

NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 3) (20) “The Blessed Virgin, Mother of Gentleness and Mercy, never allows herself to be surpassed in love and generosity. When she sees someone giving himself entirely to her in order to honor and serve her, and depriving himself of what he prizes most in order to adorn her, she gives herself completely in a wondrous manner to him. She engulfs him in the ocean of her graces, adorns him with her merits, supports him with her power, enlightens him with her light, and fills him with her love. She shares her virtues with him — her humility, faith, purity, etc. She makes up for his failings and becomes his representative with Jesus. Just as one who is consecrated belongs entirely to Mary, so Mary belongs entirely to him.”

(21) “St. Thomas assures us that, following the order established by His divine Wisdom, God ordinarily imparts His graces to men through Mary. Therefore, if we wish to go to Him, seeking union with Him, we must use the same means which He used in coming down from Heaven to assume our human nature and to impart His graces to us. That means was a complete dependence on Mary, His Mother, which is true devotion to her.”

Through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may it please our good Lord to bless and strengthen us with the Holy Spirit, that we may love and serve Him faithfully and generously each day!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

Bi-Parish Mission Talks - May 6, 8-10, 2023:

**(Please note additional date added, Saturday, May 6)*

Plan now to attend Bi-Parish Mission talks on “*The Light of the Holy Spirit*” by Fr. David Gunter, MIC, on the evenings of May 6 and 8-10, at 7:00pm at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota (749 South Main St., Zumbrota, MN 55992). Fr. Gunter will also speak at all the Holy Masses on May 6 and 7.

The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart will bring about an unprecedented outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Father David Gunter's talks provide instructions to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit to prepare your soul for this extraordinary event.



Knights of Columbus meeting will be May 17, at 7p.m. at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota.

Thank You to everyone who supported the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive! We were able to raise \$791 for our Special Needs Children!



Journey through the Catechism as a Story from Blessing to Blessing
Applications are now being accepted for the class of St. Therese Lisieux in the Catechetical Institute's popular two-year Pillars Program beginning this fall!

- *Monday Evenings 7-9pm
 - *Four 11-week modules following the 4 pillars
 - *Live streamed at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island
- Join over 3,000 graduates!

For more info: SAINTPAULSEMINARY.ORG/CI

Cemetery Collection: There will be a second collection on the weekend of May 20-21 to support the upkeep of the parish cemeteries. Please consider donating to honor our beloved dead and keep the parish cemeteries looking beautiful!

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<p>Knollwood Apartments Located next door to the Church of St. Michael Walk to Sunday Mass! Call for more information (507)-356-8448</p>				
<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</p> <p>St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese Victim Assistance Program Hotline: (651) 291-4475</p>	<p>Church of St. Michael Cemetery For Plot Information Call the Parish Office 507-356-4280</p> <p><i>"Remember To Pray For Our Beloved Departed."</i></p>	<p>Church of St. Paul Cemetery For Plot Information Call the Parish Office 507-732-5324</p>	

May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,
This coming weekend we welcome Fr. David Gunter for our Bi-parish Mission! He will speak on the Holy Spirit and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. His first talk will be Saturday, May 6, at 7pm at St. Paul in Zumbrota. His remaining three talks will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 8-10 at 7pm at St. Paul in Zumbrota. I encourage you to attend the Mission!
This Sunday at our parishes we will have May Crowning of our Blessed Mother. The Little Flowers will assist with May Crowning at St. Michael.

All parishioners are invited to take part in the First Holy Communion Holy Mass at St. Michael next Saturday, May 13, at 10am. During this month of May I encourage all of us to renew ourselves in loving devotion to our Blessed Mother! The Virgin Mary unfailingly leads us to Jesus and teaches us how to trust in His merciful Love!

This weekend I share with you 21 sayings on the Virgin Mary by St. Louis de Montfort. These sayings can be found in his books: *Treatise of True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*, *The Secret of the Rosary*, and *The Love of Eternal Wisdom*.

- (1) "It is through the most Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus Christ came into the world, and it is also through her that He will reign in the world."
- (2) "Our entire perfection consists in being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus Christ. Hence the most perfect of all devotions is undoubtedly that which conforms, unites and consecrates us most perfectly to Jesus Christ. Now, since Mary is of all creatures the one most conformed to Jesus Christ, it follows that among all devotions that which most consecrates and conforms a soul to our Lord is devotion to Mary, His Holy Mother, and that the more a soul is consecrated to her the more will it be consecrated to Jesus Christ."
- (3) "It would hardly be possible for me to put into words how much Our Lady thinks of the Holy Rosary and of how she vastly prefers it to all other devotions. Neither can I sufficiently express how highly she rewards those who work to preach the devotion, to establish it and spread it, nor on the other hand how firmly she punishes those who work against it."
- (4) "If priests and religious have an obligation to meditate on the great truths of our Holy Religion in order to live up to their vocation worthily, the same obligation, then, is just as much incumbent upon the laity — because of the fact that every day they meet with spiritual dangers which might make them lose their souls. Therefore they should arm themselves with the frequent meditation on the life, virtues and sufferings of Our Blessed Lord — which are so beautifully contained in the 15 (now 20) mysteries of the Holy Rosary."
- (5) "If I were asked by someone seeking to honor our Lady, 'What does genuine devotion to her involve?' I would answer briefly that it consists in a full appreciation of the privileges and dignity of our Lady; in expressing our gratitude for her goodness to us; in zealous-

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

ly promoting devotion to her; in constantly appealing for her help; in being completely dependent on her; and in placing firm reliance and loving confidence in her motherly goodness."
(6) "The Rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who loves His Mother."
(7) "If you say the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins you shall receive a never-fading crown of glory. Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil as sorcerers do who practice black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and will save your soul, if — and mark well what I say — if you say the Holy Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins."
(8) "If then we are establishing sound devotion to our Blessed Lady, it is only in order to establish devotion to our (continued on page 3)

May Crowning of our Blessed Mother!
Please join us Sunday, May 7, during the 8:45am Holy Mass at the Church of St. Paul and the 7am and 10:30am Holy Masses at St. Michael for **May Crowning of our Blessed Mother!** The Blessed Virgin Mary loves us so much! Let us offer our gratitude and honor to her!

The next **Holy Hour for Men** will be this Sunday, May 7, at 6:30pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on the message of Divine Mercy. All men are invited!

Classes for Faith Formation have ended for the year.

Thank You to our wonderful teachers: Ally & Andy Drees, Maggie Eggerichs, Julie Hoerle, Sara McNamara, Josefina Meyer, Laurie Schultz, & Jennifer Thornwall, substitute teachers: Pat McCutcheon, Mary Kingsbury, teacher assistant: JoAnn Stanton, and hall monitor: Patrick Smith. Special Thanks to Carol Berns and all those who helped prepare the meals! God bless you for your sacrifices this past year! In Christ through Mary, *Fr. Kasel*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 7-11, 2023 8:30am-12:00 noon at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor His Mother, and we honor her simply and solely to honor Him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son." *St. Louis Marie de Montfort*
 "Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did." *St. Maximilian Kolbe*
 "Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary." *St. Bonaventure*
 "Before, by yourself, you couldn't. Now, you've turned to our Lady, and with her, how easy!" *St. Josemaria Escriva*

Congratulations to:

Javier & Maria Ocariz on the baptism of their son Malachy Scheen Ocariz on April 22, 2023!

Cody and Amber Shimer on the baptism of their son Lincoln James Shimer on April 29, 2023!

Zachary and Leah Jansen on the baptism of their daughter Hannah Felicity Jansen on April 30, 2023!



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!*

Transitional Diaconal Ordination: Saturday, May 13, 10-11:30 a.m., Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis. All the faithful is invited to the diaconal ordination for seminarians of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis completing Theology III. Please pray for these men.

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture: Faith Seeking Understanding--The Ascent and Decline of Scholasticism

In this lecture, discover the dramatic history of scholasticism, an intellectual movement that dominated medieval thought and education. We will meet key figures like Peter Abelard, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Duns Scotus, and trace its humble origins in the monastic schools, into the great medieval universities, to its gradual decline in the modern period. Along the way we shall discover some key insights that remain as principles of perennial wisdom.

Event details: Monday, May 8 *Pre-Class Discussion:* 7:30 PM EST *Lecture:* 8:00 PM EST *Instructor:* Jared Staudt, Ph.D. Registration required at: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/faith-seeking-understanding>

WEEKLY TITHING April 29-30, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,124.00
Plate:	\$ 722.03
EFT:	\$ 1,095.00
Total:	\$ 4,941.03

Thank Mom for Life on Mother's Day, May 14, with an orchid corsage, mini rose bush, and begonia plant with a "Thanks Mom for Life" button attached. They will be available at all weekend Masses on May 13 & 14. All proceeds benefit Goodhue County Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 10:00am at the Church of St. Michael. All are invited!
Please keep our children in your prayers!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Driscoll (mother of Jim Driscoll, parishioner), who passed away April 21, 2023. *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.*

Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession--Sunday, May 7
 Gather at the State Capitol; Procession begins at 2:00 pm. Join thousands of faithful Catholics in a procession down John Ireland Blvd. from the State Capitol to our Cathedral. As a public witness to our Catholic faith during the month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, come with family and friends to the annual Archdiocesan Family Rosary Procession. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will join at the Capitol and in the Cathedral.

Line up begins at 1:30pm on the State Capitol grounds and the procession will begin at 2:00pm. Those who cannot walk the procession route may go directly to the Cathedral to pray the Rosary with those who are in procession. The event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis in collaboration with the Family Rosary Processions Association. Additional information can also be found on their website minnesotarosaryprocessions.org.

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for May: Condiments: Ketchup/Mustard, Salad Dressings

HOLY MASS TIMES

- Wednesday, May 10, 2023**
 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Friday, May 12, 2023**
 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
- Saturday, May 13, 2023**
 4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions
 5:00pm Holy Mass
- Sunday, May 14, 2023**
 7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass
 10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

- May 10, 2023** Christina Christenson (Winkels family)
- May 12, 2023** Julia Stanton (Sharon Stanton)
- May 13, 2023** †Luz Babylon Apuya
- May 14, 2023** †Charlene Merten (Gary Kasel family)
- May 14, 2023** Parishioners



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CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 7-11, 2023 8:30am-12:00noon at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island

WEEKLY TITHING April 30, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 995.00
Plate:	\$ 108.00
Total:	\$ 1,103.00



Thank Mom for Life on Mother's Day, May 14, with an orchid corsage, mini rose bush, or begonia plant with a "Thanks Mom for Life" button attached. Suggested donation is \$8 each. They will be available at Sunday Holy Mass on May 14. All proceeds benefit Goodhue County Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.

Congratulations to Dennis and Betty Stromback on their 50th Anniversary on May 5!



PRO LIFE QUOTES:

"O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life." *March 25, 1995: Gospel of Life, 105 by St. John Paul II*
 "Find the courage to proclaim Christ... and the unchanging truths which have their foundation in Him. These are the truths that set us free! They are the truths which alone can guarantee respect for the inalienable dignity and rights of each man, woman and child in our world - including the most defenseless of all human beings, the unborn child in the mother's womb." *Pope Benedict XVI, at Yankee Stadium, April 20, 2008*

You are invited: Card Playing for Seniors In Zumbrota

All seniors, family, and friends are invited to play 500 or Euchre (lessons provided as needed) on Thursdays, 1-3pm, at Zumbrota City Hall, 175 West Ave. Bring your own beverages. \$2 donation/week, to cover cost of supplies. RSVP to 507-732-5686 if possible.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: Do you have a few spare hours each month to lend a hand at the Zumbrota Food Shelf? You could either stock shelves or serve clients. Multiple times and days are available. Your help in feeding the hungry would be greatly appreciated. Contact Jan Horsman: 507-732-7527

HOLY MASS TIMES

- Tuesday, May 9, 2023**
 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Thursday, May 11, 2023**
 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
- Sunday, May 14, 2023**
 8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions
 8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

- May 9, 2023** Maria Nguyen
- May 11, 2023** †Richard Thamert (Katie Holmstadt)
- May 14, 2023** Parishioners



(from page 1) Lord more perfectly, by providing a smooth but certain way of reaching Jesus Christ."
 (9) "As she was the way by which Jesus first came to us, she will again be the way by which He will come to us the second time though not in the same manner."
 (10) "Since she is the sure means, the direct and immaculate way to Jesus and the perfect guide to Him, it is through her that souls who are to shine forth in sanctity must find Him. He who finds Mary finds life, that is, Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life... Mary then must be better known than ever for the deeper understanding and the greater glory of the Blessed Trinity."
 (11) "In these latter times Mary must shine forth more than ever in mercy, power and grace; in mercy, to bring back and welcome lovingly the poor sinners and wanderers who are to be converted and return to the Catholic Church; in power, to combat the enemies of God who will rise up menacingly to seduce and crush by promises and threats all those who oppose them; finally, she must shine forth in grace to inspire and support the valiant soldiers and loyal servants of Jesus Christ who are fighting for His cause."
 (12) "Mary must become as terrible as an army in battle array to the devil and his followers, especially in these latter times. For Satan, knowing that he has little time—even less now than ever—to destroy souls, intensifies his efforts and his onslaughts every day. He will not hesitate to stir up savage persecutions and set treacherous snares for Mary's faithful servants and children whom he finds more difficult to overcome than others."
 (13) "Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day become a formal heretic or be led astray by the devil."
 (14) "Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood."
 (15) "When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer."
 (16) "[True devotion to Our Lady] is trustful, that is to say, it fills us with confidence in the Blessed Virgin, the confidence that a child has for its loving Mother. It prompts us to go to her in every need of body and soul with great simplicity, trust and affection. We implore our Mother's help always, everywhere, and for everything. We pray to her to be enlightened in our doubts, to be put back on the right path when we go astray, to be protected when we are tempted, to be strengthened when we are weakening, to be lifted up when we fall into sin, to be encouraged when we are losing heart, to be rid of our scruples, to be consoled in the trials, crosses and disappointments of life. Finally, in all our afflictions of body and soul, we naturally turn to Mary for help, with never a fear of importuning her or displeasing our Lord."
 (17) "As all perfection consists in our being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus it naturally follows that the most perfect of all devotions is that which conforms, unites, and consecrates us most completely to Jesus. Now of all God's creatures Mary is the most conformed to Jesus. It therefore follows that, of all devotions, devotion to her makes for the most effective consecration and conformity to Him. The more one is consecrated to Mary, the more one is consecrated to Jesus."
 (18) "That is why perfect consecration to Jesus is but a perfect and complete consecration of oneself to the Blessed Virgin, which is the devotion I teach; or in other words, it is the perfect renewal of the vows and promises of Holy Baptism."
 (19) "By this devotion we give to Jesus all we can possibly give Him, and in the most perfect manner, that is, through Mary's hands. (continued on page 4)