March 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus.

The month of March is dedicated to devotion to St. Joseph. Let us ask St. Joseph to defend and help us on our path toward Heaven and to grant us a love for Jesus and Mary like he has in his heart! This Sunday we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Lent. I share with you a reflection on St. Joseph. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

"St. Joseph: The season of Lent is interrupted by the Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of Mary (March 19). With the exception of Our Lady, there is no greater saint in Heaven than St. Joseph. This feast originated in the fifteenth century and was then extended to the whole Church in 1621. In 1847, Bld. Pius IX named St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church. St. John XXIII had St. Joseph's name included in the Roman Canon (of the Holy Mass).

The promises of the Old Testament were realized in Jesus by means of St. Joseph: The Lord has put His faithful servant in charge of His household. (Entrance Antiphon: Luke 12:42) The household referred to in Entrance Antiphon for the Solemnity of St. Joseph is none other than the Holy Family of Nazareth. God entrusted this treasure to St. Joseph, His faithful servant, who dedicated his entire life to their care. The Lord's household also can be understood as the Church, which likewise looks to Saint Joseph as a guardian and patron.

The *First Reading* brings to mind the ancient promises made by God to His chosen people, which were then passed down from generation to generation: the coming of a just and powerful King, the Good Shepherd Who will lead His flock to verdant pastures (Ex. 34:23), the Redeemer Who will save His people. (Gen. 3:15) In this passage from the second book of Samuel, God announces to David that the Messiah will arise from his descendants. The Messiah will found an everlasting kingdom. It is through Joseph that Jesus is the son of David. Christ is the fulfillment of the prophecies made from the time of Abraham. (*Second Reading*, Rom. 4:18)

With the Incarnation, the 'promises' and 'figures' of the Old Testament become reality: places, persons, events and rites interrelate according to precise divine commands communicated by Angels and received by creatures who are particularly sensitive to the voice of God. Mary is the Lord's humble servant, prepared from eternity for the task of being the Mother of God. Joseph is the one ... who has the responsibility of looking after the Son of God's 'ordained' entry into the world in accordance with divine dispositions and human laws. All of the so-called 'private' or 'hidden' life of Jesus is entrusted to Joseph's guardianship. (John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation, Redemptoris Custos, 15 August 1989, 8)

The Gospel of the Solemnity of St. Joseph places a special emphasis on the fact that St. Joseph was a member of the House of David: *Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.* (Matt. 1:16) St. Joseph is the

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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 8:25am, 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

Patriarch of the New Testament.

Here was an ordinary man to whom God granted extraordinary graces. St. Joseph was to fulfill a most singular mission in the salvific design of God. He experienced indescribable joys along with the trials of doubt and suffering. We recall his perplexity at the mystery of Mary's conception, at the extreme of material poverty in Bethlehem, at the prophecies of Simeon in the Temple, at the hurried flight into Egypt, at the difficulties of having to live in a foreign land, at the return from Egypt and the threat posed by (cont. on pg. 3)

Sacrament of Confession

Individual Confession

Monday, March 22 7:30-8:30pm St. Columbkill
Tuesday, March 23 4:00-5:00pm St. Paul
Tuesday, March 23 6:00-7:00pm St. Paul
Individual Confession times for Holy Week

Monday, March 29
Tuesday, March 30
Wednesday, March 31
Holy Thursday, April 1

T:00-8:30pm St. Mary
St. Michael
T:00-8:30pm St. Michael
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Holy Thursday, April 1 after the 7:30pm Holy Mass at St. Columbkill Holy Thursday, April 1 after the 8:00pm Holy Mass at St. Michael

Good Friday, April 2 5:00-6:00pm St. Michael

Good Friday, April 2 after the 7pm Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion at St. Michael Good Friday, April 2 after the 8pm Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion at St. Mary

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Paul, Zumbrota—each Tuesday of Lent at 7:00pm SPIRITUAL TALK/STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Michael, Pine Island— Each Friday of Lent

Spiritual Talk at 6:30pm & Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be on <u>Sunday, March 28</u>, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All women invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, April 7, at 6:30-7:45pm TOPIC for April: Kneeling Before the Majesty of God (Eucharistic Adoration)

God's trust in St. Joseph

"If the name of trustee is a mark of honor and testifies to probity; if, in order to confide a trust, we choose the one whose virtue is most assured, whose fidelity is most proven, and finally, the one who is the most intimate and most confidential of our friends, then how shall we measure the glory of Saint Joseph? God made him the trustee not only of blessed Mary, whose angelic purity made her so acceptable in his eyes, but still more of his own Son, the sole object of his delight and the unique hope of our salvation. Saint Joseph he made the trustee of the common treasure of God and man: the person of Jesus Christ. What eloquence could equal the grandeur and majesty of this title? He cannot be rightly praised without the assistance of grace. Grace will help me to plumb so deep a mystery...

The first of the treasures committed to his trust - the first, that is, in the order of time - was the holy virginity of Mary, which he had to preserve inviolate under the sacred veil of marriage, and which he always religiously protected as a sacred trust. The second and the more imposing was the person of Jesus Christ, whom the heavenly Father placed in his hands so that he might serve as the earthly father of the Holy Child. The third you will find most admirable, if I am able to explain it to you clearly. To understand it, we must realize that a secret is a kind of treasure. To betray the secret of a friend is to violate the sanctity of trust. The law says that if you spread abroad the secret of a testament that I confide in you, I may then take action against you for your lapse as trustee. The reason for this is plain: a secret is a kind of trust. From this you will easily comprehend that Joseph was the trustee of the eternal Father because God told him His secret. Which secret? The marvelous secret of the Incarnation of His Son. God's plan was not to reveal Jesus Christ to the world before His hour had come. Saint Joseph was chosen not only to keep the secret, but even to conceal it. Thus, we read in the Gospel that, with Mary, he marveled at all that was said of the Savior, but we do not read that he spoke, because the eternal Father revealed the mystery to him in secret and under the obligation of silence. Saint Bernard explained: "God desired to entrust to his faithfulness the most sacred secret of His heart." How precious you are to God, O peerless Joseph, for to you He confided His three great treasures: the virginity of Mary, the person of His only-begotten Son, and the secret of all His mystery." Bishop Jacques-Benigne Bossuet (+1704)

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"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

"God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes." [nefanda sunt crimina] Vatican Council II, Church in the Modern World #51

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270

Pine Island Food Shelf: The items requested for March: Baking mixes (Pancake, Muffins, Biscuits, & Cake)

WEEKLY TITHING for March 13-14, 2021

5,999.00 Envelopes: Plate: 1.107.25 EFT: 507.50 Total: 7,613.75 Kitui Mission Collection: \$ 351.00



SPIRITUAL TALK/STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Michael, Pine Island— Each Friday of Lent Spiritual Talk at 6:30pm & Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

Congratulations to:

Anthony and Allison Jay on the baptism of their son – Jack Michael Jay on March 6, 2021.





EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: There is an envelope in your contribution packet for Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one. The suggested donation is \$13. Please consider making a donation and place in the collection plate or return to the office by Sunday, March 28. Thank you!



Kitui Water Bottle Project: Please continue filling your water bottles with change and return to the church when full or by the end of Lent to help those in the Kitui Diocese in Africa ₩ overcome their water shortage. If you are finished filling your bottle, you can return it to the church. Thank you!

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and men to resolve issues of guilt, shame, pain, grief, and anxiety after an abortion. The retreat provides a safe and sacred place for you to open up to our Lord and unburden yourself without fear. You will be able to grieve, work on any anger, forgive yourself, reconcile with God, and reconcile with your children. The dates of our upcoming Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are: 1) Friday, Apr 16 through Sunday, Apr 18, 2021, 5pm at Albertville, MN 2) Friday, Jul 30 through Sunday, Aug 1, 2021, 5pm at Prior Lake, MN 3) Friday, Nov 5 through Sunday, Nov 7, 2021, 5pm at Buffalo, MN Cost: \$180.00 per person. If you are unable to pay, financial assistance is available. Registrations are kept in the strictest confidence and privacy. You can **register** by mail, phone, email, or online with our **secure** registration form: https://rvineyardmn.org/about-the-retreat/register/ If you wish to register by mail, print a registration form: http:// rvineyardmn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/RegForm2021.pdf

A *Rachel's Vineyard retreat* is a weekend opportunity for women

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

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

Thursday, March 25, 2021

7:30pm (EF) Holy Mass - The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday, March 26, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

Saturday, March 27, 2021

4:00pm—4:50pm Individual Confession

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, March 28, 2021

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass 10:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

March 24, 2021 †Robert Sullivan (Katie Brost)

March 25, 2021 (EF) For the intentions of Fr. Kasel

March 26, 2021 †Kenneth Holmstadt (Little Flower Group)

March 27, 2021 †Souls in Purgatory

March 28, 2021 (EF) Parishioners

March 28, 2021 †Dolores Bauer (Nelson Family)



CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, April 7, at 6:30-7:45pm TOPIC for April: Kneeling Before the Majesty of God (Eucharistic Adoration)

(From Father Kasel...from pg. 1) Archelaus. St. Joseph proved himself always faithful to the Will of God. He showed himself always ready to set aside his own human plans and considerations. The explanation for this remarkable fidelity is that Jesus and Mary were at the center of St. Joseph's life. Joseph's self-giving is an interweaving of faithful love, loving faith and confident hope. His feast is thus a good opportunity for us to renew our commitment to the Christian calling God has given each of us.

When you sincerely desire to live by faith, hope and love, the renewal of your commitment is not a matter of picking up again something neglected. When there really is faith, hope and love, renewal means staying in God's hands, despite our personal faults, mistakes and defects. It is a confirmation of our faithfulness. Renewing our commitment means renewing our fidelity to what God wants of us: it means expressing our love in deeds. (J. Escriva, Christ is Passing By, 43)

We ask the Holy Patriarch to help us to fulfill the Will of God in everything. We pray that he will show us how to live out our commitments joyfully and without reservations. Our example will enlighten many others as to the true pathway to Heaven.

The fidelity of the Holy Patriarch to his vocation: Come, good and faithful servant! Share the joy of your Lord! (Communion Antiphon: Matt. 25:21) St. Joseph would have heard these words of our Communion Antiphon upon his arrival in Heaven. One day the Lord will say these blessed words to each one of us if we persevere in our Christian vocation. This will happen despite our many stumbles and falls because we shall have had the humility and the courage to begin again.

Fidelity to the Lord is what gives meaning to our lives, no matter what our age or personal circumstances. We know that our earthly happiness depends upon our faith. St. Joseph had his share of difficulties, but he always relied upon the help of God. He refused to deviate from his vocation. What else was his life if not a total dedication to the service for which he had been called? Husband to Our Lady, legal father to Jesus... He devoted his life to the attention he paid them, dedicated to fulfilling his vocation - the mission to which he had been called. As a dedicated man is one who does not belong to himself, Joseph ceased to be concerned for himself from the moment when, enlightened by an angel in that first dream, he fully accepted God's designs for him. Receiving Mary as his spouse he began to live for those who had been place in his care. God had entrusted him with His family, and Joseph did not disappoint Him. God sought support in him, and he stood firm in every instance. (F. Suarez, Joseph of Nazareth, pp. 215-216) God counts on us for many great things. We cannot let Him down. Let us tell the Lord that we want to be unswervingly loyal to what He wants of us just as St. Joseph was in his life. We should examine ourselves as to how we can be more faithful in our personal conduct, our apostolate and our profession work.

Our perseverance: Father, with unselfish love St. Joseph cared for Your Son, born of the Virgin Mary. May we also serve You at Your altar with pure hearts. (Prayer over the Gifts)

(This) is a good time for us to reflect on the teaching of St. Thomas concerning Divine Vocation: *To those whom God calls for His work, God provides the necessary preparation and graces, so that they will be the ideal instruments for that work.* (St. Thomas, *Summa Theologiae*, 3, q 27, a 4, c) God's fidelity is made manifest in an infinite variety of ways to help us fulfill our commitments. St. Joseph responded immediately to the countless graces which he received from God.

We ought often to reflect in our prayer on the certainty that the Lord will never let us down. He awaits our mature response, whether it be in youth, in adulthood, in old age, in good times or in bad. It is possible that we may not *feel* God's presence at (cont. on pg. 4)

WEEKLY TITHING for March 14, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 215.00 Plate: \$ 81.00 **Total: \$ 296.00**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Paul, Zumbrota—each Tuesday of Lent at 7:00pm

Thank You! Thank you to all who helped with cleaning the church in March 10. May God bless and reward you! *Marie Robinson and Fr. Kasel*

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The **Catholic Daughters** will be meeting on Monday, March 22, at the Church of St. Peter and Paul in Mazeppa, with our Mother Teresa book discussion at 6:30pm, meeting starting at 7:00pm. If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, please contact Beth Arendt for the log in information. If you have any questions about CDA or if you would like information on joining our Court, please contact Beth Arendt at 507-272-5829.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"Devotion to St. Joseph is one of the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is tantamount to revealing the entire treasury of our Lord's graces. When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, He unites it to St. Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint." St. Peter Julian Eymard

"Let us love Jesus above all, let us love Mary as our mother; but then, how could we keep from loving Joseph, who was so intimately united to both Jesus and Mary? And how can we honor him better than by imitating his virtues? Now, what else did he do in all his life but contemplate, study, and adore Jesus, even in the midst of his daily labors? Behold, therefore, our model." St. Madeliene Sophie Barat "A servant of Mary will have a tender devotion to St. Joseph, and by his pious homage of respect and love, will endeavor to merit the protection of this great saint." Bld. William Joseph Chaminade "Knowing by experience St. Joseph's astonishing influence with God, I would wish to persuade everyone to honor him with particular devotion. I have always seen those who honored him in a special manner make progress in virtue, for this heavenly protector favors in a striking manner the spiritual advancement of souls who commend themselves to him." St. Teresa of Avila



†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-5pm.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

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

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

Thursday, March 25, 2021

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

Sunday, March 28, 2021

8:25am Confessions/Rosary

8:45am Holy Mass - On 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month versus populum; 2nd & 4th ad Orientem

March 23, 2021 †Roy & †Gloria Bradley

March 25, 2021 †Jerome Kirtz

March 28, 2021 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 3) times, perhaps for a lengthy period. We may not feel drawn to God because we are full of ourselves. In this kind of situation fidelity to God requires interior recollection. Fidelity requires personal effort to overcome egoism and to begin again a life

God wants us to be full of love, alert, brimming over with initiatives. The heart of the holy Patriarch was always alive with joy, even in the most difficult of trials. We ought to ensure that our journey to God is as new and original as love itself.

Today we ask St. Joseph to give us a share in his youthful spirit. We ask this of him for the sake of those around us who might find thereby a road to Jesus." (From: *In Conversation with God*, by Francis Fernandez) Through the intercession of Mary, Mother and Queen of all hearts, St. Joseph, St. Michael, and St. Paul, may we all grow in our devotion to St. Joseph!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

Spiritual Communion Prayer: My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally in the Most Holy Eucharist, please come at least spiritually into my heart now. I spiritually embrace You and choose to unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You and Your Love. Thank You. Jesus! I love You! Amen.

Catholic Services Appeal 2021—Together in Hope: The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation partners with fellow Catholic to share Christ's love with neighbors in need through ministries that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith. Visit www. csafspm.org to learn more or www.GiveCSAF.org to donate today!

Pray for an End to Abortion: All parishioners are invited to join Fr. Kasel to pray for an end to abortion at the Rochester Planned Parenthood (1212 7th St NW, Rochester, MN 55901) on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 1:30pm.

THE ANGELUS

- V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
- R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with Thee;

Blessed art thou among women,

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

- V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
- R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary, etc.
- V. And the Word was made Flesh.
- R. And dwelt among us.
- Hail Mary, etc.
- V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. LET US PRAY: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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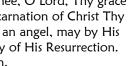
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Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Sara McNamara

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