May 15, 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Congratulations to all those who received First Holy Communion last weekend and this weekend! Congratulations to Gunner Mancilman on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation! Many more youth will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming weeks. Let us keep all of our youth in our prayers!

The month of May is dedicated to increased devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us ask Jesus and St. Joseph to teach us to practice great love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary! This weekend I share with you a reflection on Acts of Thanksgiving. I encourage you to read it through a few times this week!

"Acts of Thanksgiving - Thanking God for all His benefits is a sign of Faith, Hope and Love. Countless reasons for thanksgiving: I will be a witness to You in the world, O Lord. I will spread the know-ledge of Your Name among my brothers, alleluia. (Ps. 17:50; 12:23) Sacred Scripture constantly encourages us to give thanks to God. The hymns, psalms and the words of all just men are filled with praise and thanksgiving to God. The Psalmist says Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. (Ps. 102:2) The expression of thanks is an extraordinarily beautiful way of relating to God and men. As a form of prayer it is very pleasing to God and in some way an anticipation of the praise we will give Him eternally. We call the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist precisely thanksgiving as a foretaste of the union of eternal happiness.

In the Gospel of Luke we see Our Lord saddened at the ingratitude of lepers who were not thankful: having been cured they forgot the Person Who had restored them their health, their families, their work, their lives. Jesus kept on waiting for them. (cf. Luke 17:11 ff.) On another occasion He is grieved at Jerusalem's lack of awareness of God's infinite mercy in visiting it (cf. Luke 19:44) and of His attempts to care for it like a hen sheltering her chickens under her wing. (cf. Matt. 23:37)

Thankfulness is a way of expressing our Faith because we recognize God as the source of all good; it is a sign of Hope because we accept that all good comes through Him; and it leads to Love (cf. St. Thomas, Summa Theologiae, II-II, q101, a3) and humility because we acknowledge our poverty and our need. St. Paul makes a special exhortation to the early Christians to be thankful: Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thess. 5:17), and he considers ingratitude as one of the causes of paganism. (cf. Rom. 1:18-32)

St. John Chrysostom points out that St. Paul in all his letters gives thanks for all the good things of the earth. Let us likewise give thanks for the benefits received by ourselves and others, whether big or small. (St. John Chrysostom, Homilies on St. Matthew, 25, 4) One day when we are in God's presence eternally, we will comprehend with full clarity not only that we owe our existence to Him but that our lives were full of His care, His Graces and benefits, more numerous than the sands of the sea. (ibid.) We will realize that we have reason to be thankful to God and to others. Only when Faith is dead can a person be unaware of these benefits and this pleasant obligation. Get used to lifting your heart to God, in acts of thanksgiving, many

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 at10:30am

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

times a day. Because He gives you this and that. Because you have been despised. Because you haven't what you need or because you have. Because He made His Mother so beautiful, His Mother who is also your Mother. Because He created the sun and the moon and this animal and that plant. Because He made that man eloquent and you He left tongue-tied... Thank Him for everything, because everything is good. (St. J. Escriva, The Way, 268)

Acknowledging God's goodness in our lives. The Virtue of Gratitude: Our Lord taught us how to be thankful for even the least of favors: And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward. (Matt. 10:42) The Samaritan who returned to thank Our Lord went away with an even greater gift: Faith and Our Lord's friendship: Jesus said to him Rise and go your way; your Faith has made you well. (Luke 17:19) The nine ungrateful lepers were left without getting the best part of all. Our Lord expects us Christians to go and say to Him many times each day Thank you, Lord!

The Virtue of Gratitude forms a real bond among men and reveals fairly clearly the interior quality of the person. Human relationships suffer in the absence of this virtue.

When we are grateful to others we remember their favor affectionately no matter how small it may be, and we wish to repay it in some form. Many times we can only say something like *thank you*. The joy shown in such a gesture contains our thanks. Our whole day is filled with acts of service and favors from those around us. It costs little to show our gratitude and it does so much good by creating a better atmosphere, improving relationships and making a better atmosphere, improving relationships and making charity easier to practice.

Whoever is thankful to God is thankful to those around him. He is more prompt to appreciate and be thankful for any small favors. The proud person who is always absorbed with his (continued on page 3)

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be Sunday, May 22, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pl. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS



Dear Parishioners,

Some happy news from the Heart of St. Joseph Secular Discalced Carmelite Group in Discernment that meets at our parish! Eleven members received the Brown Scapular of the Discalced Order of Carmel on Friday, May 6, 2022. After a year of preparation, they are now members of the Order of Carmel. They plan to continue in the formation in prayer and knowledge of the Order.

After more formation, they will be able to seek to profess vows or promises in the Secular branch of the Discalced Order of Carmel. Many of those who received the Brown Scapular of the Order are parishioners at St. Michael in Pine Island. Congratulations to all who have taken this step! May God bless you! In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

GRADUATION HOLY MASS & RECEPTION

Sunday, May 22, 2022, after the 10:30am Holy Mass at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island All are invited! Please keep our seniors in your prayers.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 8-12, 2022 8:30am-12:00noon at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"To give worthy praise to the Lord's Mercy, we unite ourselves with Your Immaculate Mother, for then our hymn will be more pleasing to You, because She is chosen from among men and Angels. Through Her, as through a pure crystal, Your mercy was passed on to us. Through Her, man became pleasing to God; through Her, streams of Grace flowed down upon us." (Diary, 1746) St. Faustina

"Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of Love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and Love Him as you Love Him and serve Him in the distressing disguise of the poor." St. Mother Teresa "The greatest saints, those richest in Grace and virtue will be the most

assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them." St. Louis Marie de Montfort

"Mary having co-operated in our redemption with so much glory to God and so much Love for us, our Lord ordained that no one shall obtain salvation except through her intercession." St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

"If you invoke the Blessed Virgin when you are tempted, she will come at once to your help, and Satan will leave you." St. John Vianney

Quilting Bee Cause will meet Tuesday, May 17, at 9:00am in the church hall. Everyone welcome.

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for May: Ketchup/Mustard and Salad dressings

WEEKLY TITHING May 7-8, 2022

Sunday Envelopes: 3.855.00 Plate: 571.80 EFT: 747.50 Total: 5,174.30 Kitui Mission Collection: \$ 325.59

Cemetery Collection: There will be a second collection on May 21/22 to support the upkeep of the parish cemetery. Please consider donating to honor our beloved dead and keep the parish cemetery looking beautiful!

Thank you! Thank you to everyone who purchased plants on Mother's Day to honor our Mothers. All proceeds were sent to the Goodhue County MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life). Because of your generosity, in addition to plant sale dollars collected, we were able to send another \$149.00 to help this Pro-Life cause. May God bless you all!

Holiday Tea 2021 Financial Report

Baked Goods Income	\$1,368.50
Craft Income	\$ 878.51
Raffle Income	\$ 989.00
Free Will Offerings	\$ 403.00
Total Income:	\$3,639.01
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Expenses \$ 437.18 Raffle Expenses \$ 225.00 Total Expenses: \$ 662.18 **Net Profit:** \$ 2,976.83

Congratulations to:

Samuel & Kathryn Schollmeier on the baptism of their son, Owen Bernard Schollmeier, on April 24, 2022.



Dirk & Shin Ae McGrane on the baptism of their children, Leia Kim McGrane, Marie Kim McGrane, Ian Kim McGrane & Erin Kim McGrane, on April 30, 2022.

Garden Plots Available!



The parish will again have garden plots available this summer for parishioners who would like to grow their own vegetables. For more information, talk with Father Kasel or Andy Drees.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

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

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

Friday, May 20, 2022

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

Saturday, May 21, 2022

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, May 22, 2022

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

May 18, 2022 †Marc Becker (Allison Jay)

May 20, 2022 †Robert Sowada (Nancy Sowada)

May 21, 2022 AnneRose Wanjiru

May 22, 2022 (Latin) Carol Berns (T & J Meyer)

May 22, 2022 **Parishioners**



CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

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at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island

(from page 1) own things cannot be thankful; he feels that everything is his due.

If we are thinking of God and others, in our own homes we will appreciate that the house is clean and tidy, that somebody has closed the windows to keep the temperature right, that our clothes are cleaned and ironed... And if on some occasion one of these things were not as we had hoped, we should be able to overlook it, because the number of times things are pleasant and favorable is immeasurably greater. When we leave our apartment the porter deserves our thanks for his vigilance, the lady in the chemist shop who gave us our medicine, those who have worked all night to compile our newspaper, the bus driver also... Human life is full of small acts of service. How different life would be if we were to thank people whenever we paid or charged our bills! Gratitude is a human sign of big-hearted people. Thanksgiving after Holy Mass and Holy Communion: In our relationship with Our Lord we should thank Him many times every day, because He surrounds us with His care and His gifts: my soul will be filled to overflowing. (C. Journet, The Meaning of Grace) However, there is a very special moment in which Our Lord fills us with His gifts and during which we should be particularly grateful, namely thanksgiving after Holy Mass.

Our dialogue with Jesus at these moments should be specially intimate, simple and joyful. There should be acts of adoration, of petition, of humility, of atonement and thanksgiving. The saints... have constantly told us that the most precious moment of our spiritual lives should be the thanks we give for receiving the Eucharist. (R. Garrigou -Lagrange, *The Three Ages of the Interior Life*)

At these moments we should shut our hearts to everything that is not Jesus, no matter how important it may be or may seem to be. At times we will feel alone with Him and words are unnecessary; it is enough to believe that He is there in our soul and we in Him. It is not hard to feel deeply grateful and happy and experience our Friend's true friendship. The angels are present and adore Him in our souls. At those moments the soul is as near Heaven as it is possible to be in this world. How can we be thinking about other things?

On other occasions we can make good use of those prayers found in devotional books which generations of Christians have used to nourish their piety throughout many centuries: the Te Deum. Trium Puerorum, Adoro te Devote, Anima Christi and many more which have been left to us by saints and good Christians truly devoted to the Blessed Sacrament.

If we love Christ, Who offers Himself for us, we will feel compelled to find a few minutes after Holy Mass for an intimate personal thanksgiving, which will prolong in the silence of our hearts that other thanksgiving which is the Eucharist. How are we to approach Him, what are we to say, how should we behave? Christian life is not made up of rigid norms... Still, I feel that, on many occasions, the central theme of our conversation with Christ, in our thanksgiving after Holy Mass, can be the consideration that Our Lord is our King, Physician, Teacher and Friend. (St. J. Escriva, Christ Is Passing By, 92) Our King, because He has ransomed us from sin and brought us to the Kingdom of Light. We ask Him to reign in our hearts, in the words we say today, with the work we have offered Him, in our thoughts, in each of our actions.

In Communion we see Jesus the Physician, and He has the remedy for all our illnesses. We approach Communion as He was approached by the blind, the deaf, the paralytic... And let us not forget that we have the Source of all life putting Himself at our disposal within our souls. He is the Life.

Jesus is the Teacher whom we recognize as having the words of Eternal Life... and in ourselves there is so much ignorance! He is constantly teaching - but we must be attentive. If our imagination, our memory and senses are let loose... we will fail to hear Him. Through Holy Communion we look at our Friend, the true Friend, from Whom we learn about friendship. We tell Him what is happening in our life, and we always find an encouraging (continued on page 4)

WEEKLY TITHING May 8, 2022

Sunday Envelopes: Plate: 581.00 Total: 1,301.00

Cemetery Collection: There will be a second collection on May 22 to support the upkeep of the parish cemetery. Please consider donating to honor our beloved dead and keep the cemetery looking beautiful!

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION RECEPTION

Sunday, May 15, 2022 after the 8:45am Holy Mass at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota. All are invited!

Please keep our children in your prayers!

GRADUATION HOLY MASS & RECEPTION

Sunday, May 22, 2022 after the 8:45am Holy Mass at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota

All are invited! Please keep our seniors in your prayers!

St. Patrick's Ham Dinner 2020 (cancelled):

Donations Income: \$ 2,293,95 Expenses: \$ 1.945.98 Net Profit:

St. Patrick's Ham Dinner 2022:

Dinner and Donations Income: Expenses: \$ 1,484.76 Net Profit: \$ 3,306.24

Some non-perishable items purchased in 2020 were saved and used for the 2022 Dinner, making the 2022 expenses somewhat lower than they would have been otherwise.

2022 Raffle Profit: \$ 1,200.00

Dear fellow Parishioners at the Church of St. Paul: Our Fellowship after Sunday Holy Mass has gone very well, both in terms of numbers and spirit. In order to build on it, some information is needed. One Sunday per month is taken by the Knights of Columbus; one Sunday we are asking the Women's Circles to cover. The remainder could be taken by a family(ies), a few friends, a couple, etc.

Some Sundays, the food is very elaborate, sometime it is simply donuts and coffee & milk. It is entirely up to the volunteers. Generally, about 40 people come down. However, because there are people whose diets exclude sweets or gluten, some protein would be good, such as cheese & crackers, protein bars, meat sticks, hard boiled eggs, etc. Fruit's always welcome. Also, a parishioner has volunteered to always have a gluten-free item in the freezer and another to make sure the kitchen is adequately stocked. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the back of the Church. Let us try to continue this good action in our parish. It has been a blessing for so many of us.

Also, we are looking at ways to reduce expenses for those who volunteer. Solutions include providing a budget through the parish and making putting out a free-will offering basket to help defray costs. Thank you and Thanks be to God!

From: Fr. Kasel and a few volunteers for Sunday Hospitality

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

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

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

Thursday, May 19, 2022

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

Sunday, May 22, 2022

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

May 17, 2022 Stanley Rock & family

May 19, 2022 Jeff, Judy, Abrielle, & Adam Schnurr family **Parishioners**

May 22, 2022

NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 3) word, a consoling word... At times we ask the help of our Guardian Angel: Thank Him for me; you know how to do it better. There is nobody better than Our Lady, who carried God's Son in her womb for nine months, to teach us how to treat Him better in our thanksgiving after Holy Communion. Let us have recourse to her." (From *In Conversation with God*, by Francis Fernandez) Through the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless us with great love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

May 30, 2022 Memorial Day Holy Mass times

8:30am at St. Michael, Pine Island (Prayers at the St. Michael Cemetery at 9:30am) 11:30am at St. Rose, Cherry Grove

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Pray to end abortion! Join Father Kasel outside of Planned Parenthood in Rochester (1212 7th St. NW) on Sunday, May 22, at 2:00pm to pray the rosary for an end to abortion.

Missionary Co-operation Collection May 28-29: Our parishes will host a guest priest the weekend of May 28-29, who will present a mission appeal for the Archdiocese of Guwahati, India. This archdiocese established a major seminary, St. Clement College, in 2016, which has many candidates to the priesthood, but most hail from poor economic backgrounds and are in need of help to finance their seminary education and living expenses. Please welcome the guest priest and prayerfully consider contributing financially.

PRO LIFE QUOTE

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Helping the Priests Who Have Helped Us – June 4-5 Second Col-

lection: You have an opportunity to share your gratitude by supporting the men who've ministered to you and your family for many decades. The Leo C. Byrne Residence offers 29 individual apartments for priests who have reached retirement age, most of whom continue to actively serve parishes and organizations around the Archdiocese. The GRATITUDE Capital Campaign Renovation Project (coordinated by the Catholic Community Foundation) will fund work required to bring the entire Byrne Residence to a level of security and efficiency suitable for the safety and well-being of each resident priest. We ask for your support of this much needed renovation.



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