November 26, 2023 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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 Solemnity of Christ the King and it marks the beginning of the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church. Next Sunday we begin the Season of Advent. I pray that this past year of Grace in the life of our Catholic Church has brought all of us closer in relationship with the merciful Heart of our Lord Jesus! It is truly right and just that we thank and praise Him each day for His exceeding goodness toward us! May we trust Him at all times to lead us on the path of holiness and onward toward Heaven!

Regarding today's Solemnity of Christ the King, in Sacred Scripture we can read the doctrinal basis for our celebration of our Lord's kingly authority: "Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:7-11)

In his encyclical letter, *Quas Primas* (1925), Pope Pius XI wrote: "Christ Himself speaks of His Own kingly authority: in His last discourse, speaking of the rewards and punishments that will be the eternal lot of the just and the damned; in His reply to the Roman magistrate, who asked Him publicly whether He were a king or not; after His resurrection, when giving to His Apostles the mission of teaching and Baptizing all nations, He took the opportunity to call Himself king, confirming the title publicly, and solemnly proclaimed that all power was given Him in Heaven and on earth. These words can only be taken to indicate the greatness of His power, the infinite extent of His Kingdom. What wonder, then, that He Whom St. John calls the 'Prince of the kings of the earth' appears in the Apostle's vision of the future as He Who 'hath on His garment and on His thigh written 'King of kings and Lord of lords!'.' It is Christ Whom the Father 'hath appointed heir of all things'; 'for He must reign until at the end of the world He hath put all His enemies under the feet of God and the Father.

It was surely right, then, in view of the common teaching of the sacred books, that the Catholic Church, which is the Kingdom of Christ on earth, destined to be spread among all men and all nations, should with every token of veneration salute her Author and Founder in her annual liturgy as King and Lord, and as King of Kings. And, in fact, she used these titles, giving expression with wonderful variety of language to one and the same concept, both in ancient psalmody and in the Sacramentaries." (*Quas Primas*, 11-12) The early Church theologian, Origen (cir. 185-254), wrote about our Lord's kingly power in a notebook on prayer. This reading is part of the Liturgy of the Hours of Church.

"The kingdom of God, in the words of our Lord and Savior, does

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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 8:20am, 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

not come for all to see; nor shall they say: Behold, here it is, or behold, there it is; but the kingdom of God is within us, for the word of God is very near, in our mouth and in our heart. Thus it is clear that he who prays for the coming of God's kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it might grow and bear fruit and become perfect. For God reigns in each of His holy ones. Anyone who is holy obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-ordered city. The Father is present in the perfect soul, and with Him Christ reigns, according to the words: We shall come to him and make Our home with him.

Thus the kingdom of God within us, as we continue to make progress, will reach its highest point when the Apostle's words are fulfilled, and Christ, having subjected all His enemies to Himself, will hand over His kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all. Therefore, let us pray unceasingly with that disposition of soul which the Word may make divine, saying to our Father who is in Heaven: Hallowed be Your Name; Your Kingdom come. Note this too about the Kingdom of God. It is not a *sharing of justice* with iniquity, nor a society of light with darkness, nor a meeting of *Christ with Belial.* The Kingdom of God cannot exist alongside the reign of sin. Therefore, if we wish God to reign in us, in no way should sin reign in our mortal body; rather we should mortify our members which are upon the earth and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with His Christ. In us the Lord will sit at the right hand of that spiritual Power which we (continued on page 4)

The next <u>Holy Hour for Women</u> will be Sunday, November 26, at 6pm at the Church of St. Michael. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on Gratitude. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The next **Faith Formation session** will be on Wednesday, December 6, at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island.

Topic for December: The Virtue of Docility

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Holy Spirit Novena: December 1 to December 9

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"The Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with Him and, therefore, has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion, over all things created." St. Cyril of Alexandria "We must make our way towards Eternity, never regarding what men think of us, or of our actions, studying only to please God." St. Francis Borgia

"He who carries God in his heart bears Heaven with him, wherever he goes." St. Ignatius of Loyola

"Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, You know my desires. Possess all that I am - You alone. I am Your sheep; make me worthy to overcome the devil." St. Agatha

"It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world." St. Aloysius Gonzaga

"He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things." "What does it cost us to say, 'My God help me! Have mercy on me!' Is there anything easier than this? And this little will suffice to save us if we be diligent in doing it." St. Alphonsus Liguori "How good and pleasant it is to dwell in the Heart of Jesus! Who is there who does not love a heart so wounded? Who can refuse a return of love to a Heart so loving?" St. Bernard of Clairvaux" Nowhere other than looking at himself in the mirror of the Cross can man better understand how much he is worth." St. Anthony of Padua

PRO-LIFE QUOTE:

As far as abortion is concerned, it's part of the fifth, not the sixth, commandment: "Thou shalt not kill!" We have to presume this is obvious and always stress that the human per-son begins in the mother's womb and remains a human person until his or her last breath. The human person must always be respected as a human person. -Pope Benedict XV

"How can it be that the most wondrous and sacred human space – the womb – has become a place of unutterable violence" through abortion? Pope Benedict XVI

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series: Logos: The Quest for Wisdom and the Son of God

"The encounter between the Biblical message and Greek thought did not happen by chance." —Pope Benedict XVI

The saving truth of revelation itself presupposed a human reason that was open to the supernatural message. In God's providence, Graeco-Roman philosophy provided a fit instrument for the early Church, who at once purified and elevated natural reason into her supernatural service. In this talk, we will consider the theological reasons why the logic of the Incarnation presupposes certain philosophical truths, which it elevates and redeems.

Details:

Tuesday, **November 28**, Pre-Class Discussion:7:30PM EST, Lecture: 8:00 PM EST Instructor: Matthew Minerd, Ph.D. Registration is required. https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/logos

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for November: Canned Meats (chicken, tuna, Spam, salmon, etc.)

WEEKLY TITHING November 18-19, 2023

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 1,240.00

 Plate:
 \$ 1,781.00

 EFT:
 \$ 3,562.00

 Total:
 \$ 6,583.00

World Mission Sunday Collection: \$ 116.00 All Saints Day Collection: \$ 546.05 All Souls Day Collection: \$ 460.00 Kitui Mission Collection: \$ 477.00

50TH HOLIDAY TEA

To be

Saturday, December 2, 9:00a-11:30am at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island

Baked items, Crafts, & Raffle items are available! Enjoy our Holiday Tea Table!

Ladies of the Parish: Please sign up to bring baked goods, and other food, and volunteer to work.

"Have the trumpet sounded everywhere. It shall be a jubilee for you!"

<u>Panthers Holiday Helpers Project:</u>

Dear Parishioners, Panthers Holiday Helpers Project needs your help! This Christmas project collects gift donations for children in need from Pine Island and Oronoco. You may donate any of the following winter wears: hats, caps, scarves, mittens, snowpants, gloves, and/or face masks. These donations will go to both girls and boys, from birth to 18 years. Please consider making a donation to this worthy project. If you wish to make a monetary donation, someone from the Church of St. Michael will shop for you. Families will be coming to the school to choose the items for their children, so please do NOT wrap them. Please bring donations by December 3 and place in the box in the entryway.

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!

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

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

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

Friday, December 1, 2023

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

6:30pm Latin First Friday Holy Mass

Saturday, December 2, 2023

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, December 3, 2023

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

November 29, 2023 George & Joan and family (Joan Jay)

December 1, 2023 †Rita Bodensteiner (Janet Shannon)

December 1, 2023 Michael Monahan family (Barb Keehn)

December 2, 2023 †Raymond Keller

December 3, 2023 Fr. Kasel

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who prayed for me and expressed your good wishes to me as part of Priesthood Sunday. Your kindness was greatly appreciated! May our good Lord reward you! In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

The incomparable blessing of God's Gifts (from a letter by St. Clement I to the Corinthians)

"Beloved, how blessed and wonderful are God's gifts! There is life everlasting, joy in righteousness, Truth in freedom, Faith, confidence, and self-control in holiness. And these are the gifts that we can comprehend; what of all the others that are being prepared for those who look to Him? Only the Creator, the Father of the ages, the All-Holy, knows their grandeur and their loveliness. And so we should strive to be found among those who wait for Him so that we may share in these promised gifts. And how is this to be, beloved brothers? It will come about if by our Faith our minds remain fixed on God; if we aim at what is pleasing and acceptable to Him, if we accomplish what is in harmony with His faultless Will and follow the path of Truth, rejecting all injustice, viciousness, covetousness, quarrels, malice and deceit.

This is the path, beloved, by which we find our salvation, Jesus Christ, the High Priest of our sacrifices, the defender and ally in our helplessness. It is through Him that we gaze on the highest Heaven, through Him we can see the reflection of God's pure and sublime countenance, through Him the eyes of our hearts have been opened, through Him our foolish and darkened understanding opens towards the light, and through Him the Lord has willed that we should taste everlasting knowledge. He reflects God's majesty and is as much superior to Angels as the Name He has obtained is more excellent than theirs.

Let us then serve in His army, brothers, following His blameless commands with all our might. The great cannot exist without the small, nor the small without the great; they blend together to their mutual advantage. Take the body, for example. The head is nothing without the feet, just as the feet are nothing without the head. The smallest parts of our body are necessary and valuable to the whole. All work together and are mutually subject for the preservation of the whole body.

Our entire body, then, will be preserved in Christ Jesus, and each of us should be subject to His neighbor in accordance with the Grace given to each. The stronger should care for the weak, and the weak should respect the stronger. The wealthy should give to the poor, and the poor man should thank God that He has sent him someone to supply his needs. The wise should manifest their wisdom not in words but in good deeds, and the humble should not talk about their own humility but allow others to bear witness to it. Since, therefore, we have all this from Him, we ought to thank Him for it all. Glory to Him forever. Amen."

Birthright fundraiser! Sunday, December 3, Victoria's Ristorante in Rochester, 7 1st Ave SW, Rochester, MN 55902. Mention "Birthright" to your server and Victoria's will donate 25% of every dine in or carry out, food or drinks, ticket to Birthright of Rochester.

WEEKLY TITHING November 19, 2023

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 320.00

 Plate:
 \$ 202.00

 EFT:
 \$ 1,300.00

 Total:
 \$ 1,822.00

World Mission Sunday Collection: \$ 458.00 All Saints Day Collection: \$ 214.00

Holy Spirit Novena: December 1 to December 9

THANK YOU to everyone who helped, volunteered, and donated, to make the Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale a success!

THANK YOU! Appalachian Mission project: A big thank you for all who made the Appalachian Mission project a success. What a beautiful way to fulfill the charity the Lord asks of us, especially for the Christmas season.

2023 Holiday Community Collection

We will again be participating in the Zumbrota Holiday community collection for families in need. Suggested items are gift cards (\$20 increments), paper products, hygiene products, winter gear, and laundry detergent. Reminder notes are available on the board in the vestibule. Return items to the office or the vestibule by **December 3.**

Thank you for your generosity in sharing God's gifts with those in need. May our gifts show God's love for them this Christmas. Please contact Maggie Eggerichs at 507-951-2316 with any questions.

Church of St. Paul CCW Meeting: All women are invited. Please join us and share your input—we need your help!

Tuesday, December 5: 6:00pm-Holy Mass, 6:30pm-Meeting

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Catholic Daughters Court St. Mary Peter #1864 will meet Monday, November 27, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Goodhue. We will gather at 6:30pm for our meal. Our program, Advent by Candle Light, will be from 6:45 - 7:15pm, with our meeting to follow. For information about Catholic Daughters, contact Linda Kazmierczak at 612-759-6399.

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†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, November 28, 2023

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

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

Thursday, November 30, 2023

8:00am Confessions/8:30am

Sunday, December 3, 2023

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



November 28, 2023 †Peg Clark

November 30, 2023 †Carl Lindmark (Lenny & LaVonne Feuling)

December 3, 2023 Parishioners

NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) wish to receive. And He will sit there until all His enemies who are within us become His footstool, and every principality, power and virtue in us is cast out.

All this can happen in each one of us, and the last enemy, death, can be destroyed; then Christ will say in us: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? And so what is corruptible in us must be clothed with holiness and incorruptibility; and what is mortal must be clothed, now that death has been conquered, in the Father's *immortality*. Then God will reign in us, and we shall enjoy even now the blessings of rebirth and resurrection."

Through the intercession of Mary, the Queen of Heaven and earth, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may the loving Heart of Jesus Christ our King reign over all human hearts!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel



Prayer to Christ our King

O Lord Jesus Christ, I acknowledge you as universal King. All that has been made has been created for You. Exercise all Your rights over me. I renew my Baptismal Vows. I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works; I promise to live as a faithful and generous

Catholic. In particular, I pledge myself to labor, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Holy Catholic Church. O Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do I offer my poor services, laboring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred Kingship, and that thus the reign of Your Peace.

Youth Group Event! All Youth, Grades 7-12, are invited for a prayer, food, and game night Wednesday, November 29, 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.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer to Obtain Special Graces Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer fifteen times a day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30) until Christmas (December 25) will obtain what is asked.

You may also see the St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer as the bulletin insert.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection: December 2-3

Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little or no pay. Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

SAINT NICHOLAS: The Origin of Father Christmas returns to Open Window Theatre in Inver Grove Heights, MN, December 1-31. This critically acclaimed Advent & Christmas play met with many sold-out shows and an extended run last December. This year, admission also includes a 4,000 square foot indoor walk-through Christmas display! Make NICHO-LAS part of your Advent and Christmas celebrations. Tickets & info are available at openwindowtheatre.org or at 612-615-1515.



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