

March 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This Sunday we enter the Third full week of our Lenten Season.

How are your Lenten sacrifices assisting your interior life? Hopefully, you are experiencing fruitful self-denial and growing in acts of service toward God and neighbor!

I also hope you find your Lenten practices to be challenging. Sacrifices that challenge one to change a bad habit or grow into a good habit are rewarding. Furthermore, challenging sacrifices can yield spiritual fruit and lead to experiences of joyful gratitude to God! In other words, the blessing of discipline during Lent leads to the joy of Easter!

This week I share with you a sermon by St. John Chrysostom, bishop, (b. 344 - d.407) on the rewards and importance of a daily habit of prayer.

“Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illumined by his infinite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods but continuous throughout the day and night.

Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God, not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God and call him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God’s love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe. Throughout the whole of our lives we may enjoy the benefit that comes from prayer if we devote a great deal of time to it.

Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, mediating between God and man. The spirit, raised up to heaven by prayer, clings to God with the utmost tenderness; like a child crying tearfully for its mother, it craves the milk that God provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires, and receives gifts outweighing the whole world of nature.

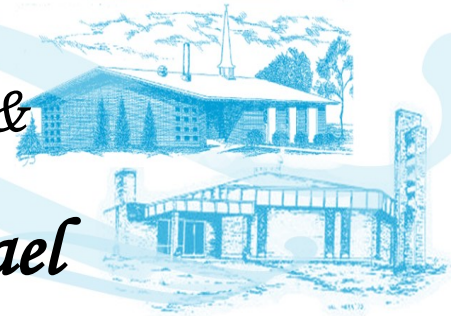
Prayer stands before God as an honored ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayer, not words. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God’s grace. The apostle Paul says: *We do not know how we are to pray but the Spirit himself pleads for us with inexpressible longings.* (Rom 8:26)

When the Lord gives this kind of prayer to a man, he gives him riches that cannot be taken away, heavenly food that satisfies the spirit. One who tastes this food is set on fire with an eternal longing for the Lord: his spirit burns as in a fire of utmost intensity. Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds. Adorn

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

it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity. Crown it with the pinnacle of prayer. In this way you will make it a perfect dwelling place for the Lord. You will be able to receive him as in a splendid palace, and through his grace you will already possess him, his image enthroned in the temple of your spirit.”

Through the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless us with the graces we each need to grow in holiness this Lenten Season!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

Church of St. Paul St. Patrick's Ham Dinner
and Silent Auction on Sunday, March 19, 2023
from 10:30am-1:00pm at VFW, Zumbrota. Details on page 3.

The Church of St. Michael Men's Club Fish Fries
4:30pm-7:00pm each Friday of Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

Each Tuesday of Lent at 6:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

Each Friday of Lent at 7:30pm

The next **Holy Hour for Men** will be on Sunday, March 12, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on “Lent: A time of Penance and Prayer for the Church.” 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.

Consecrated Virgin from our parishes!

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation, March 25, 2023, one of our parishioners, Miss Lynn Marie Therese Kemmetmueller, will be consecrated into the Order of Virgins along with three other women in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis by Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda. This is an Archdiocesan event, and open to the public! The Holy Mass will be at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis beginning at 11am. The Serra Club will lead the Holy Rosary at 10:15. A light reception will follow at the Basilica. If you would like to attend the reception, please RSVP to eccefiat325@gmail.com with number attending. We plan to offer a special Holy Hour of prayer support for Lynn and the women to be consecrated the week before the event.

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!



ARCHDIOCESAN EVANGELIZATION PRAYER

Holy Spirit, renew your wonders in our time, as though in a new Pentecost, and grant that this Archdiocese, united in prayer around Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Peter, may spread the Kingdom of the divine Savior, a Kingdom of truth, of justice, of love, and of peace. Amen. Saint Paul, our great missionary patron, pray for us!

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture

UNSHAKEABLE FOUNDATIONS: Boethius and the Scandal of Bad Fortune by: John Cuddeback, Ph.D.

If there really is a God, how can such bad things happen all around us, and sometimes to us? The 6th-century Christian philosopher Boethius, like us, wrestles with this critical question. In the end, he discovers the astounding truth of how even here, indeed especially here, God is ordering all things for our good. The real question is: what will be our response?

Event Details: Tuesday, March 14, Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM EST Lecture: 8:00PM EST Registration is required. Visit: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/unshakeable-foundations/>

Open Window Theatre Play

The original Open Window Theatre saint drama that started it all. This critically acclaimed play is back for its 10-year anniversary this Lent!

Mercy Unrelenting tells the remarkable true story of the young Italian martyr, St. Maria Goretti. The play starts on June 23rd, 1950, the eve of Maria's canonization as a saint of the Catholic Church, a ceremony that attracted an unprecedented half-a-million people to Rome. In light of renewed interest in the story, controversies around her canonization, and rumors of an astounding miracle in the life of Maria's killer, an ambitious female journalist arrives at an obscure monastery seeking answers from the mouth of the reclusive murderer himself. Difficult questions lead to unexpected answers, forcing both of them to confront the demons of their past. This play runs Thursday through Sunday every weekend from February 24 through March 26.

Content Advisory: Intense subject matter and stage violence. **Recommended age:** 13+. **Minimum age:** 4.

WEEKLY TITHING March 4-5, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 5,638.00
Plate:	\$ 1,415.15
EFT:	\$ 2,335.00
Total:	\$ 9,388.15

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

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

March 17, 24, & 31

Both baked & fried fish will be offered!

Prices:

Adults-\$13.00, Children 5-12-\$6.00,

Family maximum \$45.00

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:30pm

Congratulations to:

Matthew & Sarah Keller on the baptism of their son

Thomas Sheen Keller on March 4, 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!*

PRO LIFE QUOTE:

"God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes." Second Vatican Council, Church in the Modern World, #51



To be actively pro-life is to contribute to the renewal of society through the promotion of the common good. It's impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop. St. John Paul II

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for March: Baking Items- baking soda or powder, cocoa, cornstarch, spices

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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

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

Friday, March 17, 2023

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

Saturday, March 18, 2023

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, March 19, 2023

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

March 15, 2023 †John Tazell (Barbara Tazell)

March 17, 2023 †Paul Aurit (Bill & Pam Beaulieu)

March 18, 2023 †Charlene Merten (Gary Kasel family)

March 19, 2023 †Ruth Hanson (Paul & Mary Sutton)

March 19, 2023 Parishioners



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Stations of the Cross at the Church of St. Paul:

Each Tuesday of Lent at 6:00pm

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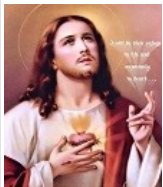
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SILENT AUCTION

Calling all parishioners! We are looking for silent auction baskets and items for our silent auction fundraiser held during **St. Patrick's Ham Dinner**. Any type of items, including religious items, gift cards/certificates, homemade or purchased items, will be appreciated. Please drop off any items at the parish office. *Thank you for your generosity.*



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 (+1937), also known as 'Conchita', was a wife, mother, widow and mystic. She was the first Mexican laywoman to be beatified.*

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.

WEEKLY TITHING March 5, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,155.00
Plate:	\$ 11.00
EFT:	\$ 1,815.00
Total:	\$ 2,981.00

St. Patrick's Ham Dinner at the Zumbrota VFW

March 19 at the Zumbrota VFW, serving from 10:30am - 1:00pm

Available for Dine-In & Take Out

Prices: Adults: \$14.00, Children 6-12: \$6.00, Under 6: free



Please sign up to give donations and also to volunteer your time for the event. The sign-up board is at the entrance of the Church. You may also email at stpauls@hcinet.net or call the Parish Office at 732-5324 to sign up.

For those who wish to give a cash donation, there is a box and envelopes located by the entrance of the Church or you may drop your donation in the collection basket.

*Food items can be dropped off at the Church of St Paul on Saturday from 10am-3pm or at the VFW Sunday from 8-9am. Workers should check the sign-up board for times to arrive to help. Buffet servers should arrive at 10am.

If you have any questions, contact the Ham Dinner committee members: Shirley Gregory & Linda Kazmierczak, Karen Hodgman & Gene Leifeld, Steve & Mary Kingsbury, and Fr. Kasel

Thank you in advance for your willingness to make this endeavor a success!



WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"God had one Son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering." St. Augustine

"As iron is fashioned by fire and on the anvil, so in the fire of suffering and under the weight of trials, our souls receive that form which our Lord desires them to have." St. Madeline Sophie Barat

"When it is all over you will not regret having suffered; rather you will regret having suffered so little, and suffered that little so badly." St. Sebastian Valfre

"Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you, remember Christ Crucified and be silent." St. John of the Cross

"In difficult moments, I will fix my gaze upon the silent Heart of Jesus stretched on the Cross, and from the exploding flames of His merciful Heart, will flow down upon me power and strength to keep fighting." St. Faustina

"The road is narrow. He who wishes to travel it more easily must cast off all things and use the cross as his cane. In other words, he must be truly resolved to suffer willingly for the Love of God in all things." St. John of the Cross

"The Passion of Christ is the greatest and most stupendous work of Divine Love. The greatest and most overwhelming work of God's Love." St. Paul of the Cross

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

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

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

Thursday, March 16, 2023

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

Sunday, March 19, 2023

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

March 14, 2023

Maria Nguyen

March 16, 2023

†Roy & Gloria Bradley

March 19, 2023

Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

Bi-Parish Mission: Plan now to attend Bi-Parish Mission, by Fr. David Gunter, MIC in the evenings of May 8-10, 2023. Fr. Gunter will also speak at all the Holy Masses on May 6 and 7. More details to follow.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Tuesday, March 14, from 12pm to 6pm at the Zumbrota VFW. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCross.org and enter Zumbrota, MN to schedule an appointment. When you donate in March you will receive a \$10 prepaid Visa card by email.

Kitui Living Water Program- Lent 2023

Give Change... Change Lives

Here we are at another season of Lent! Water bottles are again available to support our Partnership of Kitui with much-needed water. Each time you turn your faucet on to take a drink of water, remember there is a child or persons who may be dying because of lack of water. *Questions regarding the Kitui Partnership may be directed to the Parish Office.*

Catholic Services Appeal 2023

For the Love of Christ Impels Us...to Believe in the Power of Giving

Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal supports an array of ministries that include pro-life, seminarian support, Catholic education, services to those most in need and Synod evangelistic priorities in the building up of our local church. Please prayerfully consider making a gift that will impact the lives of so many people throughout the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis through your abundant generosity. To learn more about the Catholic Services Appeal please visit the CSAF website: csafspm.org.

Youth Group Event! All Youth, Grades 7-12, are invited for a prayer, food, and game night Wednesday, **March 15**, 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! God bless 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.

Catholic Watchmen Men's Conference: Men of Faith Walking Together – Raising the Bar

Saturday, March 18, 9am-3pm, All Saints Catholic Church, Lakeville. Men are invited to this conference with keynote speaker Devin Schadt, Executive Director of The Fathers of St. Joseph. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will celebrate Mass beginning at 9:15 a.m. Walk-in registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Cost includes speakers, workshops, adoration, lunch and more. Register online at secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=NYiyxd.

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