

December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

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St. Michael

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

We have already arrived at Gaudete (Rejoice) or the 3rd Sunday of Advent! Gaudete is the first Latin word of the entrance antiphon (taken from Philippians 4:4,5) for this Sunday. Gaudete is translated as 'rejoice' as in 'rejoice in the Lord always' from Philippians 4. Let us rejoice this Gaudete Sunday, for our Lord is indeed near!

Very soon we will be celebrating Christmas. I encourage you to make the most of the remaining time of Advent to spiritually prepare your soul for the great Grace of Christmas - especially through receiving the Sacrament of Confession.

Please see the bulletin for times to celebrate this Sacrament of our good Lord's Mercy!

This week I include a reflection from St. Irenaeus that describes Jesus as the New Adam and Mary as the New Eve. It sheds light especially on the obedience of Mary in contrast to the disobedience of the first Eve.

Eve and Mary

"The Lord, coming into His own creation in visible form, was sustained by His own creation which He Himself sustains in being. His obedience on the tree of the Cross reversed the disobedience at the tree in Eden; the Good News of the Truth announced by an Angel to Mary, a Virgin subject to a husband, undid the evil lie that seduced Eve, a virgin espoused to a husband.

As Eve was seduced by the word of an Angel and so fled from God after disobeying His Word, Mary in her turn was given the Good News by the word of an Angel, and bore God in obedience to His Word. As Eve was seduced into disobedience to God, so Mary was persuaded into obedience to God; thus the Virgin Mary became the advocate of the virgin Eve.

Christ gathered all things into one, by gathering them into Himself. He declared war against our enemy, crushed him who at the beginning had taken us captive in Adam, and trampled on his head, in accordance with God's words to the serpent in Genesis: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall lie in wait for your head, and you shall lie in wait for His heel.

The One lying in wait for the serpent's head is the One who was born in the likeness of Adam from the Woman, the Virgin. This is the seed spoken of by Paul in the letter to the Galatians: The law of works was in force until the Seed should come to whom the promise was made.

He shows this even more clearly in the same letter when he says: When the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a Woman.

The enemy would not have been defeated fairly if his vanquisher had not been born of a Woman, because it (continued on page 4)

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

*We invite you to worship our Savior with us this
Advent and Christmas Season!*

Individual Confession times during Advent*:

Sunday, December 17	St. Michael, Pine Island	7:00-7:45 am
Tuesday, December 19	St. Paul, Zumbrota	4:00-4:55 pm
Wednesday, December 20	St. Michael, Pine Island	6:30-8:00 pm
Saturday, December 23	St. Paul, Zumbrota	9:30-10:30 am
Saturday, December 23	St. Michael, Pine Island	10:45 am-noon

*The Sacrament of Confession is also offered before each weekday Holy Mass

Please Note: All the Faithful must attend Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent as well as attend Holy Mass for Christmas. Attending the 4pm Christmas Eve Holy Mass does not fulfill the Obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent. The usual Sunday morning Holy Masses will be offered for the 4th Sunday of Advent on December 24.

Holy Mass on Christmas Eve:

Sunday, December 24	St. Paul, Zumbrota	4:00 pm
Sunday, December 24	St. Michael, Pine Island	4:00 pm

Holy Mass on Christmas Day:

Monday, December 25	St. Michael, Pine Island	7:00 am (Latin)
Monday, December 25	St. Paul, Zumbrota	8:45 am
Monday, December 25	St. Michael, Pine Island	10:30 am

Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God - Not an Obligation this Year

Monday, January 1	St. Michael, Pine Island	7:00 am (Latin)
Monday, January 1	St. Paul, Zumbrota	8:45 am
Monday, January 1	St. Michael, Pine Island	10:30 am

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be on Sunday, December 17, at 6pm at Church of St. Michael in Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on The Virgin Mary, the Holy Family, and the Church. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The next **Faith Formation session** will be on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island.

Topic for January: The Virtue of Self-Control

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

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

Our program is open for all of our parishioners to attend and it will benefit all ages! There will be separate presentations for adults & youth.



Christmas Flowers: This year we will again be collecting Christmas Flower offerings for the purchase of poinsettias for the Christmas Season. You will find a Christmas Flower envelope in your packet. The suggested donation is \$13. Please put your envelope in the collection basket by Sunday, Dec. 17. If you miss this deadline, please drop off donation at the Church office the following week. Any money collected over the cost of the Christmas flowers will be used for flowers in the sanctuary throughout the year. Thank you and God bless you!

Forgiveness Prayer

In the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, I willingly forgive anyone who has hurt or harmed me (including N., N., N., etc.). I forgive them with my whole heart and I ask God to bless them. (3 times) I choose to let go of the lack of love I experienced in the actions of (N., N., N., etc.). In the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, I ask that my heart be filled with the Light and Love of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite
O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep Your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the Priesthood. Let Your holy Love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series:

Patristics 101 Apostolic & Ante-Nicene Fathers

St. John Henry Newman said of the Church Fathers: "They are witnesses to the fact of . . . doctrines having been received, not here or there, but everywhere . . . down to our times, without interruption, ever since the apostles." What are the teachings of these early Christian writers whom Newman so deeply appreciated? What were their beliefs, hopes, and concerns? Do these mirror our own?

In this first (of two) semesters on the Fathers of the Church, we shall delve deeply into the writings of the first Christian centuries and become acquainted with such figures as St. Clement of Rome, St. Ignatius, St. Justin Martyr, St. Irenaeus, Tertullian, St. Cyprian, and Origen, and we will come to an appreciation of their specific genius and legacy for our own generation. **Last day to apply is Thursday, January 11.** An Orientation session will be held on January 18.

Classes will begin on **January 25.**

Details: Thursdays, January 25 - June 20, 2024, from 8:00 - 9:15 PM ET, Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30PM ET, Lecture: 8:00 PM ET

Instructor: John Pepino, Ph.D.

Registration is required. <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/patristics-101>

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for December: Your Choice!

WEEKLY TITHING December 9-10, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,620.00
Plate:	\$ 1,141.00
EFT:	\$ 925.00
Total:	\$ 3,686.00

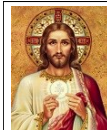


Prayer to the Virgin Mary: My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my entire self without reserve. As I am your own, my good Mother, guard me and defend me as you your property and possession.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

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

If the bringing of children into the world is today an economic burden, it is because the social system is inadequate; and not because God's law is wrong. Therefore the State should remove the causes of that burden. The human must not be limited and controlled to fit the economic, but the economic must be expanded to fit the human." ... Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

...the family, based on the marriage of a man and a woman, is not a simple social convention, but rather the fundamental cell of every society. Consequently, policies which undermine the family threaten human dignity and the future of humanity itself...More generally, and with particular reference to the West, I am convinced that legislative measures which not only permit but at times even promote abortion for reasons of convenience or for questionable medical motives compromise the education of young people and, as a result, the future of humanity." Pope Benedict XVI, January 9, 2012



AN INVITATION FROM JESUS

Do you have no regular commitments during weekday mornings? Are you interested in growing in love with the One who loves you most - Jesus?

Consider coming to Holy Mass on weekdays! Holy Mass, Confession and the Holy Rosary are offered Tuesday through Friday at our parishes. *Come to sanctify your weekdays with Jesus - He is waiting for you!*

Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony: All are invited to attend the 21st Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony at the historic Church of St. Rose on Sunday, December 17, at 2:00pm. Father Henry Doyle of Shattuck-St. Mary's in Faribault, MN will preside. Music provided by Brass Etc. Reception at the Palof residence. The church is located at 8778 County 11 Blvd., Kenyon, MN 55946. We look forward to celebrating with you at St. Rose of Lima. Visit www.friendsofstrose.org

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

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

Friday, December 22, 2023

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

Saturday, December 23, 2023

- 4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions
- 5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, December 24, 2023

- 7:00am Latin Holy Mass
- 10:30am Holy Mass
- 4:00pm Holy Mass on Christmas Eve

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



- December 20, 2023** Chris & Michelle Sullivan (Mary Amiot)
- December 22, 2023** †Albert & Mary Kline (Kathy Winkels)
- December 23, 2023** Cathy Rossow & family
- December 24, 2023** Brian McCoy
- December 24, 2023** Parishioners
- December 24, 2023** Patrick Manahan family (Barb Keehn)

CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

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On the Value of Patience by Saint Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr
"Patience is a precept for salvation given us by our Lord, our teacher: *Whoever endures to the end will be saved.* And again: *If you persevere in My Word, you will truly be My disciples; you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.*

Dear brethren, we must endure and persevere if we are to attain the Truth and Freedom we have been allowed to Hope for; Faith and Hope are the very meaning of our being Christians, but if Faith and Hope are to bear their fruit, patience is necessary.

We do not seek glory now, in the present, but we look for future glory, as Saint Paul instructs us when he says: *By Hope we were saved. Now Hope which is seen is not Hope; how can a man Hope for what he sees? But if we Hope for what we do not see, we wait for it in patience.* Patient waiting is necessary if we are to be perfected in what we have begun to be, and if we are to receive from God what we Hope for and believe.

In another place the same Apostle instructs and teaches the just, and those active in good works, and those who store up for themselves treasures in Heaven through the reward God gives them. They are to be patient also, for he says: *Therefore while we have time, let us do good to all, but especially to those who are of the household of the Faith. But let us not grow weary in doing good, for we shall reap our reward in due season.*

Paul warns us not to grow weary in good works through impatience, not to be distracted or overcome by temptations and so give up in the midst of our pilgrimage of praise and glory, and allow our past good deeds to count for nothing because what was begun falls short of completion.

Finally, the Apostle, speaking of Charity, unites it with endurance and patience. *Charity, he says, is always patient and kind; it is not jealous, is not boastful, is not given to anger, does not think evil, loves all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.* He shows that Charity can be steadfast and persevering because it has learned how to endure all things.

And in another place he says: *Bear with one another lovingly, striving to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace.* He shows that neither unity nor peace can be maintained unless the brethren cherish each other with mutual forbearance and preserve the bond of harmony by means of patience."

Thank you!

The Community Connections Group would like to thank the Parishioners of the Church of St. Paul for your generous donations for our Christmas project. We shared gift cards, winter gear and home products with 169 local people. Your kindness is so appreciated!

WEEKLY TITHING December 10, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,300.00
Plate:	\$ 226.00
Total:	\$ 1,526.00

Christmas Flowers: This year we will again be collecting Christmas Flower offerings for the purchase of poinsettias for the Christmas Season. You will find a Christmas Flower envelope in your packet. The suggested donation is \$13. Please put your envelope in the collection basket by Sunday, Dec. 17. If you miss this deadline, please drop off donation at the Church office the following week. Thank you and God bless you!



WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"You ask me whether I am in good spirits. How could I not be so? As long as Faith gives me strength, I will always be joyful." Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

"If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing." St. Katharine Drexel

"If you have no earthly consolation, why do you not seek consolation in the heart of Jesus? To Love Him is truest joy." St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

"God made us for joy. God is joy, and the joy of living reflects the Original Joy that God felt in creating us." St. John Paul II

"When we are expecting only suffering, the least joy surprises us: Suffering itself becomes the greatest joys when we seek it as a precious treasure." St. Thérèse de Lisieux

"The true way to advance in holy virtues, is to persevere in a holy cheerfulness." St. Philip Neri

"The Lord looked into the depth of my being with great kindness; I thought I would die for joy under that gaze." St. Faustina

"Joy, with Peace, is the sister of Charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." St. Padre Pio

Catholic Daughters Court St. Mary Peter #1864 will meet Monday, December 18, at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Mazepa. The evening will begin at 6pm with Holy Mass, with new member ceremony and celebrations, followed with potluck dinner, fellowship and a short meeting.

Catholic Daughters "Meal In A Bucket" Sale

Pre-order slips are in the back of Church for "Meal In A Bucket" which will run for the next 5 weeks. 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 Holy Mass. Your support is appreciated!

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

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

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

Thursday, December 21, 2023

8:00am Confessions/8:30am

Sunday, December 24, 2023

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

4:00pm Holy Mass on Christmas Eve

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

December 19, 2023 †Frances Kronebusch (Lenny & LaVonne Feuling)

December 21, 2023 Karen Salz (Karen Hodgman)

December 24, 2023 Parishioners

December 24, 2023 Clare Taylor (T&J Meyer)



Give the gift of an Hour of Adoration for someone. Cards are in the vestibule to send to the recipient.

NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) was through a woman that he had gained mastery over man in the beginning, and set himself up as man's adversary. That is why the Lord proclaims Himself the Son of Man, the One who renews in Himself that first man from whom the race born of woman was formed; as by a man's defeat our race fell into the bondage of death, so by a Man's victory we were to rise again to Life." (St. Ireneaus in his treatise entitled: 'Against Heresies', Book III, Chapter 22)

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph, St. Paul, and St. Michael, may we be open to encountering Jesus every day, especially in the Sacraments, and be courageous in sharing Jesus with all others!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

Please **Save the Date for the next Chili Cook-off:** Sunday, **January 28, 2024**. You will again be able to taste the best Chili in our Parish! More details will follow soon.



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1. Visit: signup.formed.org 2. Enter your parish zip code or name (St. Michael 55963 or St. Paul 55992) 3. Grow in our Catholic Faith!

Youth Group Event! All Youth, Grades 7-12, are invited for a prayer, food, and game night Wednesday, December 27, 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.

2024 National March for Life in Washington D.C.

For the first time in recent memory, the Archdiocese is offering a pilgrimage to Washington D.C. for adults and families to attend the National March for Life as well as the trip for high school youth. Though Roe vs. Wade was overturned in June 2022, efforts to expand abortion access are happening in many states across our Nation. It is a great tragedy that, despite the victory in the Supreme Court, many politicians still support this grave evil. Through this March for Life trip, we have the opportunity to stand in opposition on the national stage and remind everyone that human life is sacred from conception to natural death! Please contact Assistant Youth Ministry Coordinator Martin Gawarecki at gawareckim@archspm.org or 651.291.4506 to get on the contact list for March for Life information. The dates for the pilgrimage are: January 16-21, 2024.



†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.



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