

August 3, 2025 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to growing in our devotion the Immaculate Heart of Mary. During the month of August I will share more information with you about this wonderful devotion. This Sunday, I share with you an excerpt from the classic spiritual book: *True Devotion to Mary* written by St. Louis de Montfort. I recommend to you this book by St. Louis de Montfort. Pope St. John Paul II read this book early in his life and he openly commented on how it changed his life for the better. In fact, he took his papal motto: 'Totus Tuus' ('Totally Yours' - referring to devotion to the Blessed Mother) from the teachings in this book. This excerpt is taken from *Article III: The Necessity of the Blessed Virgin and of Devotion to Her - Providential Function of Mary in the Latter Times*

"49. It was through Mary that the salvation of the world was begun, and it is through Mary that it must be consummated. Mary hardly appeared at all in the first coming of Jesus Christ, in order that men, as yet but little instructed and enlightened on the Person of her Son, should not remove themselves from Him in attaching themselves too strongly to her. This would have apparently taken place if she had been known, because of the admirable charms which the Most High had bestowed even upon her exterior. This is so true that St. Denis the Areopagite tells us in his writings that when he saw our Blessed Lady, he would have taken her for a Divinity, because of her secret charms and incomparable beauty, had not the Faith in which he was well established taught him the contrary. But in the second coming of Jesus Christ, Mary has to be made known and revealed by the Holy Spirit in order that, through her, Jesus Christ may be known, loved and served. The reasons which move the Holy Spirit to hide His spouse during her life, and to reveal her but little since the preaching of the Gospel, subsist no longer.

I. Existence of This Function and Reasons for It

50. God, then, wishes to reveal and make known Mary, the masterpiece of His hands, in these latter times:

1. Because she hid herself in this world and put herself lower than the dust by her profound humility, having obtained from God and from His Apostles and Evangelists that she should not be made manifest.
2. Because, as she is the masterpiece of the hands of God, as well here below by as in Heaven by glory, He wishes to be glorified and praised in her by those who are living upon the earth.
3. As she is the dawn which precedes and reveals the Sun of Justice, Who is Jesus Christ, she must be seen and recognized in order that Jesus Christ may also be.
4. Being the way by which Jesus came to us the first time, she will also be the way by which He will come the second time, though not in the same manner.
5. Being the sure means and the straight and immaculate way to go

Welcome to the Churches of

St. Paul & St. Michael



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 weekend 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

to Jesus Christ and to find Him perfectly, it is by her that the souls who are to shine forth especially in sanctity have to find Our Lord. He who shall find Mary shall find life [Prov. 8:35], that is, Jesus Christ, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life [John 14:6]. But no one can find Mary who does not seek her; and no one can seek her who does not know her; for we cannot seek or desire an unknown object. It is necessary, then, for the greater knowledge and glory of the Most Holy Trinity, that Mary should be more than ever known. 6. Mary must shine forth more than ever in Mercy, in Might and Grace, in these latter times: in Mercy, to bring back and lovingly receive the poor strayed sinners who shall be converted and shall return to the Catholic Church; in Might, (continued on page 4)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation - August 15, 2025

The Solemnity of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Holy Mass times to honor our Blessed Mother:

Thursday, August 14, (Vigil) at 6:00pm at Church of St. Paul

Friday, August 15, at 8:30am at the Church of St. Michael

Friday, August 15, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael

Friday, August 15, at 7:30pm (Latin) at the Church of St. Michael

Join us for a Rosary procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sunday, August 17 - 11:30am,
after the Holy Mass at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island.
Hospitality will follow the procession.

The next Holy Hour and Social for Men: Sunday, August 10, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All men are invited!



Save the Dates!

Youth Discipleship Week—August 27, 28, 29 8:30 am to Noon at the Church of St. Michael

Children and youth from Pre-K through 12th grade are invited to learn to share the joy of our Catholic Faith and evangelize to those who do not know Jesus. Registration forms are available in the church entries.

Drop off registration form at either parish office, in the collection basket, or mail form. **Daily Mass** is offered in the Church each weekday at 8:30am.

CHURCH OF St. Michael FAITH FORMATION:

Faith Formation classes/sessions will start on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Registration form and calendar will be available soon.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

“I do not tremble when I see my weakness, for the treasures of a mother belong also to her child, and I am thy child, O dear Mother Mary.” *St. Therese of Lisieux*

“Love Mary! She is loveable, faithful, constant. She will never let herself be outdone in love, but will ever remain supreme.” *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

“Let us live as the Blessed Virgin lived: loving God only, desiring God only, trying to please God only in all that we do.” *St. John Vianney*

“The Immaculate will conquer, through us, the whole world and every single soul.” *St. Maximilian Kolbe*

“O my Mother, it is to your Heart that I come to lay down the anguish of my heart; it is there that I draw strength and courage.” *St. Bernadette Soubirous*

“Let us bind ourselves tightly to the Sorrowful Heart of our Heavenly Mother and reflect on its boundless grief and how precious is our soul.” *St. Padre Pio*

“From Mary we learn to surrender to God’s Will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!” *St. John Paul II*

“Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the Name and Protection of Mary.” *St. Bonaventure*

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:

EDUCATIONAL EMERGENCY: The Decline and Recovery of American Education

Pope Benedict XVI warned of the “educational emergency” that leaves modern man ignorant of truth, without hope in Christ. For decades, most education in the U.S. — including much of Catholic education — has failed to provide young people the integral formation they deserve: practice in virtue and religion, cultivation of the mind through study of the liberal arts and sciences, and humility and reverence toward God by the grace found in prayer and Sacrament. But today there is renewed hope in the example of parents, clergy, and religious who are reforming and renewing faithful Catholic education, by introducing new innovations and recovering the best of the past.

Details: Thursday, August 7, 2025

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30pm EST Lecture: 8:00pm EST

Instructor: Patrick Reilly Registration is required.

Visit: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/educational-emergency>

WEEKLY TITHING July 26-27, 2025

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,670.00
Plate:	\$ 398.50
EFT:	\$ 960.00
Total:	\$ 4,028.50

Open Gardens: Parishioner Mary Herring invites all St. Michael and St. Paul parishioners and friends to enjoy the beauty of God’s creation in her lovely flower gardens on Saturday and Sunday, August 2 & 3, from noon to 6. Her gardens feature thousands of annuals, over six hundred hostas, an underground grotto, and water garden pools. The gardens are located at 5500 Highway 63 South, Rochester, and are handicap accessible. If you have any questions, please call 507-226-2241.

Calling all bookworms! Join the Catholic Authors Book Study. We rotate between spiritual books, literature and writings of Doctors of the Church. On August 12, we will begin discussing *On the Providence of God*, by Doctor of the Church, St. John Chrysostom. We meet every 2 - 3 weeks, usually on Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 pm in Rochester. Join us! See <https://archspm.groupvitals.com/groupfinder/profile/72459> or contact the parish office.

Mothers and Daughters are invited to join the Little Flowers Girls Club! Little Flowers is a national Catholic girls organization where girls ages 5-13 are taught how to live virtuous lives by emulating the lives of Saints. We meet monthly, normally on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Church of St. Michael in Pine Island.



Girls have lessons, do crafts or learn hospitality skills, and have social time. If you think Little Flowers might be a fit for your daughter or for more information, please email authenticcatholicgirls@gmail.com. Little Flowers Girls Club - Growing Holier One Virtue at a Time!

Single and Catholic? Join 400+ singles coming from all over the US (and beyond) at the 20th Anniversary National Conference for Single Catholics in Denver, Colorado on August 22-24, 2025! (Can’t travel? Join the virtual option with online socials and small group discussions). This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Holy Mass with Archbishop Samuel Aquila, Adoration, fellowship and more. (Use the promo code **PARISH25** for a discount.) Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register.

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for August: **Paper Products:** toilet paper, kleenex, paper towels

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

9:15am Holy Mass (note: change of time this week only)

9:45am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, August 8, 2025

8:30am Holy Mass

Saturday, August 9, 2025

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, August 10, 2025

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

August 6, 2025

Tristan O’Reilly

August 8, 2025

†Sutton deceased family members
(Paul & Mary Sutton)

August 9, 2025

Lucy Simones (Paul Lorentz)

August 10, 2025

Everett Schroers (Sara Schroers)

August 10, 2025

Parishioners



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*Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Barbara Aunan**, who passed away June 30, 2025. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."*



Confidence in the Goodness of God

"My little children, reflect on these words: the Christian's Treasure is not on earth but in Heaven. Our thoughts, then ought to be directed to where our Treasure is. This is the glorious duty of man: to pray and to love. If you pray and love, that is where a man's happiness lies.

Prayer is nothing else but union with God. When one has a heart that is pure and united with God, he is given a kind of serenity and sweetness that makes him ecstatic, a light that surrounds him with marvelous brightness. In this intimate union, God and the soul are fused together like two bits of wax that no one can ever pull apart. This union of God with a tiny creature is a lovely thing. It is a happiness beyond understanding.

We had become unworthy to pray, but God in His goodness allowed us to speak with Him. Our prayer is incense that gives Him the greatest pleasure.

My little children, your hearts are small, but prayer stretches them and makes them capable of loving God. Through prayer we receive a foretaste of Heaven and something of Paradise comes down upon us. Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. It is honey that flows into the soul and makes all things sweet. When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun.

Prayer also makes time pass very quickly and with such great delight that one does not notice its length. Listen: Once when I was a purveyor in Bresse and most of my companions were ill, I had to make a long journey. I prayed to the good God, and believe me, the time did not seem long.

Some men immerse themselves as deeply in prayer as fish in water, because they give themselves totally to God. There is not division in their hearts. O, how I love these noble souls! Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Colette used to see our Lord and talk to Him just as we talk to one another.

How unlike them we are! How often we come to church with no idea of what to do or what to ask for. And yet, whenever we go to any human being, we know well enough why we go. And still worse, there are some who seem to speak to the good God like this: 'I will only say a couple of things to You, and then I will be rid of You.' I often think that when we come to adore the Lord, we would receive everything we ask for, if we would ask with living Faith and with a pure heart." (From the Catechetical Instructions by St. John Mary Vianney)

WEEKLY TITHING July 27, 2025

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 930.00
Plate:	\$ 245.00
Total:	\$ 1,175.00

St. Paul Seminary Catechetical Institute is coming to our area! The Church of St. Joseph in Red Wing will be a virtual host site for the Catechetical Institute Pillars Program, starting in Fall 2025. All adults are encouraged to participate. This is a great opportunity for adult faith formation! Go to <http://www.cistudent.com/> for more details and to register.

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Archdiocesan Passport Adventure: We are 175 years strong! Choose your own Passport Adventure!

There are so many ways to join in the Archdiocesan Passport Adventure! Just a few ideas:

- Attend a parish festival: thecatholicspirit.com/festivals
- Find a time for Holy Mass, Confession or Adoration: archspm.org/parishes
- Attend a retreat or social: archspm.org/events

While you are there, be sure to grab a photo and share your adventures on social media by tagging @ArchdioceseSPM and using #175passport in your posts! Get started: archspm.org/passport

RECOVER SUNDAY AS A DAY FOR THE LORD AND FAMILY: The 12 themes of how to reclaim Sundays

To kick off Synod Year III—*Parents as Primary Educators of Their Children in the Ways of the Faith*—the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is pleased to publish 'Reclaiming Sundays: Recover Sunday as a Day for the Lord and Family.' The guide lays out monthly themes and practical suggestions for families to build lasting habits and anchor their week in a joyful, prayerful and restful observance of Sunday, and helps inform and inspire parents to understand and fulfill their responsibility as the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Find the monthly guide at: <https://missionsupport.archspm.org/resources/reclaiming-sundays-monthly-guide-pdf/>



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!

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

9:15am Holy Mass (note: change of time this week only)
9:45am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, August 7, 2025

8:30am Holy Mass

Sunday, August 10, 2025

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

August 5, 2025	†Kathy Bucher (Bing Bucher)
August 7, 2025	Anne Varner (St. Paul CCW)
August 10, 2025	Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

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against the enemies of God, who shall rise in terrible revolt against God to seduce all those who shall oppose them and to make them fall by promises and threats; and finally, she must shine forth in Grace, in order to animate and sustain the valiant soldiers and faithful servants of Jesus Christ, who shall battle for His interests.

7. And lastly, Mary must be terrible to the devil and his crew, as an army ranged in battle, principally in these latter times, because the devil, knowing that he has but little time, and now less than ever, to destroy souls, will every day redouble his efforts and his combats. He will presently raise up cruel persecutions and will put terrible snares before the faithful servants and true Children of Mary, whom it gives him more trouble to conquer than it does to conquer others." Through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless the whole Catholic Church, our parishes, families and all members!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

Seminary Information Night

Thursday, August 14, 5-8 p.m.,

St. John Vianney College Seminary, St. Paul

Catholic junior and senior high school men and their parents are invited to learn more about St. John Vianney College Seminary. The event, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis Office of Vocations, held on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will begin with 5pm Holy Mass, followed by dinner, an informational program and a seminary tour. RSVP is required before Friday, August 8, at <https://www.10000 vocations.org/assumption.html>.

The next scheduled **Knights of Columbus Membership meeting** will be August 13, at 7:00pm at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota.



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 your property and possession. Amen.

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"The one who accepted 'Life' in the name of all and for the sake of all was Mary, the Virgin Mother; she is thus most closely and personally associated with the Gospel of life. Mary's consent at the Annunciation and her motherhood stand at the very beginning of the mystery of life which Christ came to bestow on humanity (cf. Jn 10:10). Through her acceptance and loving care for the life of the Incarnate Word, human life has been rescued from condemnation to final and eternal death. "For this reason, Mary, 'like the Church of which she is the type, is a mother of all who are reborn to life. She is in fact the mother of the Life by which everyone lives, and when she brought it forth from herself she in some way brought to rebirth all those who were to live by that Life.' " Mary, the mother of God, is the "incomparable model of how life should be welcomed and cared for." "A great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun," (Rev 12:1): the motherhood of Mary and the Church."

March 25, 1995: *Gospel of Life*, #102 by St. John Paul II

"...at the origin of every human being there is not something haphazard or chance, but a loving plan of God." Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you." St. Jeremiah 1:5 (*Holy Bible*)

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