November 14, 2021 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, During this month of November we remember and pray for the souls of our brothers and sisters in Purgatory: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen. May all the souls of the faithful departed rest in Peace! Amen.* This Sunday, I share with you a reflection the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

"The Second Coming of Christ - Our desire to see the Face of Christ: For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile. God speaks through the Prophet Jeremiah in today's Entrance Antiphon. (Entrance Antiphon, Jer 29:11-12:14) Jesus Christ fulfilled the mission that the Father had entrusted to Him. There is a certain sense, however, in which His work has yet to be completed. Jesus will come at the end of time to finish what He began. From her earliest days the Church has professed her belief in the Second Coming of Christ in glory, to judge the living and the dead. (The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed) The Catechism of the Council of Trent states: The Sacred Scriptures inform us that there are two comings of the Son of God: the one when He assumed flesh for our salvation in the womb of a Virgin; the other when He shall come at the end of the world to judge all mankind. This latter coming is called in Scripture the Day of the Lord. (Catechism of the Council of Trent, I, 8, 2)

As we enter the final days of the liturgical year the Church reminds us once more of this Truth of Faith. In the *First Reading*, the Prophet Daniel declares: *At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble.* (Dan 12:1-3) The reference is to *the fullness of time*, and to the resurrection of the body: *but at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.* The Prophet speaks of the special glory awaiting those who have contributed to the salvation of others: *And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.*

Christians of every age have repeated that wonderful invocation: *Come, Lord Jesus*! (Rev 22:20) This prayer was so widely used that the early Church has passed it down to us in the original Aramaic. (cf 1 Cor 16:22; Didache 10:6) This prayer has been translated into all modern languages and is one of the acclamations which may be used in Holy Mass following the Consecration. In that moment when Christ becomes truly present on the altar, the Church expresses her earnest desire to behold His coming in glory. In this way, *the liturgy on earth is harmonized with that of Heaven. Now, as in each*

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

and every Holy Mass, there comes to us that consoling reply: 'He who gives testimony to these things says: Yes, I am coming right away'. (St. John Paul II, Address, 18 May 1980) Even though the moment has not arrived for us to be with Jesus in Heaven, we have a foretaste of this glory at the moment of Communion. St. Pope John Paul II has made this plea: Let us pray that the heartfelt prayer of the Church, 'Come, Lord Jesus', will become the spontaneous plea of every human heart. We can never be satisfied by the things of the world. Our hearts yearn for the promised blessings still to come. (St. John Paul II, Address, 18 May 1980). Then shall our glorified bodies be in the presence of God. Let us pray to Jesus with renewed vigor: Vultum tuum, Domine, requiram. (Ps 26:8) Lord, I long to see your face.

His coming in Glory: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; Thou holdest my lot. I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure. For Thou dost not give me up to Sheol, or let thy godly one see the Pit. (Responsorial Psalm, Ps 15:5; 8-10) In the Acts of the Apostles (cf Acts 2:25-32; 13:35) St Luke interprets today's Responsorial Psalm as referring to Christ and the events of His Second Coming. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup. He has taken my side. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; (continued on page 3)

<u>Holy Hour for Men</u> will be on Sunday, November 14, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. For our November meeting we will welcome a veteran of the Marine Corps who served in the Vietnam War. Come to support this veteran and all the men and women who have courageously served our country!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

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Reflection on St. Joseph

St. Joseph's intercession against demons has mostly been proven by experience. In the early 20th-century book *Go to Joseph, Our Unfailing Protector*, the author gives a brief summary of how missionaries invoked his intercession to drive out demonic influences. Sacred writers agree in saying that the intercession of St. Joseph is an efficacious means of overthrowing the tyranny of Satan and spreading the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. This fact is demonstrated by numerous people who have spoken of the holy Patriarch, and how he has come to be invoked by Holy Church, with the title 'Terror of Demons'. Missionaries in [pagan] countries have experienced the help they have received from St. Joseph invoking this title.

But, why would St. Joseph be given such a title? In the late 1930s, Pope Pius XI began to see the serious threat that Communism presented to so many souls and the common good. He called upon St. Joseph to protect the Church from the errors of Communism. Consequently, Catholics fervently began to pray to St. Joseph, specifically under the title 'Terror of Demons' to combat the atheism and the atheistic ideas of communism.

St. Joseph's most important mission, given by God, the Father, was protecting and providing for Jesus and the Virgin Mary. St. Joseph was granted special Graces with the strength to strike fear into the forces of darkness. The demons cannot stand in opposition to St. Joseph. St. Faustina writes: "St. Joseph urged me to have a constant devotion to him... He has promised me this special help and protection (*Diary of St. Faustina - 1203*)."

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

<u>Pine Island Food Shelf:</u> items requested for November: Canned Soup and Stew

	WEEKLY TITHING for November 6-7, 2021				
	Sunday Envelopes:	\$	3,525.00		
	Plate:	\$	2,187.13		
	EFT:	\$	1,552.50		
	Total:	\$	7,264.63		
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HOLIDAY TEA *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 9:00–11:30am Church of St. Michael, Pine Island* Please sign up to bring baked goods and volunteer to work. Holiday Tea letter will be mailed next week. *Congratulations to: Timothy L Sarah Neau on the baptism of their daughter,*

Anne Therese Neau, on September 25, 2021.



Timothy L Emily Gleeson on the baptism of their son, Isaac Raphael Gleeson, on November 6, 2021.

Cemetery Collection: There will be a second collection November 20-21 to provide for the upkeep of the St. Michael Cemetery. Please be generous in remembering our beloved departed in prayer and alms.

St. Pio KC Semi-Annual Food Drive

The St. Pio Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a food drive to support both the Pine Island and Zumbrota food shelves. Food, household goods and personal care items may be brought to St. Michael or St. Paul on weekend of November 13. Specific items of need include non-perishable foods, coffee, spaghetti noodles, toilet paper, and dish soap.

St. Pio KC Breakfast on November 21st at 8:00am-12:30pm The St. Pio Knights of Columbus are holding a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 21 at St. Michael, Pine Island. The breakfast will be a free will donation with proceeds going to support local programs, such as Coats for Kids and Pro-Life activities. VOLUN-TEERS are still needed! Knights, please contact Ben Eirikson if you are available to help.

Quilting Bee Cause Display November 13 & 14. Quilting Bee Cause will display quilts after the Holy Masses on Saturday & Sunday, November 13 & 14. The quilts have been made entirely of donated fabrics. All the quilts will be taken to **Sharing and Caring Hands**. Thanks to all who donated fabrics and to those who helped sew and tie the quilts.

HOLY MASS TIMES				
Wednesday, November 17, 2021				
8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass				
9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament				
Friday, November 19, 2021				
8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass				
Saturday, November 20, 2021				
4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions				
5:00pm Holy Mass				
Sunday, November 21, 2021				
7:00am (Latin) Holy Mass				
10:30am Holy Mass				
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(from page 1) *my body also dwells secure*, now and till the end of time. Then Christ will be seated *at the right hand of God*. (Second Reading, Heb 10:11-14; 18)

Our Lord describes the last days in today's Gospel: And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then He will send out the Angels, and gather His elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of Heaven. (Mark 13:24-32) Though His Incarnation and Passion took place in historical time without any great splendor, His Second Coming will astound the Heavens and the earth. As has been earlier foretold by the Prophet Daniel, Jesus states: The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from Heaven, and the powers in the Heavens will be shaken. He will come as the Redeemer of the world, as King, Judge and Lord of the Universe. The Fathers of the Church have taught us that He will not make a new judgment. He will summon to His tribunal those who judged Him on earth. He who remained silent at that time will refresh the memories of His persecutors who deigned to insult Christ on the Cross. He will say to them: 'You did this to Me yet I held my peace'. There on Calvary, Christ taught mankind the meaning of Mercy. At His Second Coming all men will be obliged to submit to His reign, whether they want to or not... This is why we pray in the Creed that we believe in Him who 'ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.' (St Cyril of Jerusalem, Catechesis 15 on the two comings of Christ) He will manifest His glory to His faithful servants and also to those who have denied Him or persecuted His followers. All humanity will be there to see the Lord as He is: Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name which is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:9-11)

Then we shall fully understand the transcendental importance of our daily struggle to follow Christ. What a treasure lies in those small details of service that we perform day after day for God and our neighbor! Jesus will reward those who prove faithful to the end. *Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure.*

Waiting for *the Day of the Lord:* Today's *Responsorial Psalm* continues: *Thou dost show me the path of life; in Thy presence there is fullness of joy, in Thy right hand are pleasures for ever-more.* (Responsorial Psalm, Ps 15:11)

The inspired writers of Holy Scripture often refer to the Second Coming with the Greek word *parousia*. This term was used to describe the solemn entry of the Emperor into a city or province. He would then be declared the savior of that (continued on page 4)

Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women: The ACCW invites you to a Morning of Reflection at Holy Spirit Church, (515 South Albert Street, St. Paul, MN) on Saturday, November 20, 2021. "Meet a Modern Day Magdalene" with Liz Kelly, author and spiritual director. The morning begins at 8:15am and includes refreshments, our speaker, and 11:30 Holy Mass. The cost is \$25.00. Mail name and check to ACCW - 777 Forest St. St. Paul, MN 55106. If you have questions, call the ACCW office at 651-291-4545.

WEEKLY TITHING for November 7, 2021

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 715.00
Plate:	\$ 664.00
EFT:	\$ 1,765.00
Total:	\$ 3,144.00

Join the Synod! Synod Small Group Session #6 Topic: Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12) and Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-35). We will meet for the last session at the Church of St. Paul on Sunday, following Holy Mass on November 14.

Church of St. Paul Men's Club Pancake Breakfast and the St. Paul CCW Annual Bake Sale ***Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 8:00am-12:30pm *** Free-will offering. Plan now to attend!

<u>Cemetery Collection</u>: There will be a second collection November 21 to provide for the upkeep of the St. Paul Cemetery. Please be generous in remembering our beloved departed in prayer and alms.

Christmas Sharing Collection: We will again be collecting items for those in our community that are need this Christmas - through the Community Connections Event. This is the same collection as in the past, however no need to pick an ornament from the tree. Choose whatever requested item you wish and return to the vestibule or church office by December 5. Items requested are: Household products such as paper products, laundry detergent, soap, shampoo, toothpaste. Gift cards are also welcome. You could donate either local cards, or Target, or Walmart - preferably \$20 increments so that all are the same value. Thank you for your generosity in sharing God's gifts with those in need. Please contact Maggie Eggerichs at 507-951-2316 with questions.

Dear Parishioners:

To encourage and foster both prayer and connecting families together here at the Church of St. Paul, we are beginning two new practices. First, every Tuesday, from 12noon until 1pm, a group meets in the library downstairs to pray the Holy Rosary in the Divine Will and other prayers. We invite any Parishioners to join us for these prayers as his and her time permits. As part of this prayer ministry, we have placed a box for you to share with us any of your prayer intentions. That box will now be on the cabinet in the entry way of the church. Please place your prayer requests in it; a wonderful bonus is that periodically the requests are taken to a Shrine of the Blessed Mother to ask for her intercession. Second, in the near future there will be a book on the cabinet where Parishioners can write in their prayer requests. We hope you will consider participating in these new practices! God bless you! *In Christ through Mary*,

Louise Gerken, Shirley Gregory, Fr. Kasel

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

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

9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday, November 18, 2021

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

Sunday, November 21, 2021

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions 8:45am Holy Mass. On 1st 3rd & 5th Sundo

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

November 16, 2021†Adrienne Nodland (Byron & Barb Boraas)November 18, 2021†Roy & Gloria BradleyNovember 21, 2021Parishioners

NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 3) territory. These triumphal arrivals were usually the occasion for feasting and the beginning of a new calendar. (cf M. Schmaus, Dogmatic Theology, VII, p. 134) Everything combined to signify a new beginning. We ought to look forward to the Second Coming of Christ as to the occasion of a great celebration. The souls of the dead will then be reunited with their glorified bodies. A new calendar will then commence to inaugurate a new form of existence in the Presence of God.

The first Christians were inspired by their longing for the *Day of the Lord* to persevere in the face of every form of adversity. Over and over again St Paul invokes this future time of blessing. We should imitate the early Christians in this holy practice, especially when we encounter difficulties in our environment. As St. Paul reminded the Christians at Thessalonica: *We are bound to give thanks to God al-ways for you, brethren, as is fitting, because your Faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and Faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which you are enduring. This is evidence of the right-eous Judgment of God, that you may be made worthy of the King-dom of God, for which you are suffering. (2 Thess 1:3-5)*

From time to time the Lord may permit us to suffer for our beliefs. He allows us to experience sickness and pain. God wants us to put our trust in Him. Then we will be more detached from our sense of personal importance, from the state of our health, from our possessions... We will thus become better prepared for His Second Advent in Glory. It is of vital importance that we who are living in the midst of the world maintain a lively remembrance that *the Kingdom of God*, which had its beginnings here on earth in the Church of *Christ, is not of this world, whose form is passing, and that its au*- thentic development cannot be measured by the progress of civilization, of science or of technology. The true growth of the Kingdom of God consists in an ever-deepening knowledge of the unfathomable riches of Christ, in ever-stronger Hope of eternal blessings, in an ever more fervent response to the Love of God, and an ever more generous acceptance of Grace and holiness by men. (St. Paul VI, Credo of the People of God, 27) (From: In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Paul, and all the Holy Angels, may God grant us the Grace to prepare for our Lord's Coming! In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

PRO LIFE QUOTE

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." *Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270*

"The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally prolife: who will acclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of life in every situation. A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil." *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*

