

November 12, 2023
Thirty-Second 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 whole month of November is dedicated to increasing devotion to aid the souls in purgatory. I came across a great article on this topic in National Catholic Register written by Joseph Pronechen and printed October 24, 2011. The article is an interview with author Susan Tassone. I include here excerpts from this article:

“What is the best devotion to help the souls in purgatory?”

The holy sacrifice of the Mass is the chief source of devotion for the holy souls. So, the most powerful means to relieve or release a soul from purgatory is through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. You’ll find that in the Catechism. It says it in 1032: ‘From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.’ After the Mass, the next most powerful way to help the souls is the Rosary, the most powerful Marian prayer on earth - in her approved apparitions, Mary says pray the Rosary for peace in the world, in your hearts, in your family - and the Stations of the Cross, because they’re indulged. You have to be in the state of grace to help the souls in purgatory. When we pray for the souls, we’ve got to remember we’re giving them paradise, the face of God, when we get them out sooner from purgatory. Our prayers are shortening this horrible suffering of being without God. They then show us their gratitude in the same proportion to their joy.

Why do we need constant reminders to have Masses said for the dead and offer prayers for them? Why pray for the holy souls?

Because God’s justice demands expiation of their sins. Christ told St. Faustina that his mercy didn’t want to send a soul to purgatory, but his justice demands it (*Diary* 1226, 20). He places in our hand the means to assist them. We are their only resource. We have an obligation to pray for our loved ones. Can we say that one goes straight to heaven? Can we say that soul was totally pure and holy and in line with God’s will to go to heaven at once? We don’t know what the state of the soul was at the hour of death, and we tend to canonize everybody. Only God knows the state of the soul, if it is totally in line with his will. He’s all-holy and majestic and pure. But we’re given this great power and privilege to release souls from purgatory. Only we are the deliverers. Christ turns to the Church militant. Heaven encourages us. For whatever reason, we’ve been given this great honor and privilege. We’re responsible to pray for our dead.

But what happens if the soul then gets to heaven and you continue to have Masses and prayers offered?

The common answer is that God will apply those Masses to other souls in purgatory or to the most in need or souls in your family. But there’s more: If the soul is already in heaven, and you continue to have Masses said for them and continue to pray for them, what they get is a term we get from Thomas Aquinas — ‘accidental glo-

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 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

ry.’ The soul gets an increase in its intimacy with God and an increase in its intercessory power. So the lesson is this: Never stop praying for your dead, no matter how long they’ve been gone. You continue to push them up higher. The prayers are never wasted. God is never outdone in generosity.

Why do you often point out the importance of having Masses offered while the person is alive, including Masses for yourself?

I asked Father Edward McNamara, well-known professor of liturgy at the Regina Apostolorum in Rome about that. There are three main reasons why Masses should be offered for loved ones while alive. First, it’s an infinite gift. It never stops giving. A living person is still capable of growing in sanctifying grace, so the effect of this incredible grace is they may willingly receive it to be (continued on page 3)

Church of St. Paul Men's Club Pancake Breakfast

and the St. Paul CCW Annual Bake Sale

Sunday, November 12, 8:00am-12:30pm

at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota

Free-will offering for Pancake Breakfast.

All are invited!



The next **Holy Hour for Men** will be on Sunday, November 12, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael. Please join me in welcoming Norman Mathews, an Army Veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Mathews entered the Army in November, 1947. He was a member of the 24th Division, 1st Battalion, C Company. All men are invited to come and hear Norman’s story and to honor all our Veterans!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

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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.

Panthers Holiday Helpers Project:

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.

Quilting Bee Cause will meet Tuesday November 14, at 9 am in the Church hall. Everyone welcome to help!

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to our project of making quilts for the needy. We delivered 47 quilts to Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis this past week. They were very much needed and appreciated. Our work will continue. Thank you for your support! *Quilting Bee Cause*

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 Miner, Ph.D. Registration is required. <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/logos>

WEEKLY TITHING November 4-5, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,690.00
Plate:	\$ 704.46
EFT:	\$ 2,437.00
Total:	\$ 5,831.46

50TH HOLIDAY TEA

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!"

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

Words of Jesus to St. Faustina (as found in the Diary of St. Faustina):
“(My daughter) Speak to the world about My Mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable Mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the Day of Justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My Mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them.” *Diary, 848* (cf., John 19:34: “one soldier thrust his lance into His side, and immediately Blood and Water flowed out.”)

“Write: before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My Mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My Mercy must pass through the door of My Justice...” *Diary, 1146* (cf., John 10:7: “I am the Gate for the sheep...”)

“...I am prolonging the time of Mercy for the sake of sinners. But woe to them if they do not recognize this time of My visitation. My daughter, secretary of My Mercy, your duty is not only to write about and proclaim My Mercy, but also to beg for this Grace for them, so that they too may glorify My Mercy.” *Diary, 1160*

Words of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, to St. Faustina:

“...you have to speak to the world about His great mercy and prepare the world for the Second Coming of Him Who will come, not as a merciful Savior, but as a just Judge. Oh, how terrible is that day! Determined is the day of Justice, the Day of Divine Wrath. The Angels tremble before it. Speak to souls about this great Mercy while it is still the time for granting Mercy.” *Diary, 635*

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

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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

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

Friday, November 17, 2023

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

Saturday, November 18, 2023

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, November 19, 2023

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

November 15, 2023 Rachel Schultz (Laurie Schultz)

November 17, 2023 †Sr. Mary Peter Marthaler

November 18, 2023 †Carl Anderson

November 19, 2023 †Wayne Noga (Mary & Byron Harris)

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(From *Father Kasel* from page 1) more Christ-like. You have to respond. When you have Masses offered for loved ones and you pray, they respond to the grace. Second, if it's offered as intercession for a person in the state of actual mortal sin, it may supply the grace necessary for conversion. Third, it also fits in the sanctity of healing people. Who do you miss the most? Who do you wish you could have done more for? Who helped you spiritually and temporarily? Who had a major impact on your life? Your enemies or those who hurt you: Have Masses said for them. Have Masses said for yourself. Mass heals the living and deceased. Pray for the living now, for their eternity. Purgatory points to the seriousness of sin and points out we have to pray and do penance in our own lives. The Catechism says, in 958, 'Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.' They can't help themselves, but they can pray for us. So, the more we pray for them, the more effective their intercession is for us.

Why are they called poor souls and holy souls?

They're called poor because their poverty is the loss of the sight of God. They're called poor because they can no longer merit; they can't help themselves. They rely totally on us. We're their only resource. Nothing is done alone. The Church Militant reaches out to the Church Suffering and joins them to the Church Triumphant. And they're called the holy souls because they can no longer sin. They know they're saved. They know heaven is awaiting them.

How can we avoid purgatory?

St. John of the Cross said, 'God provides.' So avoid sin. Pray the Rosary. Go to monthly confession. Accept trials. Forgive. The more you pray on earth - constant, fervent prayer throughout life - the closer you will be to getting out of purgatory if you go there.

Do the souls in purgatory help us in this regard?

Because of their great love for us, they're not only anxious for leaving purgatory, they're most concerned about our salvation, especially the salvation of their loved ones. They can intercede for us while in purgatory. Their prayers help us recognize our sins and help us understand the malice of sins. And so they reproach us through inspirations of the Holy Spirit. They want us to become holy and saints here. They don't want us to go to the true purgatory.

Do you have any other advice? Perhaps for educating children...?

Pray for the dying. Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for them. Your prayer can give a soul the grace of final repentance. Join the Pious Union of St. Joseph for the Dying. Nov. 1-8 you can receive a plenary indulgence when you visit a cemetery on those days and apply it to a soul in purgatory. Remember the children. (continued on page 4)

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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!

WEEKLY TITHING November 5, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 975.00
Plate:	\$ 204.00
EFT:	\$ 1,515.00
Total:	\$ 2,694.00

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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.

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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



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

Annual Deer Hunter Suppers: Friday, November 17 from 5:00-8:00pm at the Bellechester Community Center. Serving turkey and ham with all the trimmings! Adults--\$17, kids ages 5-10--\$7, under 5-Free. Everyone welcome! Take-outs available call 651-923-4416.

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Thursday, November 16, 2023

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

Sunday, November 19, 2023

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions
8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

November 14, 2023 †Kellie Peterson (Karen Hodgman)
November 16, 2023 Josefina Meyer (Church of St. Paul)
November 19, 2023 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 3) Teach them the meaning of All Souls' Day. Take them to the cemeteries. Teach them to sprinkle holy water on the graves. Plant the seed of reverence for the dead, and, in due time, this will assure us of their aid. We need to learn from purgatory, avoid purgatory and empty purgatory." (for the whole article, please see <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/how-to-help-the-holy-souls-in-purgatory>)

Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless the Holy Souls in Purgatory and bring them to Heaven!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"America you are beautiful...and blessed.... The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life." *St. John Paul II*
"Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers." *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

"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

The **St. Pio Knights of Columbus** Memorial Holy Mass will be Wednesday, November 15, at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota. A social will follow. All members and their families are welcome. Please note the date, we meet on the third Wednesday for this month only.

Archdiocesan Synod Update: As part of the Year I focus (Small Groups) discerned by Archbishop Hebda, the Synod Evangelization Teams for both of our parishes have been participating in a seven-week small group leader formation series led by Bishop Joseph Williams. This will conclude in mid-November, at which time there will be a planning/practical training session in preparation for the launch of small groups in Lent 2024. If you would like to be a part of this process, are interested in learning more, or wish to join a small group when they form, please contact Father Kasel or Sara McNamara at the parish offices at 507-356-4280 or 507-732-5324. Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our local archdiocesan synod!

Birthright fundraisers!

Sunday, November 19- Sorellina's Restaurant in Rochester 1155 16th St. SW, Rochester, MN 55902 (by Apache Mall). Mention "Birthright" to your server and Sorellina's will donate 25% of every dine in or carry out ticket to Birthright of Rochester.

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.

 <p>Buy one Blizzard at regular price, get 2nd Blizzard at 99¢! 215 E. 18th St. Zumbrota 732-5910</p>	<p>ZUMBROTA MINI STORAGE Lighting—Paved 24 Hour Access 1550 Jefferson Drive, Zumbrota 507-696-4406</p>	 <p>Hub Food Center 228 West Ave. Zumbrota 507-732-7329 https://www.nilssensfoods.com</p>	<p>Steve Johnson's ZUMBROTA Ford Hwy 52 & 58 in Zumbrota 507-732-5127 Home: 651-460-6706 brotaford.com</p>	<p>Foot Care Service 507-269-7827 3708 Broadway Ave N. Suite 130, Rochester, MN 55906 footcareprofessionalsllc@gmail.com Care provided by Sheila Buehler, APRN, CNP, CFCS Certified Foot Care Specialist Helping YOU live well with YOUR feet!</p>
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<p>Safe Environment: The Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis requires all volunteers who interact with minors or vulnerable adults to complete the Essential 3 (background check, Code of Conduct, and VIRTUS training) before beginning their service, and to renew every three years while serving. Please contact the Safe Environment Coordinator for details on how to register for a VIRTUS class, complete the Essential 3, or do updates.</p>	<p>Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Sara McNamara St. Michael: 507-356-4280 stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net St. Paul: 507-732-5324 stpauls@hcinet.net St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese Victim Assistance Program Hotline: (651) 291-4475</p>	<p>For Plot Information Call the Parish Office Church of St. Michael Cemetery 507-356-4280 Church of St. Paul Cemetery 507-732-5324 <i>Remember To Pray For Our Beloved Departed.</i></p>	<p>ST. PIO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 16016 JOIN US Brother Knights of our Council invite you to join us. Contact Steve Kingsbury 612-207-3179</p> 	