

July 4, 2021  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I wish you a blessed, safe and restful 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend!

The month of July is dedicated to increased devotion to the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus. Let us ask our good Lord for the grace to know and understand the power of His Precious Blood over evil!

This Sunday I share with you a meditation on the Grace of our Lord. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

**“My Grace is Sufficient for You: God gives us His help to enable us to overcome all obstacles, temptations and difficulties -** In the *Second Reading* (2 Cor. 12:7-10) of today’s Holy Mass, St. Paul lets us see the depths of his humility. After speaking to the Corinthians about his labors for Christ and the visions and revelations he had received from the Lord, he goes on to tell them of his weakness: *to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated.*

We do not know with any certainty what St. Paul is referring to when he speaks of the *thorn in the flesh*. Some Fathers of the Church, (e.g. St. Augustine) think it is a particularly painful physical affliction; others, (e.g. St. John Chrysostom) think that he is referring to the tribulations caused him by the continuous persecutions of which he is the victim; and some, (e.g. St. Gregory the Great) are of the opinion that he is referring to temptations that he finds particularly difficult to resist. (*The Navarre Bible*, St. Paul’s Epistles to the Corinthians, *in loc.*) Whatever it is, it is something that humiliates the Apostle, and that in some way hinders his work as a bearer of the Gospel.

St. Paul had asked God three times to remove this obstacle from him. He received this sublime reply: *My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.* God’s help is sufficient for him to overcome that difficulty; at the same time we are given to know about the Divine Power that enabled him to overcome it. He becomes stronger when he relies on God’s help, and this causes him to exclaim: *For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecution, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.* In our own weakness we too constantly experience the need to turn towards God and draw on the strength that comes to us from Him. How often God has said to us deep in our hearts: *My grace is sufficient for you, you have My help to enable you to overcome all trials and difficulties.*

Perhaps we sometimes have a particularly vivid experience of loneliness, weakness or tribulation: *If so, seek the support of Him who died and rose again. Find yourself a shelter in the wounds in His hands, in His feet, in His side. And your willingness to start again will revive, and you will take up your journey again with greater determination and effectiveness.* (J. Escriva, *The Way of the Cross*, Twelfth Station, 2)

Even our frailty and our weaknesses can be turned to good account. In his commentary on this passage, St. Thomas Aquinas explains

## 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 8:25am, 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

that God can sometimes allow certain evils of a physical or moral order precisely so as to draw from them a greater, more necessary good. (St. Thomas, *Commentary on 2 Corinthians*, *in loc.*) God will never abandon us in the midst of temptation. Our very weakness helps us to have greater trust, to seek refuge in God more urgently, to ask Him for greater strength and to be more humble: *‘Lord, put not your trust in me. But I, I put my trust in You’*. Then, as we sense in our hearts the love, the compassion, the tenderness of Christ’s gaze upon us - *for He never abandons us - we shall come to understand the full meaning of those words of St. Paul: ‘Virtus in infirmitate perficitur’* (2 Cor. 12:9). *If we have Faith in Our Lord, in spite of our failings - or, rather, with our failings - we shall be faithful to our Father, God; His Divine Power will shine forth in us, sustaining us in our weakness.* (J. Escriva, *Friends of God*, 194)

**If you want to, you can:** *A thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me...* It seems here as if St. Paul senses his limitations in a very vivid way, and at the same time relives the occasions when he contemplated the greatness of God and the greatness of his own mission as an Apostle. Sometimes in the course of our lives we too have caught glimpse of *generous aims, aims of sincerity, of perseverance...*, and yet, it seems as though we have, in the very depths of our soul, a sort of radical infirmity, a lack of strength, an obscure impotence..., and this sometimes makes us feel sad and we say *‘I can’t’*. (A. G. Dorronsoro, *Time to Hope*) We can see what Our Lord wants of us in this or that situation, but perhaps we feel weakened and exhausted by the trials and difficulties facing us. *Your intelligence - enlightened by Faith -* (cont. on pg. 3)

**Holy Hour for Men** will be Sunday, July 11, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All men are invited!

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*Thank you, Fr. Kasel*



## Prayer for Priests by St. Teresa of Avila

"O my Most Sweet Jesus, O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, keep Thy priests in the shelter of Thy Sacred Heart, where no one can hurt them. Keep their anointed hands unsullied, which daily handle Thy Sacred Body. Keep pure the lips which are reddened with Thy Precious Blood. Keep pure and unworldly their hearts which are sealed with the sublime token of Thy glorious Priesthood. Cause them to grow in love and loyalty to Thee and protect them from the contamination of the world. With their power of transforming bread and wine, give them the power of transforming hearts. Bless their work with rich fruit and grant them one day the crown of Eternal Life. Amen."

## Daily Offering to the Father - by St Gertrude the Great (1256-1302)

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Holy Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.



## Missionary Cooperation Plan-Weekend of July 10/11

### Dear Parishioners:

Each summer we have a special second collection to assist in developing mission program in another country. This summer we have been asked to show our support for the Diocese of Kitui and the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis missionary cooperation plan. Our parishes have shown great support for this cause over the years, but this year, we have been asked to take increase our understanding of this mission.

The weekend of July 10/11, I will offer a sermon on the Kitui mission program and our relationship with our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Kitui. My sermon will be in lieu of the annual missionary appeal conducted by a visiting priest. Our solidarity partnership with the Diocese of Kitui began in 2004, as both dioceses responded to God's call to enter into a relationship based on recognition of our communion in the Body of Christ. Half of the funds raised through this year's missionary appeal will be allocated to the general operating budget of the Diocese of Kitui to help offset losses experienced by the Covid-19 pandemic. Remaining funds will be allocated according to need to help purchase water tanks and construct dams to help increase access to water in the Diocese of Kitui, which covers an arid and semi-arid rural region that often battles drought and famine, and to support the general and administrative work of the partnership. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

In Christ through Mary,

*Fr. Kasel*

## WEEKLY TITHING for June 26-27, 2021

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,676.00
Plate:	\$ 584.53
EFT:	\$ 582.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,843.03</b>

Peter's Pence Collection: \$ 256.00

## Dear Parishioners,

The Schoenstatt Sisters will be offering a girl's camp using the Church of St. Michael facilities from July 19-22.

If you are interested in signing up your girls (age 8 – 14), here is the link for more information/registration for Camp:

<https://form.jotform.com/210976033590052>

Please note: there will be no protocols in place!

Let me know if you have any questions.

God bless your day!

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## PRO LIFE QUOTES

"The one who accepted 'Life' in the name of all and for the sake of all was Mary, the Virgin Mother; she is thus most closely and personally associated with the Gospel of life. Mary's consent at the Annunciation and her motherhood stand at the very beginning of the mystery of life which Christ came to bestow on humanity (cf. Jn 10:10). Through her acceptance and loving care for the life of the Incarnate Word, human life has been rescued from condemnation to final and eternal death."



"For this reason, Mary, 'like the Church of which she is the type, is a mother of all who are reborn to life. She is in fact the mother of the Life by which everyone lives, and when she brought it forth from herself she in some way brought to rebirth all those who were to live by that Life.'"

Mary, the mother of God, is the "incomparable model of how life should be welcomed and cared for."

"A great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun," (Rev 12:1): the motherhood of Mary and the Church."

—March 25, 1995: Gospel of Life, #102 by St. John Paul II

## †ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT†

### Can you spend an hour with Jesus?

Adoration is held at St. Paul, Zumbrota on Tuesdays 9am-5pm and St. Michael, Pine Island on Wednesdays from 9am-5pm.



**Pine Island Food Shelf:** The items requested for July: Peanut Butter & Jelly.

## HOLY MASS TIMES

### Wednesday, July 7, 2021

9:00am Holy Mass (Please note time change)

9:35am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Friday, July 9, 2021

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

### Saturday, July 10, 2021

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

### Sunday, July 11, 2021

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>July 7, 2021</b>	Peter Maina
<b>July 9, 2021</b>	Sara McNamara (J. Meyer)
<b>July 10, 2021</b>	Thanksgiving
<b>July 11, 2021</b>	(EF)Sheila Buehler
<b>July 11, 2021</b>	Parishioners





# CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

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*(From Father Kasel...from pg. 1) shows you the way clearly. It can also point out the difference between following that way heroically or stupidly. Above all, it places before you the Divine Greatness and beauty of the undertakings the Trinity leaves in our hands. Your feelings, on the other hand, become attached to everything you despise, even while you consider it despicable. It seems as if a thousand trifles were awaiting the least opportunity, and as soon as your poor will is weakened through physical tiredness or lack of supernatural outlook, those little things flock together and pile up in your imagination, until they form a mountain that oppresses and discourages you. Things such as the rough edges of your work; your resistance to obedience; the lack of proper means; the false attractions of an easy life; greater or smaller but repugnant temptations; bouts of sensuality; tiredness; the bitter taste of spiritual mediocrity... and sometimes also fear - fear because you know God wants you to be a saint, and you are not a saint. Allow me to talk to you bluntly. You have more than enough 'reasons' to turn back, and you lack the resolution to correspond to the grace that He grants you, since He has called you to be another Christ, 'ipse Christus'! - Christ Himself. You have forgotten the Lord's admonition to the Apostle: 'My grace is enough for you', which is confirmation that, if you want to, you can. (J. Escriva, Furrow, 166) My grace is sufficient for you. Our Lord says these words directly to each one of us so that we should be filled with fortitude and with hope when we see the trials that await us. Our very weakness will help us to rejoice at Christ's power; it will teach us to love and to feel the need to be always very close to Jesus. Our very failures, our unfulfilled plans, will lead us to exclaim: *When I am weak, then I am strong*, for Christ is with me.*

Whenever we are beset by greater temptations, setbacks or weariness, the devil will try to make us stray from the path by causing a lack of trust and discouragement to creep into our soul. This is why today we must learn the lesson St. Paul wants to teach us: it is at such times that Christ is especially present to us and ready to help us; we have just to turn to Him. Then we too will be able to say with the Apostle: *For the sake of Christ, then, I am content to put up with weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.*

**Means we should use in times of temptation:** It would be rash to desire temptation or to provoke it, but it would also be wrong to be afraid of temptation, as though Our Lord were not going to give us His help to overcome it. We can confidently apply to ourselves the words of the Psalm: *For He will give His Angels charge of you, to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Because he cleaves to Me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows My name. When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.* (Psalm 91:11 et. seq.)

At the same time, Our Lord asks us to be prepared for temptation and to use all the means at our disposal to (cont. on pg. 4)

## WEEKLY TITHING for June 27, 2021

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 710.00
Plate:	\$ 556.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,266.00</b>

Peter's Pence Collection: \$ 234.00

## Save the Date: CCW Salad Luncheon August 11, 2021

The Annual CCW Salad Luncheon will be held  
Wednesday, August 11th from 11am - 1pm at the  
Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota!



## WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"O Blood and Water which gushed from the Heart of Jesus as a font of mercy for us, I trust in You!" St. Faustina Kowalska  
"By the effusion of His Holy Blood, [He] has given so great efficacy and strength to the Holy Sacraments of His Church, that when we receive any one of them, we shall be sprinkled and made clean by the virtue of His Precious Blood." St. John Fisher  
"We must let it be known how the Blood of Christ cleanses the souls and sanctifies them, particularly by means of the Sacraments." St. Gaspar del Bufalo  
"We are living in times in which the Divine Blood must cleanse the entire world." St. Gaspar del Bufalo

**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 possession. Amen.



## Prayer for Independence Day (July 4)

O God, source and giver of freedom, this day is joyful in the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue the good work you began in the founding of our country so long ago. Make our vision of Your Divine Will clear and our own will strong in following You: so that, through trust in You and in human solidarity we may preserve liberty and justice in our land. Turn our hearts toward our fellow citizens and persons of other nations, that we may strive to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ with others, offer friendship and good will, and find safety in Your great goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HOLY MASS TIMES

### Tuesday, July 6, 2021

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

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

### Thursday, July 8, 2021

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

### Sunday, July 11, 2021

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

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

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

July 6, 2021	†Fabian Des Jardins (Anne Varner)
July 8, 2021	†Adrienne Nodland (Byron & Barb Boraas)
July 11, 2021	Parishioners



## NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 3) overcome it: prayer and voluntary mortifications; fleeing from the occasions of sin, for *whoever loves danger will perish by it* (Sir. 3:26); leading a life of hard and constant work, carrying out the duties of our work in an exemplary manner and simply changing our activity in order to rest; fostering a great horror for every sin, however small it may seem; and, above all, making a real effort to increase within ourselves our love for Christ and for Our Lady.

We are putting up an effective struggle when we open our soul in spiritual direction whenever we are tempted to be unfaithful. *To speak about it is already almost to overcome it. He who reveals his own temptations to his spiritual director can be certain that God grants his director the grace he needs to direct him well... We should never think that temptation is overcome by settling down to argue with it, or even by attacking it head-on... As soon as it presents itself to us we should turn away from it and direct our glance towards Our Lord, who lives within us and fights at our side, Who Himself has conquered sin; let us embrace Him in an act of humble submission to His Will, of accepting that cross of temptation..., of trust in Him and of Faith in His closeness to us, at the same time making an act of supplication that He may transmit His strength to us. In this way temptation will lead us to prayer, to union with God and with Christ; it will not be loss, but rather gain. In everything God works for good with those who love Him (Rom. 8:28).* (B. Baur, *In Silence with God*)

From our trials, our tribulations and temptations we can draw out much good, for in undergoing them we will show Our Lord that we need Him and that we love Him. They will set us on fire with love and increase all the virtues within us, for a bird flies not only by the impulse of its wings, but also by the lift and resistance of the air: in some way we have need of obstacles and setbacks in order that our

### Thank you

I thank all of the parishioners at St. Paul and St. Michael for their prayerful support over these past three years. I thank you for your reception, gifts and cards as I start my new position at Holy Trinity as Parochial Administrator. I look forward to seeing you whenever Fr. Kasel asks me to help and I am able to. God bless you and your faithfulness.

Fr. McCabe

**Holy Mass Attendance Dispensation Lifts:** Archbishop Hebda is ending the temporary dispensation from attendance at Holy Mass as of July 1. Beginning July 3-4, all Catholics over the age of reason are obligated to attend Holy Mass on Sunday (or Saturday eve) under consequence of guilt for a mortal sin. The usual exceptions of illness, severe weather, caring for sick children, or other serious conditions, still apply. Jesus desires to see you at Holy Mass!

love may grow. The greater the resistance to any progress along our way provided by our surroundings or by our own weakness, the more help and grace God will give us. And our Mother in Heaven will always be particularly close to us at those moments of greatest need: we should not fail to seek her motherly protection." (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, Immaculate Conception, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God grant us the gift of prayer! In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

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