Sept. 23-24. Art & Craft Vendors on Sunday 10am-3pm (If you are interested in a site for crafts you make, it is only \$25 - contact the parish office at stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net.)

## Baskets/Items for the Fall Festival Silent Auction:

Calling all parishioners! We are in need of items to be donated for the Silent Auction held during the Festival this Fall. Please make up any type of "basket" that you like or any individual items, including religious items, gift certificates, gift cards, homemade items or purchased items. Please drop off any items at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!



FOR SALE! FALL MUMS will be available for sale starting this weekend, September 23 & 24. Prices: \$20 for a solid color and \$25 for a tri-color mum.

#### Correction!

The September 23 Mass Intention was for †Marian Heins. The first name was misspelled in the September 17 Bulletin. Our apologies.

## **HOLY MASS TIMES**

## Wednesday, September 27, 2023

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

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

Friday, September 29, 2023 Feast of St. Michael

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

5:30pm Holy Mass

#### Saturday, September 30, 2023

8:30am Holy Mass

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

## Sunday, October 1, 2023

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

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



September 29, 2023 Charles Teske (Sara McNamara)

September 29, 2023 Conversion of Souls to Jesus

September 30, 2023 †Souls in Purgatory

September 30, 2023 †Mitch Tweed October 1, 2023 **Parishioners** 

October 1, 2023 Carmelite group of Pine Island (Laurie Schultz)



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## Longing for Love, Longing for God

"The greatest longing in the spirit of man is the hunger for love. A wife looks for love from her husband, a child from its father, a servant from his master, the poor from the rich. All people hope for the favor and love of the great ones of this world and the whole world rejoices and delights in their good will.

And so every spirit must rejoice and every heart exult and be immersed in infinite joy when we hear: *God so loved the world that He gave His only Son*. If we desire the love of important people and take delight in their good Graces, God is the Supreme Lord of all, *the King of kings and Lord of lords*, the King of Infinite Power, Wisdom, Goodness, and Generosity. Christ, moreover, the Infallible Truth, assures us that this Supreme Lord loves us with a Love so great that it cannot be put into words.

The Cherubim of Glory in the Holy of Holies in God's temple gaze as if lost in wonder. It is a sign that, even to the minds of Angels, the Divine Nature is worthy of -admiration. God is an astounding substance, for He is not dependent on anything else for existence, and is Eternal and Infinite; and as God's essence is, so also is His every attribute: Power, Wisdom, Goodness. God's Power, Wisdom, and Goodness are truly remarkable and beyond comprehension. But it seems to me the most incomprehensible of all God's attributes is His Love: *God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.* 

It comes as no surprise that God Loves. For God Love is a necessity, so that it is impossible for God not to Love, as impossible as it is for Him not to be, for *God is Love*. As impossible as it would be for the sun not to be filled with light and for fire not to be hot, so impossible it would be for God to be without Love. God is *Light*, and a *consuming Fire*, the Light of Intelligence and the Fire of Love. It is as necessary to find Love in God as it is to find Power, Wisdom, and Goodness. In the most brilliant sun we discover every degree of light and in the hottest fire every degree of heat. So in God, most perfect by Nature, is found every degree of perfection that can be found here and there in creatures. Love, moreover, is the most desirable perfection and, consequently, all things aspire to Love and hunger for Love."

ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI († 1619) was minister general of the Capuchin Franciscans and a prolific preacher throughout Europe. He is a Doctor of the Church.

## **PRO-LIFE QUOTES:**

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love but to use violence to get what they want." St. Teresa of Calcutta

**Catholic Daughters Court St. Mary Peter #1864** will meet Monday, September 25, at Church of St. Paul. A light meal will be served at 6:30pm, with our meeting to follow at 7pm. For information about Catholic Daughters, contact Linda Kazmierczak at 612-759-6399.

Immaculate Conception Church of rural Kellogg will hold their annual fall dinner on Sunday, October 1. Serving chicken and ham dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other activities include: Big Ticket Raffle, Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, Garden Produce, and Grocery Cart Raffle. Take-outs available. Handicap Accessible.

**St. Mary CCW Harvest Bazaar** Saturday, October 7, 9am-2pm at Bellechester Community Center

Come and enjoy the Church ladies' Bake Sale and Lunch! Fresh-baked Sweet Rolls~Homemade Soups~Sandwiches Large Assortment of Pies~Coffee~Milk~Pop~Drawing Tickets

Face Painting~Door Prizes~Fish Pond

Vendors will be selling: Wood Items, Christmas Items, Jewelry, Norwex Products, Jam/Pumpkins, Homemade Items, Greeting Cards, Sewing Items, Discovery Toys, Goat milk products, Rugs, Baby Items, Blankets, Scentsy, Button Art

## **WEEKLY TITHING September 17, 2023**

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 485.00

 Plate:
 \$ 142.00

 EFT:
 \$ 1,300.00

 Total:
 \$ 1,927.00

### APPALACHIAN MISSION PROJECT

## Appalachian Mission Project: Appalachian Mission Project:

Dear fellow parishioners, the time to demonstrate the generosity of our hearts through supporting the Appalachian Christmas Program has again arrived. We will collect items through Sunday, October 29. Donations may be left in the baskets at the front of the Church or can also be taken to the parish office during open hours. A list of desired donations is posted above the baskets. The Shoe Box Mission provides everyone, including young people, the opportunity to fill a plastic shoe box with useful and fun items. It can be themed or not but should be labeled with the age group and for a boy or a girl.

Here is a list of suggested items for donation: diapers & pins, blankets & bedding, sleepers, crib mobiles & other baby toys, powder & lotions, shirts, rattles, teethers, pull toys, soft toys, cars & trucks, blocks, balls, dolls, games marbles, jump ropes, coloring books & crayons, jacks, markers, socks & underwear, basic school supplies, cosmetics, sports equipment, batteries, music boxes, wallets, sweatshirts, fishing equipment, camouflage vests, hair barrettes, radios, watches, purses, belts, flashlights, toiletries, hunting clothes, typing paper, backpacks, books, powder/lotion, slippers, larger-size shirts, sweatsuits, purses, scarves, kitchen items, socks/knee highs, jewelry, nail clippers, towels, sheets (twin or regular size) coats and shoes (any size), craft kits, wrapping paper, ornaments, and dried fruits/nuts/hard candies. All candies/fruits/nuts should be boxed separately and sealed to keep moisture out. No canned goods. Lotions/shampoo should be in a ziplocked bag. This year, we will be collecting bicycle, tricycle, & kiddie cars (in new condition). Checks should be made out to Queen of All Saints Church, 90 Railroad St. P.O. Box 5643, Beattyville, KY 41311, St. Francis of Assisi Church, 147 Bryan St. Pikeville, KY 41501, Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd, Sr. Susan Marie Pleiss, OSF, P.O. Box 473, Campton, KY 41301, or Holy Family Catholic Church, Sr. Marge Eilerman, OSF 1439 KY-11S, Booneville, KY 41314. Please be generous to the Lord's poorest of the poor. Remember, everything must be new. Thank you for your generosity. For questions, please contact Louise Gerken.

## WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their [Angels'] watchful care and intercession. 'Beside each believer stands an Angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.' Already here on earth the Christian life shares by Faith in the blessed company of Angels and men united in God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 336). "Our Guardian Angels are our most faithful friends, because they are with us day and night, always and everywhere. We ought often to invoke them." St. John Vianney

"When tempted, invoke your Angel. He is more eager to help you than you are to be helped. Ignore the devil and do not be afraid of him; he trembles and flees at the sight of your Guardian Angel." St. John Bosco "How great is the dignity of souls, that each person has from birth received an Angel to protect it." St. Jerome

#### **HOLY MASS TIMES**

## Tuesday, September 26, 2023

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

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

Thursday, September 28, 2023

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

Sunday, October 1, 2023

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

#### **HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

September 26, 2023 †Frances Kronebusch

September 28, 2023 Thuy Le October 1, 2023 Parishioners



## NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) is co-natural to the Angel, and now out of his supernatural union with GOD grace also flows to man. This flowing communication of grace is a beatitude of the heavenly life. What a joy it is, to be able to bear, to channel the stream of GOD's love to another!

Let us not forget to thank the Angel for his assistance."

(www.opusangelorum.org)

Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Paul, and all the Holy Angels, may God bless our families, parishes and the whole Church!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel



**Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus:** Father Lawrence Carney, author of the book *The Secret of the Holy Face - The Devotion Destined to Save Society* and Founder of the League of Saint Martin will join us this **Sunday**, **September 24**, to acquaint us with the Holy Face of Jesus devotion. He will speak at the 10:30am Holy Mass, as well as at

the September Women's Holy Hour. He will return in October to speak at the October Men's Holy Hour. All are invited to learn more about this remedy against moral relativism, communism, and modernism. Father Lawrence Carney was ordained for the Diocese of Wichita in 2007. For five years, he walked the streets of US cities in cassock carrying a crucifix and a rosary in each hand in an effort to bring souls to the Catholic Church. In 2014, he was appointed as chaplain of the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles. In 2017, he began the League of St. Martin, a pious association that prays for reverence, reparation, and reversion—the chief goals being enrollment in the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face and the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary. In 2022, continuing as chaplain and league director, he was appointed Apostolic Priest of Wichita, Kansas.

## St. Pio Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast:

Come and enjoy pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 24, from 8am to 1pm, at the Church of St. Michael. Help us support our Coats for Kids project!



## 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil:

Join us for a peaceful prayer vigil on Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00pm on the sidewalk in front of Rochester Planned Parenthood to begin the 40 Days of prayer and fasting on behalf of the unborn. Please park on side streets north of the shopping center. To cover other times of the campaign see the website at 40daysforlife.com/rochester.

**Pop Culture Influence in our Age:** Do you know what influence Pop Culture is having on your children or grandchildren? Learn about the effects of cultural corruption through our institutions and education systems. Then know what Heaven has provided as a solution to these effects and how you can protect your children! **Michele Lentz**, Board member of Catholic Parents Online and president and co-founder of Child Protection League, will be speaking on this topic on Saturday, September 30, from 6:00 - 8:00pm at St. James Coffee, 4156 18<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Rochester, MN. For questions: call Mary 507-287-6481.

**Unplanned Movie:** On Monday, October 9, at 7:00pm, the movie *Unplanned* will be showed at St. James Coffee, Rochester. *Unplanned* is Abby Johnson's journey from Planned Parenthood director to pro life advocate. \*Rated R for violence against unborn babies. Parental attendance required for those under 17.

**Save the Dates! Bi-Parish Mission:** Plan now to attend our Bi-Parish Mission by Fr. David Gunter, MIC on the evenings of October 23-25, 2023. Father Gunter will also speak at all the Holy Masses on October 21 & 22.



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**JOIN US** 

Brother Knights of our Council invite you to join us. Contact Steve Kingsbury 612-207-3179

## For Plot Information

Call the Parish Office Church of St. Michael Cemetery 507-356-4280

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507-732-5324" Remember To Pray For Our Beloved Departed."