February 11, 2024 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary! Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This Sunday, February 11, we celebrate World Marriage Day! Marriage in our good Lord's plan is a beautiful gift to the human family. This World Marriage Day is an opportunity for us to show support for married couples and families. Let us grow in our knowledge and awareness of the great gift of marriage and the place it has in our Heavenly Father's plan for us! Here is what our Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches about the meaning of Christian marriage in the human family:

"'The Matrimonial Covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a Sacrament.'

Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of 'the wedding-feast of the Lamb.' Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its 'mystery,' its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal 'in the Lord' in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church.

The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by Him with its own proper laws... God Himself is the author of marriage. The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures, and spiritual attitudes. These differences should not cause us to forget its common and permanent characteristics. Although the dignity of this institution is not transparent everywhere with the same clarity, some sense of the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life.

God who created man out of love also calls him to love the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is Himself love. Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. It is good, very good, in the Creator's eyes. And this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation: 'And God blessed them, and God said to them: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.''

Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: 'It is not good that the man should be alone.' The woman, 'flesh of his flesh,' his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a 'helpmate'; she thus represents God from whom comes our help. 'Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.' The Lord Himself shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by

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 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

recalling what the plan of the Creator had been 'in the beginning': 'So they are no longer two, but one flesh.'

Every man experiences evil around him and within himself. This experience makes itself felt in the relationships between man and woman. Their union has always been threatened by discord, a spirit of domination, infidelity, jealousy, and conflicts that can escalate into hatred and separation. This disorder can manifest itself more or less acutely, and can be more or less overcome according to the circumstances of cultures, eras, and individuals, but it does seem to have a universal character.

According to Faith the disorder we notice so painfully does not stem from the *nature* of man and woman, nor from the nature of their relations, but from sin. As a break with God, (continued on page 3)

Ash Wednesday Holy Masses, February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence



8:30am at St. Michael, Pine Island 12:00pm at St. Paul, Zumbrota 6:00pm at St. Michael, Pine Island 7:30pm at St. Michael, Pine Island (Latin)

The Church of St. Michael Men's Club Fish Fries begin Friday, February 16, from 4:30-7:00pm and run each Friday of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CHURCH OF ST. PAUL
Each Tuesday of Lent at 5:30pm
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL Each Friday of Lent at 7:30pm

The next <u>Holy Hour for Women</u> will be Sunday, February 25, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The next **Faith Formation session** will be on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. **Topic for March: The Virtue of Sincerity**

Below is the schedule:

6:00-6:30pm - Meal

6:35-7:25pm - Children Class/Parent & Adult Session

7:30-7:45pm - Church for Adoration

Youth Group Event! All Youth, Grades 7-12, are invited for a prayer, food, and game night Wednesday, **February 28**, 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.



Holy Mass in Honor of the Most Holy Face of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Disfigured in His Passion-Tuesday, February 13: All are invited to join in prayer at Holy Mass to offer reparation to our Lord Jesus for the many blasphemous sins and insults He has endured to the present time. The Holy Mass will be offered at 6:30pm in

the Latin Mass Form at St. Michael in Pine Island, on Tuesday, February 13 (Shrove Tuesday). The Holy Rosary will begin at 6pm. The Chaplet of the Holy Face will be offered after Holy Mass.

Quilting Bee Cause will meet Tuesday, February 13, at 9:00am in the church hall. Everyone is invited to help make quilts!

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start." St. Theresa of Calcutta

"It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God. Without God people only succeed in bringing out the worst in one another. Lovers who have nothing else to do but love each other soon find there is nothing else. Without a central loyalty, life is unfinished." Ven. Fulton Sheen

"When a man loves a woman, he has to become worthy of her. The higher her virtue, the more noble her character, the more devoted she is to Truth, justice, goodness, the more a man has to aspire to be worthy of her. The history of civilization could actually be written in terms of the level of its women." Ven. Fulton Sheen

"Take away from Love the fullness of self-surrender, the completeness of personal commitment, and what remains will be a total denial and negation of it." St. Pope John Paul II

"Don't you long to shout to those youths who are bustling around you: Fools! Leave those worldly things that shackle the heart - and very often degrade it - leave all that and come with us in search of Love!" St. Josemaria Escriva

"Love is the most necessary of all virtues. Love in the person who preaches the Word of God is like fire in a musket. If a person were to throw a bullet with his hands, he would hardly make a dent in anything; but if the person takes the same bullet and ignites some gunpowder behind it, it can kill. It is much the same with the Word of God. If it is spoken by someone who is filled with the Fire of Charity - the Fire of Love of God and neighbor - it will work wonders." St. Anthony Mary Claret

"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves." St. Francis de Sales

Help Wanted! Sharing Shelves (the Food Shelf in Pine Island) is looking for a new manager. This paid position is about 12-14 hours per week, and includes duties such as registering new clients, ordering food, creating reports, and attending board meetings. Email clingman.elizabeth@mayo.edu for more information.

<u>Pine Island Food Shelf</u>: items requested for February: Soups of any kind.

WEEKLY TITHING February 3-4, 2024

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 2,926.00

 Plate:
 \$ 621.50

 EFT:
 \$ 2,467.00

 Total:
 \$ 6,014.50

COME AND JOIN US!

The Church of St. Michael Men's Club Fish Fries

Serving each Friday of Lent from 4:30-7:00pm

February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, & 22
Both baked & fried fish will be offered!

Prices:

Adults-\$14.00, Children 5-12-\$6.00, Family maximum \$45.00
TAKE OUT AVAILABLE!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:30pm

Men of Christ - Rising Daily in Discipleship on Saturday, March 23, from 9am - 3pm, at the Church of St. Joseph, Rosemount. Join men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 2024 men's conference. Keynote speakers Deacon Harold Burke-Sievers and Jeff Cavins will lead the day that will include presentations by Bishop Joseph Williams, Deacon Joe Michalak, and Bishop Izen. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will celebrate Holy Mass. For more information call 651.291.4488 or email flomos@archspm.org.

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series: Behold the Pierced One

An ICC Lenten Retreat with Pope Benedict XVI

"You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."—Matthew 16:16
"Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You."—John 17:1

Jesus identifies Himself first and foremost as the Son of the Father. This Lent, join Msgr. Charles Pope for a series of reflections on the relationship between Jesus Christ and His Father, how it is expressed through prayer, and how we participate in the sonship of Jesus through His prayer.

Details: Wednesday, Feb. 14 & Friday, Feb. 16

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM ET, Lecture: 8:00 PM ET Instructor: Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope, Registration is required.

Visit: https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/behold-the-pierced-one?

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6:30pm Holy Mass in Honor of the Most Holy Face of Jesus Christ Wednesday, February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday

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

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

6:00pm Holy Mass

7:30pm Holy Mass (Latin)

Friday, February 16, 2024

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

Saturday, February 17, 2024

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, February 18, 2024

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



February 13, 2024 Stephanie Percie (Mary Amiot)

February 14, 2024 Alex & Jacinta DeCook & family (Maria Schultz)

February 14, 2024 Cathy Rossow & family

February 14, 2024 Joshua Teske (Sara McNamara)

February 16, 2024 †Teresa Rozanki (Elizabeth Skellie)

February 17, 2024 Valeria Cardieri

February 18, 2024 †Ron & Marky Hanzl (Lynette Stroh)

February 18, 2024 Parishioners

CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith Formation session will be on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Topic for March: The Virtue of Sincerity

(From Father Kasel, from page 1) the first sin had for its first consequence the rupture of the original communion between man and woman. Their relations were distorted by mutual recriminations; their mutual attraction, the Creator's own gift, changed into a relationship of domination and lust; and the beautiful vocation of man and woman to be fruitful, multiply, and subdue the earth was burdened by the pain of childbirth and the toil of work.

Nevertheless, the order of creation persists, though seriously disturbed. To heal the wounds of sin, man and woman need the help of the grace that God in His infinite mercy never refuses them. Without His help man and woman cannot achieve the union of their lives for which God created them 'in the beginning.'

In His preaching Jesus unequivocally taught the original meaning of the union of man and woman as the Creator willed it from the beginning: permission given by Moses to divorce one's wife was a concession to the hardness of hearts. The matrimonial union of man and woman is indissoluble: God Himself has determined it 'what therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder.'

This unequivocal insistence on the indissolubility of the marriage bond may have left some perplexed and could seem to be a demand impossible to realize. However, Jesus has not placed on spouses a burden impossible to bear, or too heavy - heavier than the Law of Moses. By coming to restore the original order of creation disturbed by sin, He Himself gives the strength and Grace to live marriage in the new dimension of the Reign of God. It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses will be able to 'receive' the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ. This Grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ's Cross, the source of all Christian life.

This is what the Apostle Paul makes clear when he says: 'Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that He might sanctify her,' adding at once: 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one. This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church.'

The entire Christian life bears the mark of the spousal love of Christ and the Church. Already Baptism, the entry into the People of God, is a nuptial mystery; it is so to speak the nuptial bath, which precedes the wedding feast, the Eucharist. Christian marriage in its turn becomes an efficacious sign, the Sacrament of the Covenant of Christ and the Church. Since it signifies and communicates Grace, marriage between baptized persons is a true Sacrament of the New Covenant." (CCC 1601-1608; 1614-1617)

Through the intercession of the Holy Family, may God bless all married couples, all families and all of our parishioners!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

Lenten Day of Recollection: On March 9, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI will be hosting a Lenten Day of Recollection from 8:30am - 5:00pm. The day includes talks on **The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Hell, and Heaven**. The Shrine gives its Pilgrims the opportunity to grow during the penitential season. The talks will be given by: Fr. Check, Fr. Hildebrand, Fr. Raymond, and Deacon Kabat. Increase your understanding of the end of our earthly life. No admission cost! Learn more about the day's schedule at GuadalupeShrine.org/events!

POWERFUL LENTEN DRAMA brings to life the stories of the Samaritan Woman, the Blind Beggar, and Lazarus at Open Window Theatre in Inver Grove Heights, MN, February 23 - March 27. "The Living Water" is a new play by Jeremy Stanbary featuring original music & songs by Jeromy Darling. Make this soul-stirring musical drama a part of your Lenten journey! Tickets & info are available at openwindowtheatre.org or over the phone at 612-615-1515.

WEEKLY TITHING February 4, 2024

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 540.00

 Plate:
 \$ 257.00

 EFT:
 \$ 1,515.00

 Total:
 \$ 2,312.00

St. Patrick's Ham Dinner at the Zumbrota VFW

March 17 at the Zumbrota VFW, serving from 10:30am -1:00pm

Prices: Adults: \$16.00, Children 6-12: \$6.00, Under 6: free Available for Dine-In & Take Out

If you have any questions, contact the Ham Dinner committee members: Linda Kazmierczak & Karen Hodgman, Steve & Mary Kingsbury, Mark & Donna Huneke, and Fr. Kasel Thank you in advance for your willingness to make this endeavor a success!

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes – Feast Day: February 11

O, Mary, Immaculate Conception, ever Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. You revealed your heart to St. Bernadette when you said: *I am the Immaculate Conception*.

Through the grace of your union with the Holy Spirit, I beg of you to look upon me with mercy. You chose to make the Grotto of Lourdes a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. Therefore, I life my heart to you now with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, I ask of you to obtain my request...... In return for hearing my prayer, I will strive to imitate

Baskets or Items for the Ham Dinner Silent Auction

your virtues, especially your love for God, so that I may one day

share your company in Heaven and bless you in eternity. Amen.

Calling all parishioners! We are looking for silent auction baskets and items for this fundraiser held during **St. Patrick's Ham Dinner.** Any type of themed basket or items including religious items, gift cards/certificates, homemade or purchased items will be appreciated! If you have any questions, contact Josefina or Sara in the parish office. Please drop off any items at the office. Thank you!

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

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

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday

12:00pm Holy Mass

Thursday, February 15, 2024

8:00am Confessions/8:30am

Sunday, February 18, 2024

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

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

February 13, 2024 †Jim & Millie Pauba (Pauba family)

February 14, 2024 Daniel Jalbert

February 15, 2024 Jill Eggerichs & family

February 18, 2024 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL



The next St. Pio Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 7:00pm at the Church of St. Michael.

2024 Catholic Services Appeal

Your 2024 Catholic Services Appeal gift will transform countless lives by bringing Jesus to others through the education and outreach of ministries throughout the Archdiocese.

Catholic Services Appeal is focused on four major ministry areas that touch on important areas of our Catholic life:

Educate in Faith: An essential component of the Church's ministry is the education of the next generation of disciples, as well as the continuing formation of all its members.

Help Those in Need: The Church is called to make the love of Jesus real and tangible in the world today, especially to the poor, the vulnerable and those on the peripheries.

Strengthen in Faith: At the heart of the Church's ministry is facilitating for its members an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. Central to what it means to be Catholic is the development of a friendship with Jesus through prayer and reflection.

Protect Life: Knowing that every human person has God-given dignity and together we can promote respect for life in all stages.

Giving is Faith in Action. Give to the Catholic Services Appeal today. GIVE ON-LINE TODAY: https://www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil: Join us on Tuesday, February 13, at 5 pm on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in Rochester at 1212 7th Street NW to begin the 40 Days of Life Spring Campaign. We will hold an ongoing prayer vigil from Feb. 14 to March 24 to pray for an end to abortion. Join in the campaign and sign up for vigil hours at https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/rochester. Questions? Contact Margaret Mulligan 40daysforliferoch@gmail.com

JOIN A PARISH SMALL GROUP THIS LENT! Grow in your faith along with fellow parishioners! A variety of small groups are being formed. Sign up today in the church entry, or help us find the right group for you online at: https://archspm.groupvitals.com/form

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage: Marian Route Coming to our parishes this spring!



Starting on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, four processions starting at different locations around the country will begin, concluding at the Eucharistic Congress July 16. The route coming through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is the Marian Route.

The procession departs from the headwaters of the Mississippi, the northern arm of the Pilgrimage will descend through the midwestern United States, pass through Wisconsin and Illinois, and meet up with the other three Pilgrimage routes in Indianapolis at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress.

The Marian Route pilgrimage will be traveling through the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis from May 24-31. Our parishes are blessed to be along the route of the pilgrimage route and will host the pilgrimage on May 31! More information at: https:// www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/marian-route

Kitui Living Water Program- Lent 2024 Give change... change lives

Here we are at another season of Lent! Water bottles are again available to support our brothers and sisters in Kitui, Kenya through the Partnership of Kitui program. The people in the vicinity of Kitui regularly experience rain and water shortages. This collection is a way for us to help them! Questions regarding the Kitui Partnership may be directed to the parish office. Thank you, ahead of time, for any contributions you are able to make!



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