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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The month of August is dedicated to devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us ask our good Lord and St. Joseph for the grace to know and understand the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to place our trust in our Blessed Mother's loving intercession! This Sunday I share with you a meditation on the today's Solemnity, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Heaven, Body and Soul. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

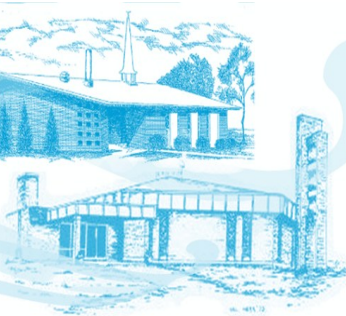
**"The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Since the fifth century the Church has held implicitly the belief in the Assumption of the Blessed Mother, body and soul, into heaven. It can be deduced from the Liturgy, from pious documents and the writing of the Fathers and the Doctors of the Church. The dogma was promulgated by Pius XII on November 1, 1950.

**Mary is taken into Heaven body and soul. Consideration of the Fourth Glorious Mystery of the Holy Rosary:** *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed.* (Gen. 3:15) Thus appears the Virgin Mary associated with Christ the Redeemer in the fight against and triumph over Satan. This is the message of the first book of Sacred Scripture, the Divine Plan Providence prepared from all eternity to save us. In the last book we find the admirable scene: *A great sign appeared in Heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head.* (Entrance Antiphon: Rev. 12:1) The Virgin Mary enters, body and soul, into Heaven after finishing her life among us. The Mother of God arrives to be crowned Queen of the Universe. *So will the king desire your beauty* (Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 44:12), we proclaim in the Responsorial Psalm of the Holy Mass today.

The Apostle John was surely a witness of Mary's passage to Heaven, since the Lord had entrusted her to him, and he would not have been absent at that time. In his Gospel, however, he says nothing concerning Our Lady's last moments on earth. He who spoke of Jesus' death on Golgotha with so much clarity and force, is silent when it is a matter concerning the one he cared for as his own mother, the Mother of Jesus and of all men. (M. D. Philippe, *Mystery of Mary*, Madrid 1986) Witnessed firsthand, it must have been like a sweet dream: *Thou art she who, as it is written, appearest in beauty, and thy virginal body is all holy, all chaste, entirely the dwelling place of God, so that it is henceforth completely exempt from dissolution into dust. Though still human, it's life is changed into the heavenly life of incorruptibility, truly living and glorious, undamaged, and sharing in perfect life* (St. Germanus of Constantinople, *Homilies about the Virgin*, 1), an ancient writer relates. *At the end of her earthly life, she is taken up into heavenly glory, body and soul.* (Pius XII, Apostolic Constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1 November 1950) There, her glorious Son Jesus awaits her, just as she contemplated Him after the Resurrection. With Divine Power, God saw to the preservation of the integrity of Mary's body. He preserves her perfect unity and complete harmony, without permitting the least alteration. Our Lady wins *the supreme crown of her privileges, to be exempt from the corruption of the tomb. Overcoming death as her Son conquered it previously, she is raised body and soul to heavenly glory.* (*ibid.*) The integral harmony of the Marian privileges points to it. We often contemplate the Assumption of Our Lady in the Fourth Glorious Mystery of the Holy Rosary: *The mother of God has fallen*

## 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

*asleep... but Jesus wants to have His Mother, body and soul, in Heaven. And the heavenly court, arrayed in all its splendor, greets our Lady. You and I - children after all - take the train of Mary's magnificent blue cloak, and so we can watch the marvelous scene. The most Blessed Trinity receives and showers honors on the Daughter, Mother and Spouse of God... and so great is the Lady's majesty that the Angels exclaim: Who is she? (J. Escriva, Holy Rosary) We too, full of admiration, rejoice with the Angels, and we congratulate her on her feast day. And we feel proud to be sons and daughters of so great a Lady. Popular piety in Marian art frequently represents the Virgin in the midst of clouds borne aloft by the angels. St. Thomas Aquinas sees, in these angelic interventions on behalf of those who have left the earth and are already on the way to Heaven, a manifestation of the reverence the Angels and all creatures render glorified bodies. (cf. St. Thomas, *Summa Theologiae*, Suppl., 84, 1) In the case of Our Lady, all that we can imagine is little, nothing, even, compared with the way it must have been in reality. St. Teresa tells how she once had a vision of the glorified hand of Our Lord. Afterwards, the saint said, five hundred thousand suns reflecting in the clearest crystal were as a sad and dark night in comparison. How would the gaze of Christ be? One day, if we are faithful, we will contemplate Jesus and Mary, whom we have invoked so many times in this life.*

**The Blessed Mother intercedes from Heaven and provides for her children:** *Today the virgin Mother of God is taken up into Heaven to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way.* (Roman Missal, Preface of the Assumption)

Let us look at Our Lady, already taken up into (continued on page 3)

**Join us for a Rosary procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sunday, August 17 - 11:30am,** after the 10:30am Holy Mass, at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Hospitality will follow the procession.



The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be Sunday, August 24, at 6pm at the Church of St. Michael. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on: *Artificial Intelligence and you: issues emerging with AI.* All women are invited!

## CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

### Youth Discipleship Week—August 27, 28, 29

**8:30 am to Noon at the Church of St. Michael**

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**Youth Group Event!** All Youth, Grades 7-12, are invited for a prayer, food, and game night Wednesday, **August 20**, 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!

### With Mary, seek the Glory of God:

"The burning zeal for God's glory that motivates you fills my heart with joy. It is sad for us to see in our own time that indifferentism in its many forms is spreading like an epidemic not only among the laity but also among religious. But God is worthy of glory beyond measure, and therefore it is of absolute and supreme importance to seek that glory with all the power of our feeble resources. Since we are mere creatures we can never return to Him all that is His due.

The most resplendent manifestation of God's glory is the salvation of souls, whom Christ redeemed by shedding His Blood. To work for the salvation and sanctification of as many souls as possible, therefore, is the preeminent purpose of the apostolic life. Let me, then, say a few words that may show the way toward achieving God's glory and the sanctification of many souls.

God, who is all-knowing and all-wise, knows best what we should do to increase His glory. Through His representatives on earth He continually reveals His Will to us; thus it is obedience and obedience alone that is the sure sign to us of the Divine Will. A superior may, it is true, make a mistake; but it is impossible for us to be mistaken in obeying a superior's command. The only exception to this rule is the case of a superior commanding something that in even the slightest way would contravene God's Law. Such a superior would not be conveying God's Will.

God alone is infinitely wise, holy, merciful, our Lord, Creator, and Father; He is beginning and end, wisdom and power and Love; He is all. Everything other than God has value to the degree that it is referred to Him, the maker of all and our own redeemer, the final end of all things. It is He who, declaring His adorable Will to us through His representatives on earth, draws us to Himself and whose plan is to draw others to Himself through us and to join us all to Himself in an ever-deepening love.

Look, then, at the high dignity that by God's Mercy belongs to our state in life. Obedience raises us beyond the limits of our littleness and puts us in harmony with God's Will. In boundless wisdom and care, His Will guides us to act rightly. Holding fast to that Will, which no creature can thwart, we are filled with unsurpassable strength.

Obedience is the one and the only way of wisdom and prudence for us to offer glory to God. If there were another, Christ would certainly have shown it to us by word and example. Scripture, however, summed up His entire life at Nazareth in the words: *He was subject to them*; Scripture set obedience as the theme of the rest of His life, repeatedly declaring that He came into the world to do His Father's Will.

Let us love our loving Father with all our hearts. Let our obedience increase that love, above all when it requires us to surrender our own will. Jesus Christ crucified is our sublime guide toward growth in God's Love.

We will learn this lesson more quickly through the Immaculate Virgin, whom God has made the dispenser of His Mercy. It is beyond all doubt that Mary's will represents to us the Will of God Himself. By dedicating ourselves to her we become in her hands instruments of God's Mercy even as she was such an instrument in God's hands. We should let ourselves be guided and led by Mary and rest quiet and secure in her hands. She will watch out for us, provide for us, answer our needs of body and spirit; she will dissolve all our difficulties and worries." (From the writings of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr)

**Pine Island Food Shelf:** items requested for August: **Paper Products:** toilet paper, kleenex, paper towels

### WEEKLY TITHING August 9-10, 2025

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 4,531.00
Plate:	\$ 383.50
EFT:	\$ 960.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,874.50</b>

### CHURCH OF St. Michael FAITH FORMATION:

**Faith Formation classes/sessions** will start on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Registration form and calendar were emailed to your family or you can pick up registration form at the entrance of the Church. If you didn't receive one and wish to register your children, or have not previously attended our Faith Formation program but are interested in participating, please contact the Church office by calling 507-356-4280 or email [stmichae-loffice@bevcomm.net](mailto:stmichae-loffice@bevcomm.net).

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of *Delores Archer* (parishioner), who passed away August 6, 2025. *'Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.'*



**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Cream Social:** All are invited to attend the Annual Ice Cream Social, Sunday, August 17, from 1:00 - 4:00pm at the historic Church of St. Rose (8778 Cty. Hwy 11 Blvd, Kenyon, MN, 55946). Enjoy ice cream and treats while listening to live Dixieland Jazz. The event includes a homemade quilt raffle and scavenger hunt. Walt Rothwell, co-chair of the Irish Genealogical Society, will give a presentation about Irish immigration to Minnesota. We greatly appreciate your support of this historic site. [contact\\_us@friendsofstrose.org](mailto:contact_us@friendsofstrose.org) [www.friendsofstrose.org](http://www.friendsofstrose.org)

### RECOVER SUNDAY AS A DAY FOR THE LORD AND FAMILY:

#### The 12 themes of how to reclaim Sundays

To kick off Synod Year III—*Parents as Primary Educators of Their Children in the Ways of the Faith*—the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is pleased to publish *'Reclaiming Sundays: Recover Sunday as a Day for the Lord and Family.'* The guide lays out monthly themes and practical suggestions for families to build lasting habits and anchor their week in a joyful, prayerful and restful observance of Sunday, and helps inform and inspire parents to understand and fulfill their responsibility as the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Find the monthly guide at: <https://missionsupport.archspm.org/resources/reclaiming-sundays-monthly-guide-pdf/>

### Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series:

**WITNESSES IN BLOOD:** *African Martyrs of the Modern World*

Details: Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30pm EST Lecture: 8:00pm EST

Instructor: Rev. David Anderson Registration is required.

Visit: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/witnesses-in-blood>

### HOLY MASS TIMES

#### Wednesday, August 20, 2025

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

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

#### Friday, August 22, 2025 Memorial of Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

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

6:30pm Latin Holy Mass

#### Saturday, August 23, 2025

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

#### Sunday, August 24, 2025

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

**August 20, 2025**

† Nancy Otto

**August 22, 2025**

Matt & Jennifer Thornwall

**August 22, 2025**

Dan & Barb Kasel & families

**August 23, 2025**

† Sarah Murray (Betty Clemens & family)

**August 24, 2025**

Charles Anderson

**August 24, 2025**

Parishioners





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(*From Father Kasel*, from page 1) Heaven. *Just as a traveler, gazing out to contemplate a vast panorama, seeks some human figure in his surroundings to bring the distant objects into perspective, so do we look towards God with amazement, but can identify and welcome a purely human figure at the side of His throne. A ship has finished its passage, a destiny has been fulfilled, a human perfection has existed. Through her, His masterpiece, we see God's relations with humanity more clearly and with greater insight.* (R. A. Knox, *Sermon on the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady*, 15 August 1954)

Our Lady's privileges are related to her Motherhood and, as such, with our redemption too. Taken into Heaven, Mary is an image and forerunner of the Church, still on the way towards Eternal Life. From Heaven, *she shines forth until the day of the Lord shall come, as a sure sign of hope and solace for the people of God during its sojourn on earth.* (Second Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium*, 68) *By the mystery of the Assumption into Heaven, there were definitively accomplished in Mary all the effects of the one mediation of Christ the Redeemer of the world and Risen Lord... In the mystery of the Assumption is expressed the Faith of the Church, according to which Mary 'is united by a close and indissoluble bond to Christ'.* (St. John Paul II, *Encyclical, Redemptoris Mater*, 25 March 1987) She is the assurance and proof that, as her children, we will one day be in our glorified bodies beside the glorious Christ. Our aspiration to eternal life gains impetus as we meditate on our heavenly Mother above. She sees and watches over us, with a look full of tenderness (cf. St. Paul VI, *Address*, 15 August 1963), with more love the greater our need. *She also has the specifically motherly role of mediatrix of mercy 'at the final coming'.* (St. John Paul II, *loc. cit.*)

She is our great advocate before God most High. Truly, life on earth is a *valley of tears*, we are called to make sacrifices and to endure suffering. Above all though, we are not in Heaven yet. At the same time, the Lord gives us many joys, and we have the hope of Heaven so that we may look ahead with optimism. Mary is one of our reasons for happiness. She is *our life, our sweetness, and our hope*: We feel the affection of our Mother in our lives as Christians. We tell her, *Turn, then, your eyes of mercy toward us...* Like her Son, she is full of mercy and compassion. She never withholds her helping hand from anyone who turns to her for help: *Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection...* (Prayer of St. Bernard) May we make ever more of an effort to seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, Queen of Heaven and earth. May we fly to her, *Refuge of sinners*, and say to her: *Show to us Jesus*, Whom we are in need of above all else.

For those who look to Mary in every circumstance, with the simplicity and confidence of a child before his mother, there is great security and joy. A Father of the Church writes: *Just as the Virgin Mary was a most docile instrument in the hands of the Lord, I desire greatly to be subject to her service. Grant me this request Jesus, God and Son of man, Lord of all creation and Son of your Handmaid. Allow me to serve your Mother in such a way that You will acknowledge me as your servant. May she be my sovereign on earth, so that You may be my Lord for all Eternity.* (St. Ildephonsus of Toledo, *On the Perpetual Virginity of Holy Mary*, 12) We need to examine the quality of our daily dealings with her. *If you feel proud to be a* (continued on page 4)

## WEEKLY TITHING August 10, 2025

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,405.00
Plate:	\$ 107.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,512.00</b>

## Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

(Devotion for the month of August)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of God our Father, You are the most beloved Heavenly treasure: the New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body; preserved from Original Sin and all sin by the Divine Favor of your Holy Spouse, the Holy Spirit, you are the spiritual Mother of the Children of God.

O Most Pure Virgin, Full of Grace, your whole being, body and soul, was raised Heaven, to be elevated above all the Angels within the Kingdom of God. O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, you who continuously intercede on our behalf, please present my need before your loving Son Jesus (*make your request here*). O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you unfailingly presents my needs to Jesus, for you have never turned away those in who call upon you! Dearest Mother, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine Will of our Heavenly Father, for all glory belongs to Him forever and ever. Amen.

## WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." St. Francis de Sales "If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady, just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit, this prayer has never failed me." St.

*Mother Teresa*

"Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." *St. Francis de Sales*

"May the mother of Jesus and our mother, always smile on your spirit, obtaining for it, from her most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing." *St. Padre Pio*

"In trial or difficulty, I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear." *St. Therese of Lisieu*

**Zumbrota Lions Club Pancake Breakfast** at Zumbrota VFW, on Sunday, August 24, at 8am-12noon. Free will donations accepted. A portion of Proceeds to support the Zumbrota projects

## St. Paul Seminary Catechetical Institute is coming to our area!

The Church of St. Joseph in Red Wing will be a virtual host site for the Catechetical Institute Pillars Program, starting in Fall 2025. All adults are encouraged to participate. This is a great opportunity for adult faith formation! Go to <http://www.cistudent.com/> for more details and to register.

**PRO-LIFE QUOTES:** "If the bringing of children into the world is today an economic bur-den, it is because the social system is inadequate; and not because God's law is wrong. Therefore the State should remove the causes of that burden. The human must not be limited and controlled to fit the economic, but the economic must be expanded to fit the human." *Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

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

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

### Thursday, August 21, 2025

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

### Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

**August 19, 2025**

†Holy Souls in Purgatory

**August 21, 2025**

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**August 24, 2025**

Parishioners



# NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 3) *Son of Our Lady, ask yourself: How often do I express my devotion to the Virgin Mary during the day, from morning until night?* (J. Escriva, *The Forge*, 433) - the *Angelus*, the *Holy Rosary*, the three *Hail Mary's* before going to bed...

## Our Lady's Assumption, hope of our own glorious resurrection:

*Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary; she carried the Son of the Eternal Father. (Communion Antiphon for the Vigil Mass: cf. Luke 11:27)* The Assumption of Mary is a wonderful precursor of our own resurrection. It is made possible through Christ's rising from the dead. He will *refashion the body of our lowliness, and conform it to the Body of His glory.* (Phil. 3:21) St. Paul also reminds us in the Second Reading of the Holy Mass: *As death came through one man (through the sin of Adam), through the one man Christ has the resurrection also come. Through Him, all things will be restored to life, but each one in its proper order. Christ as the first fruit, and then after the coming of Christ, those who belong to Christ. After that will come the end, when He delivers the Kingdom to God the Father.* (1 Cor. 15:20-26) The Apostle writes here of Christ's coming. *In the unique case of the Blessed Mother, shouldn't it be fulfilled 'immediately' when her earthly life ends? Life for all mankind ends in death. In the case of Mary, Tradition more aptly refers to it as the dormition. 'Assumpta est Maria in caelum, gaudent Angeli! Et gaudet Ecclesia!'* For us, the solemnity today is like a continuation of Easter, the Resurrection and Ascension of the Lord. It is, at the same time, a sign and source of Hope for Eternal Life and the future Resurrection. (St. John Paul II, *Address*, 15 August 1980) Today on the Solemnity, our petitions are full of confidence. *Our Advocate rose up to Heaven, so she will arrange for our salvation as Mother of the Judge, the Mother of Mercy.* (St. Bernard, *Homily on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, 1) She continually strengthens our Hope. *We are still pilgrims, but our Mother has gone before us, and is already pointing to the reward of our efforts. She reminds us that it is possible to reach it, and that if we are faithful, we will in fact do so.*

## Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven

(Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary, August 22)

O Majestic Queen of Heaven and Mistress of the Holy Angels, thou didst receive from God the power and commission to crush the head of Satan; wherefore we humbly beseech thee, send forth the Holy Legions of Heaven, that, under thy command, they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their insolence, and hurl them back into the pit of hell. O great St. Michael - 'Who is like unto God?', come to our aid at the behest of our Merciful Mother! O good and tender Mother, thou shalt ever be our hope and the object of our love!



O Mother of God, send forth the Holy Angels to defend me and drive far from me the cruel foe! Holy Archangels and Angels, defend us and keep us safe from the traps of our eternal foe!

*The most Holy Virgin is not only our example: She is also 'Help of Christians'. In light of our petition - 'Monstra te esse matrem.' 'Show us that you are our Mother' (Liturgical Hymn 'Ave Maris Stella') - she could not, nor would she ever, deprive her children of her motherly care. 'Cor Maria Dulcissimum, iter para tutum.' 'Most Sweet Heart of Mary, prepare a safe way for your own'. Guide our steps on earth with strength and security in our path on earth. Become for us the path we are to follow, since you know the way and the quick and most direct passage-ways that lead through love of you to the love of Jesus Christ. (J. Escriva, *Christ Is Passing By*, 177-178)" (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez)*

Through the intercession of the Mary, assumed into Heaven, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God grant us the grace of a true devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

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