

*April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This weekend is called Passion or Palm Sunday. During these Holy Masses we have the opportunity to honor and console our merciful Lord Jesus. Let us walk with Him as He undergoes His bitter Passion. Strive to console Him with love and compassion from our hearts. Let us offer to Him gratitude for His suffering for us. Finally, I encourage you to make time for the opportunity to have your sins forgiven through the Sacrament of Confession! This week I include a sermon by Pope St. Leo the Great on contemplating the Passion of our good Lord.

“True reverence for the Lord’s Passion means fixing the eyes of our heart on Jesus crucified and recognizing in Him our own humanity. The earth - our earthly nature - should tremble at the suffering of its Redeemer. The rocks - the hearts of unbelievers - should burst asunder. The dead, imprisoned in the tombs of their mortality, should come forth, the massive stones now ripped apart.

Foreshadowings of the future Resurrection should appear in the Holy City, the Church of God: what is to happen to our bodies should now take place in our hearts.

No one, however weak, is denied a share in the Victory of the Cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ. His prayer brought benefit to the multitude that raged against Him. How much more does it bring to those who turn to Him in repentance.

Ignorance has been destroyed, obstinacy has been overcome. The Sacred Blood of Christ has quenched the flaming sword that barred access to the Tree of Life. The age-old night of sin has given place to the true Light.

The Christian people are invited to share the riches of Paradise. All who have been reborn have the way open before them to return to their native land, from which they had been exiled. Unless indeed they close off for themselves the path that could be opened before the Faith of a thief.

The business of this life should not preoccupy us with its anxiety and pride, so that we no longer strive with all the love of our heart to be like our Redeemer, and to follow His example. Everything that He did or suffered was for our salvation: He wanted His body to share the goodness of His Head.

First of all, in taking our human nature while remaining God, so that the Word became man, He left no member of the human race, the unbeliever excepted, without a share in His Mercy. Who does not share a common nature with Christ if he has welcomed Christ, who took our nature, and is reborn in the Spirit through whom Christ was conceived?

Again, who cannot recognize in Christ his own infirmities? Who would not recognize that Christ’s eating and sleeping, His sadness and His shedding of tears of Love are marks of the nature of a slave?

It was this nature of a slave that had to be healed of its ancient wounds and cleansed of the defilement of sin. For that reason the

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

only-begotten Son of God became also the son of man. He was to have both the reality of a human nature and the fullness of the Godhead.

The Body that lay lifeless in the tomb is ours. The Body that rose again on the third day is ours. The Body that ascended above all the heights of Heaven to the right hand of the Father’s Glory is ours. If then we walk in the way of His commandments, and are not ashamed to acknowledge the price He paid for our (continued on page 4)

WALK WITH JESUS THIS HOLY WEEK!

Individual Confession times for Holy Week

Tuesday, April 4	4:00-4:55pm	St. Paul
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Wednesday, April 5	4:00-4:55pm	St. Michael
Wednesday, April 5	7:00-8:30pm	St. Michael
Holy Thursday, April 6	4:30-5:30pm	St. Paul
Good Friday, April 7	4:30-5:30pm	St. Michael
Good Friday, April 7	after evening Liturgy	St. Michael



Holy Week and Easter- 2023

Thursday, April 6 Holy Thursday Mass of Our Lord's Last Supper 6:00pm St. Paul

8:00pm St. Michael (Latin) - Church open for prayer after Holy Mass

Friday, April 7 Good Friday Stations & Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion 12:00pm St. Paul - Stations of the Cross

3:00pm St. Michael (Latin)-Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

7:00pm St. Michael -Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

Saturday, April 8 Easter Vigil St. Michael 8:30pm

Sunday, April 9 Easter: regular Sunday Holy Mass Schedule

Divine Mercy Sunday April 16, 2023

2:00-4:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island

The next **Holy Hour and Social for Men** will be this coming Sunday, April 2, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on: *Finding strength in the Passion of our Lord*. All men are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith Formation class/session will be **Wednesday, April 12, 2023**, at the Church of St. Michael.

Topic for April: The Virtue of Meekness

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

At 7:30pm all students, parents and teachers gather in the Church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Homeschool Co-op for Spring: The Church of St. Michael is offering an opportunity for children ages 3-14 to participate in a Homeschool Co-op on five Fridays beginning April 21. Registration forms are available in the church entry, contact the Office at 507-356-4280 or stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net. Fill out the registration form and give it to Fr. Kasel or turn it in to the church office.

Consecration Reception: There will be a reception at the Church of St. Michael, on Sunday, April 2, after the 10:30am Holy Mass in honor of Lynn Kemmetmueller's consecration to the Order of Virgins. All are invited!

Quilting Bee Cause will meet Tuesday, April 4, at 9am in the church hall. Everyone is welcome!

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"He so hated and despised sin that He avenged it on His own Body with great pain, derision, torture, and reproach, His passion and death - and not for Himself (for the poison of sin was not in Him) but only as a service to us, to satisfy for our sins. He gives us back the Light of Grace and relieves us of the darkness that had entered our soul because of sin." St. Catherine of Siena

"If we do not use great care to mortify our will, there are many things which can deprive us of the Holy Freedom of spirit that we are seeking in order to fly more freely to our Creator, without always being bogged down with the clay of this earth. Moreover, there can never be solid virtue in a soul that is attached to its own will." St. Teresa of Avila

"And even if the sins of soul are as dark as night, when the sinner turns to My Mercy he gives Me the greatest praise and is the glory of My Passion." Jesus to St. Faustina, *Divine Mercy in my Soul*: #378

"Do not pass one day without devoting a half hour, or at least a quarter of an hour, to meditation on the sorrowful Passion of your Savior. Have a continual remembrance of the agonies of your crucified Love, and know that the greatest saints, who now, in Heaven, triumph in holy Love, arrived at perfection in this way." St. Paul of the Cross

"True reverence for the Lord's Passion means fixing the eyes of our heart on Jesus crucified and recognizing in Him our own humanity." Pope St. Leo the Great

"Christians must lean on the Cross of Christ just as travelers lean on a staff when they begin a long journey. They must have the Passion of Christ deeply embedded in their minds and hearts, because only from It can they derive Peace, Grace, and Truth." St. Anthony of Padua

"There is no practice more profitable for the entire sanctification of the soul than the frequent meditation of the sufferings of Jesus Christ." St. Alphonsus de Liguori

Summer Camp Opportunity: Camp Summit is an overnight Catholic adventure camp for middle school youth entering grades 6-8. The Church of St. Michael would like to take a group of middle schoolers and high school leaders to Camp Summit this summer. Camp Summit is from July 31 to August 3 at Eagle Bluff in Lansboro, MN. We would like to see how many youth are interested in attending from our parish. Please let Father Kasel know by April 2 if you are interested.

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for April: Cleaning products for house, clothes

WEEKLY TITHING March 25-26, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,161.00
Plate:	\$ 436.67
EFT:	\$ 1,095.00
Total:	\$ 3,692.67

(March 12 & 26, 2023) Kitui Mission Collection: \$ 346.00

Thank you: to the **St. Michael Men's Club** who made our Lenten fish fries a wonderful success! Thank you to all who made desserts or supported the fish fries by attending or in any other way! God bless you! Fr. Kasel



EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

There is an envelope in your contribution packet for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. The suggested donation is \$13. Please consider making a donation and place in the collection plate or return to the office by Sunday, April 2. Thank you!



Equipped for Life: The Olmsted County chapter of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life is hosting *Equipped for Life* - A fresh approach to conversations about abortion, featuring Emily Albrecht from Equal Rights Institute. Attendees will leave the seminar ready to respond to any pro-choice advocate who defends abortion with arguments based on difficult circumstances, personhood, biology, bodily autonomy and more. The seminar will be held at St. Francis Catholic Church in Rochester on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information or to register, please call or text Linda McGuire at 507-259-4035.

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture

THE LIGHT OF THE RESURRECTION Sunday, April 2

The Miraculous Shroud of Turin by: Rev. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. The Shroud of Turin is the most unique image and scientifically studied artifact in world history. Father Spitzer will discuss the debunking of the 1988 carbon dating, the evidence for the Shroud's authenticity, the remarkable parallels between it and the Gospel accounts of Jesus' crucifixion, and two scientific theories concerning the production of its image through a burst of radiation—theories that imply a resurrection in power and light.

Details: Sunday, April 2, Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM EST, Lecture: 8:00 PM EST Registration is required. Visit: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/the-light-of-the-resurrection/>

HOLY MASS TIMES

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

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

Thursday, April 6, 2023

8:00pm (Latin) Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

Friday, April 7, 2023 (No Holy Mass in the morning)

3:00pm St. Michael (Latin)-Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

7:00pm St. Michael -Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

Saturday, April 8, 2023

8:30pm Easter Vigil Holy Mass

Sunday, April 9, 2023

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

April 5, 2023	†Matt Taubel (Anna Taubel)
April 6, 2023	All priests of Jesus Christ, living & deceased
April 8, 2023	Thomas York
April 9, 2023	Lynn Kemmetmueller (Audrey Ostlund)
April 9, 2023	Parishioners



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Dear Parishioners:

Thank you to those who helped with the Church cleaning this past week. Your hard work is greatly appreciated! May God reward you!



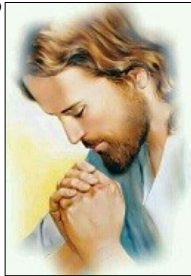
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†ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT†

Can you spend an hour with Jesus? Adoration is held at St. Paul, Zumbrota on Tuesdays from 9am-5pm and St. Michael, Pine Island on Wednesdays from 9am-5pm.

The Love of Jesus: Our True Happiness

"Go and sin no more. This is what Jesus says to me every time I go to confession. How great is the goodness of heart of my Beloved, and I wish to respond to His delicacy towards me with a pure soul and the heart of an angel! These words of our Lord touch me to the quick. How delicate is the Heart of Jesus. Such love and such tenderness could proceed only from God!



I undertake, O my Jesus, to sin no more. At your feet in the Sacrament of Penance, I, a penitent sinner, will humbly implore your infinite Mercy. I will be direct and open, and will ask you unceasingly for that grace, which is so uncommon, to walk straight before the Lord...

You have the words of Eternal Life, and I will listen to no other voice but Yours, Jesus, the God of my soul! Only You, O my Jesus, Life of my life, speak to my heart. O divine Speech, O beloved Word! O beloved Host! O my Jesus meek and humble of Heart. Speak to my heart and calm the storms which agitate it. Say but a word, and peace will return to it. Speak, my Lord, speak; your poor servant listens to You, one word from You and my soul shall be saved. To whom shall I go, Life of my life, if not to You who are Life Eternal?

When my soul is sad and weary through desolation and abandonment, where shall I find refreshment, and peace, if not in Your most Precious Blood, which rejoices the soul by the visits of Its Grace. When I am overcome with weakness and discouragement, when temptations surround me on every side, to whom shall I have recourse, but to Him who is consolation and strength itself? And when my soul is flooded and filled with consolation, and peace and happiness reign in my heart, to whom shall I go, if not to You, O my Jesus, that I may share my joy and happiness with You. On every occasion, O my Beloved, it is to You that I wish to go; it is upon Your most loving Heart that I wish to lean, both now and through eternity." Blessed Concepcion Cabrera de Armida (Blessed Concepcion (+1937), also known as 'Conchita', was a wife, mother, widow and mystic. She was the first Mexican laywoman to be beatified.)

WEEKLY TITHING March 26, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 720.00
Plate:	\$ 78.00
Total:	\$ 798.00

Save the Date

Church of St. Paul CCW
Madonna Dinner - Tuesday, May 2
All Ladies of the Parish are invited to attend!
More details to follow



Stations of the Cross at the Church of St. Paul:
Each Tuesday of Lent at 6:00pm

PRO LIFE QUOTE:



"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
"The deepest element of God's commandment to protect human life is the requirement to show reverence and love for every person and the life of every person." (#41) - March 25, 1995: Gospel of Life, by St. John Paul II
"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!" St. John Paul II

Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep Your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the Priesthood. Let Your holy Love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Weekly Rosary: You are invited to join in praying the weekly Rosary with Zumbrota Care Center residents on Mondays at 1:30 pm. We meet in the South Day Room. If you have questions, call Barb Boraas at 507-732-5877.

Palm Sunday Baked Ham and Roast Beef Dinner sponsored by the American Legion Post 183 at the Zumbrota VFW on Sunday, April 2, serving 11AM to 1PM.

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Tuesday, April 4, 2023

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
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Thursday, April 6, 2023 (No Holy Mass in the morning)
6:00pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

Sunday, April 9, 2023

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



April 4, 2023 Thomas Kelly (Cathy Kelly)
April 6, 2023 All priests of Jesus Christ, living & deceased
April 9, 2023 Parishioners

NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) salvation in a lowly Body, we too are to rise to share His Glory. The promise He made will be fulfilled in the sight of all: Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I too will acknowledge him before My Father who is in Heaven.”

Through the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Joseph, St. Michael, and St. Paul, may God bless us with the grace to be true disciples of Jesus Christ!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

Archdiocesan Chrism Holy Mass

The Chrism Holy Mass will be Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 10am at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. You can join in person or virtually for the Archdiocesan Chrism Mass. During this Holy Mass, Archbishop Hebda will bless the Holy Oils that will be used throughout the Archdiocese. Also, during this Holy Mass all priests renew their priestly promises. The Liturgy is open to the public!

Holy Land Collection on Good Friday: April 7, 2023

This annual appeal on Good Friday supports the ministry and presence of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land. Pope Francis has asked parishes to help the Holy Land, which relies on pilgrimages and visitors. The Holy Land has been hit particularly hard due to travel restrictions during the pandemic. You can help the Franciscan Friars in the Holy Land continue their efforts of maintaining our sacred shrines, parishes and formation programs, Catholic schools, and providing basic humanitarian needs of food and shelter. When you contribute to the Good Friday collection you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land, including our brothers and sisters in Damascus. Thank you for whatever you are able to contribute!

The Divine Mercy Novena will begin this coming Good Friday, April 7, and ends the Saturday after Easter Sunday, April 15. Please see Novena bulletin insert this weekend of April 1-2.

Living Water **Kitui Living Water Project:** Please remember to return your water bottles for the Living Water Project to the Church or the Parish office this week. We thank you for your donations and your generosity. God bless you!

The St. Pio Knights of Columbus Council 16016 will meet Wednesday, April 19, at 7:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island.

Pro-Life Across America Banquet: Thursday, April 20, 5:45-9 pm, *Banquets of Minnesota*, Fridley and virtual event
Join us in person or online for our Culture of Love Banquet, featuring keynote speaker, Melissa Ohden. Ms. Ohden is the survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion, but like every survivor, she is so much more. She is the Founder and Director of The Abortion Survivors Network, the only healing and advocacy organization. Join our celebration and learn about the power of PROLIFE Across AMERICA's life-saving Media Mission - proven to change hearts and save babies' lives! Cost \$75. Register at prolifeacrossamerica.org/love.

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