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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Let us ask the Holy Family for the grace of renewed love for God and one another within families throughout the world! This Sunday we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Lent. I share with you a reflection on the Transfiguration of our Lord. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week: **"From Tabor to Calvary: The important thing is to be always with Jesus. He will help us to progress."**

My heart says to Thee, 'Thy face, Lord, do I seek. Hide not Thy face from me,' we pray in the Entrance Antiphon of today's Holy Mass. (Entrance Antiphon, Ps. 26:8-9) The Gospel tells us what happened on Mount Tabor. Shortly before, in Caesarea Philippi, Jesus had declared to His disciples that He was to undergo suffering in Jerusalem, that He was going to die at the hands of the chief priests, the elders and the Scribes. The Apostles had been saddened and dismayed by this announcement. Now Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John, and He led them apart (cf. Mark 9:2) to pray. (cf. Luke 9:28) They are the three disciples who later will witness His agony in the Garden of Olives. *And as He was praying, the appearance of His countenance was altered, and His raiment became dazzling white.* (Luke 9:29) They saw Him talking to Elijah and Moses who appeared in glory and spoke of His death which He was to accomplish at Jerusalem. (cf. Luke 9:31)

For six days the Apostles had been weighed down by sorrow by the announcement made in Caesarea Philippi. It is Jesus' tenderness that enables them to contemplate His glorification. St. Leo the Great says that, *The principal aim of the Transfiguration was to banish from the disciples' souls the scandal of the Cross.* (St. Leo the Great, Sermon 51, 3) The disciples would never forget this drop of honey that Jesus gave them in the midst of His grief. Many years later, St. Peter would recall these moments in all their clarity: *And the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, 'This is My Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased,' we heard this voice borne from Heaven, for we were with Him on the holy mountain.* (2 Pet. 1:17-18) The Apostle was to remember them for the rest of his life. Jesus always behaves in this way towards His own. In the midst of the greatest sufferings He gives us the consolation we need to keep going forward.

The flash of God's glory transported the disciples into a state of immense happiness. It made St. Peter exclaim: *Master, it is well that we are here, let us make three booths...* Peter wants to make that situation last longer. But, as the Evangelist was to say later, *not knowing what he said*, because what is good, what really matters, is not to be in this place or that, but always to be with Jesus, wherever we are, and to be able to see Him behind all the circumstances in which we may find ourselves. If we are with Him, it is all the same whether we find ourselves surrounded by the greatest consolations in the world, or in a hospital bed suffering indescribable pain. The only thing that matters is that we always see Him and live in His

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

presence. It is the only really good and important thing in this life and in the next. If we remain with Jesus, we will be very close to other people and we will be happy in whatever place or situation we may find ourselves. *Vultum tuum, Domine, requiram.* I want to see You and I will seek Your face, Lord, in the ordinary circumstances of each day.

Often foster the Hope of Heaven, especially in difficult moments:

St. Bede, commenting on today's passage of the Gospel, says that our Lord, *in a loving concession allowed Peter, James and John to enjoy for a very short time the contemplation of the happiness that lasts forever, so as to enable them to bear adversity with greater fortitude.* (St. Bede, Commentary on St. Mark, 8; 30:1, 3) There is no doubt that the memory of those moments beside our Lord on the mountain helped those apostles through many difficult moments in their lives.

Man's existence is a journey towards Heaven, our dwelling place. (cf. 2 Cor. 5:2) It is a journey which is, at times, harsh and laborious because we often have to go against the current of opinion and we will have to struggle against many enemies both inside and outside of ourselves. But God wants to strengthen us with the hope of Heaven, in a special way at the more difficult moments or when the weakness of our condition makes itself more felt. *At the time of temptation think of the Love that awaits you in Heaven: foster the virtue of Hope - this is not a lack of generosity.* (J. Escriva, The Way, 139) *There, all is repose, joy and delight; all serenity and calm, all peace, splendor and light. It is not a light such as we enjoy now, and which, compared with that light, is no more than a lamp placed beside the sun... For there, there is no night, or twilight, heat or cold, or any change in one's way of being, but a state such as can be understood only by those who are worthy to possess it. There, there is no old age, or sickness, or anything allied to* (cont. on pg. 3)

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be on **Sunday, February 28** at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, PI. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, March 3, at 6:30-7:45pm

TOPIC for March: Written On Stone, Chiseled In Your Heart (The Ten Commandments)

Our Life, our Sweetness, our Hope!

"The Kingdom of Mercy would be of no use if there were none who needed mercy; because it would be a kingdom without subjects. "Who are the subjects of mercy," asks St. Bernard, "if not the miserable?" The Kingdom of Mary, Queen of Mercy, is immense, and extends over the whole earth; because the whole earth is full of miseries.

But of all miseries, the greatest is sin; of all who are miserable, the most miserable are sinners. Over these, more than all others, does Mary, the Queen of Mercy, exercise her power and command.

These are the subjects who most of all oppress her heart, and employ all her cares, all her thoughts, and all her authority, in order to liberate them from their extreme miseries and render them happy and blessed, provided they only desire it. These are the most precious gems of her royal crown. *Come from Lebanon, my spouse; come from Lebanon, come,* says the Holy Spirit, her Spouse. *You shall be crowned...from the dens of the lions, from the mountains of the leopards* (Sg 4:8). Why should her crown be so monstrous, so horrible, composed of lions, of leopards, tigers, and wild beasts? These monsters, these wild beasts, are the bright gems in the crown of the Queen of Mercy, for these monsters and these wild beasts are sinners, whom Mary has converted and saved. "You shall be crowned from the dens of these lions," says Rupert the Abbot, "for their salvation shall be your crown." St. Gertrude once saw this most merciful Lady with her mantle spread out, and under it lions, bears, tigers, and many other wild beasts, who were gathered together and protected by Mary, with the greatest kindness; and the saint understood that those wild beasts were sinners, not yet lost, on whom Mary exercises her most tender compassion." DOM ROBERTO, ER. CAM. (Dom Roberto was a 17th-century Camaldolese hermit at Monte Corona in Italy. Taken from *The Love of Mary: Readings for the Month of May*. © 1984, TAN Books, Charlotte, NC)

Catholic Religious Sister Week: March 8-14: Fifty-two weeks a year women religious live a life of prayer and union with God, teach children, care for the elderly and sick, assist the poor and homeless, offer hope and support - but for one week, March 8-14, we shine the spotlight on women religious and encourage young women to consider this beautiful calling from our Lord. Please pray for women religious vocations!

PRO-LIFE QUOTES

"A Christian can never conform to a law which is in itself immoral, and such is the case of a law which would admit in principle the liceity of abortion. Nor can a Christian take part in the propaganda campaign in favor of such a law or vote for it... On the contrary, it is the task of law to pursue reform of society and conditions of life in all its milieu, starting with the most deprived, so that always and everywhere it may be possible to give every child coming into this world a welcome worthy of a person." Declaration on Procured Abortion, Vatican, 1974

33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph

We will continue to meet on Mondays at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael for the 33-day preparation for the **Consecration to St. Joseph**. The next meeting is Monday, March 1, and the consecration Holy Mass will be on March 19, 2021.



Rochester Rosary Rallies: Our country continues to need fervent prayer. The next **Rosary rally** will be at 3pm on February 28 near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE.

Pine Island Food Shelf: The items requested for **March:** Baking mixes (Pancake, Muffins, Biscuits, & Cake)

WEEKLY TITHING for February 20-21, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 1,955.00
Plate:	\$ 1,776.25
EFT:	\$ 2,047.50
Total:	\$ 5,778.75
Ash Wednesday Collection: \$512.00	

Holy Spirit Novena for MARCH: March 1 - March 9.

SPIRITUAL TALK/STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Michael, Pine Island— Each Friday of Lent

Spiritual Talk at 6:30pm & Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Paul, Zumbrot—each Tuesday of Lent at 7:00pm



Congratulations to:

Gabriel and Joan Brien on the baptism of their son –
David Thomas Brien, on February 7, 2021.



Food Drive: The **St. Pio Knights of Columbus Council** is sponsoring a food drive to support both the Pine Island and Zumbrot food shelves. Food, household goods, and personal care items may be brought to St. Michael or St. Paul on the weekends of March 13 and 20. Specifically requested items include non-perishable foods, coffee, spaghetti noodles, toilet paper, and dish soap.

Synod at Home: Tips and Tools for Growing in Faith

New sessions posted weekly through March 18 -- Do it when it works for you! During Lent, we often take on practices to deepen our faith lives and commitment to serving others. But once Easter comes, those practices can easily go to the wayside. How can we make those practices stick, to continue on a path toward holiness? The **Synod at Home** series takes helpful videos, tips and tools for growing in faith, and pairs them with family-friendly activities based on four pillars: Prayer & Sacraments, Lifelong Learning, Generosity & Service, and Traditions & Fun. Individuals, couples and families will find their faith and relationships strengthened by Synod at Home. Find weekly videos and materials at archspm.org/synod, sign up for emails (archspm.org/synod/updates) or access through the Synod app: text APP to 88202, then in the app search for Archdiocesan Synod.



†ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT†

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

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

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

Friday, March 5, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

7:30pm (EF) First Friday Holy Mass

Saturday, March 6, 2021

4:00pm—4:50pm Individual Confession

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, March 7, 2021

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



March 3, 2021	†Mary Jane Johnson (Carolyn Ocariz)
March 5, 2021	†Saturnino Fajardo (Macansantos family)
March 5, 2021	(EF)†Robert Sullivan (Katie Brost)
March 6, 2021	Michael Kaiya (AnneRose Wanjiru)
March 7, 2021	(EF) Deb and Ruth Hanson (Ken Hanson)
March 7, 2021	Parishioners

CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

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(From Father Kasel...from pg. 1) *corruption, because it is the place and the home of immortal glory.*

And above all this the everlasting presence and possession of Christ, of the angels... everyone perpetually of like mind, without any fear of Satan or the snares of the devil or the threats of hell or of death. (St. John Chrysostom, Epistle 1 to Theodore, 11)

Our life in Heaven will definitely be exempt from any possible fear. We will not have the worry of losing what we have, and we will not want to have anything different. Then, truly, we will be able to say with St. Peter, *Master, it is well that we are here!* The glimpse of glory that the Apostle had will be fully ours in eternal life. *We are going to think about what Heaven will be like. 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man those things that God has prepared for those who love Him.' Can you imagine what it will be like to arrive there and meet God, to see that beauty, that love which is poured out into our hearts, which satisfies without satiating? I ask myself many times each day, 'What will it be like when all the beauty, all the goodness, all the infinite wonder of God is poured into this poor earthenware vessel that I am, that all of us are?' Then I will understand those words of the Apostle, 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard...' It is worthwhile my children, it is worthwhile. (J. Escriva, quoted in Newsletter No. 1 for the cause of his beatification.)*

The thought of the glory that awaits us should act as a spur in our daily struggle. Nothing is of such value as gaining Heaven: *and always bearing in mind this determination to die rather than to fail to reach the end of the way, if God ever causes you to suffer from thirst as He guides you through this life, it is because He will give you to drink in plenty in the next life, without any fear of it ever failing you. (St. Teresa, The Way of Perfection, 20, 2)*

The Lord does not distance Himself from us. Living in this presence: Immediately a cloud overshadowed them. (cf. Mark 9:7) It reminds us of that other cloud that accompanies the presence of God in the Old Testament: *Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. (Ex. 40:34-35)* It was the sign that was the guarantee of Divine Intervention. *And the Lord said to Moses, 'Lo, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.' (Ex. 19:9)* Now on Mount Tabor that cloud overshadows Christ, and the powerful voice of God the Father is heard coming from it: *This is My Son, my Chosen, listen to Him.*

And God the Father speaks through Jesus Christ to all men of all ages. His voice is heard in every age, in a particular way through the teaching of the Church, who, *continually seeks ways of bringing this mystery of her Master and Lord to humanity - to the peoples, the nations, the succeeding generations, and every individual human being. (John Paul II, Encyclical, Redemptor Hominis, 7)* *And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. (Matt. 17:8)* Elijah and Moses were no longer there. They only see Our Lord. They see the Jesus they know, Who is sometimes hungry, sometimes tired, Who tries to make Himself understood. They see Jesus without any special manifestations of glory. It was normal for the Apostles to see our Lord like that: what was exceptional was to see Him transfigured.

This is the Jesus we have to find in our ordinary life, in the mist of our work, out in the street, in the people around us, in our prayer. We have to find Him when He forgives us in the Sacrament of Penance and, above all, in the Holy Eucharist where He is truly, really and substantially present. Normally He does not show Himself to us with any special manifestations. Rather, *we have to learn to find Our Lord in what is ordinary, every day, and we must flee from the temptation of ever wanting anything (cont. on pg. 4)*

WEEKLY TITHING for February 21, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 660.00
Plate:	\$ 110.00
EFT:	\$ 1,175.00
Total:	\$ 1,945.00
Ash Wednesday Collection: \$236.00	

Holy Spirit Novena for MARCH: March 1 - March 9.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Paul, Zumbrota—each Tuesday of Lent at 7:00pm

SPIRITUAL TALK/STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Michael, Pine Island— Each Friday of Lent

Spiritual Talk at 6:30pm & Stations of the Cross at

Reminder: ACCW Leadership Day via Zoom
Saturday, March 6, 2021 9am-12noon

Thank you and an invitation!

The Saint Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold their 88th annual Convention on April 30, 2021 at the Church of St. Patrick in Shieldsville. The event will be from 8am to 3:30pm. Pre-register through email at accw@archspm.org. Thank you to our local St. Paul CCW and all members of CCW!

The **Catholic Daughters** would like to thank everyone who supported our Meal in a Bucket fundraiser. The funds raised are used to help many local and state charities through CDA. We hope you enjoyed your meals and we will be back again next year.

If you have any questions about CDA or if you would like information on joining our Court, please contact Beth Arendt at 507-272-5829.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

“At His Transfiguration Christ showed His disciples the splendor of His beauty, to which He will shape and color those who are His: 'He will reform our lowliness configured to the body of His glory.'" *St. Thomas Aquinas*

“Faith in action is Love, and Love in action is service. By transforming that Faith into living acts of Love, we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord.” *St. Mother Teresa*

“Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am—you alone. I am your sheep; make me worthy to overcome the devil.” *St. Agatha*

“He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things... What does it cost us to say, 'My God help me! Have mercy on me!' Is there anything easier than this? And this little will suffice to save us if we be diligent in doing it.” *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

“No one will have any other desire in Heaven than what God wills; and the desire of one will be the desire of all; and the desire of all and of each one will also be the desire of God.” *St. Anselm*

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner at St Joseph – Miesville, MN on March 14th
from 9:30am-1:00pm. Pre-Order Only. Pick up Curb-side or inside. Order online at www.stjosephmiesville.com

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

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

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

Thursday, March 4, 2021

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

Sunday, March 7, 2021

8:25am Confessions/Rosary

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

March 2, 2021

Carol Berns

March 4, 2021

†Gloria Bradley

March 7, 2021

Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 3) extraordinary.

We must never forget that that Jesus Whom those three privileged men were with on Mount Tabor, is the same Jesus Who is daily at our side. *When God grants you the grace of feeling His presence, and desires that you should speak to Him as your most beloved friend, tell Him about your feelings with all freedom and confidence. 'She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.'* (Wis. 6:14) *Without waiting for you to come close to Him, He hastens towards you when you seek His love, and He presents Himself to you, granting you the graces and remedies that you need. He only waits for one word from you in order to show you that He is beside you and wants to listen to you and console you. 'His ears are toward their cry' (Ps. 33:16) ... Other friends, those who are friends in the world, have times that they spend talking together and other times when they are separated, but between God and yourselves, if you want, there need never be any time of separation.* (St. Alphonsus Liguori, *How to Converse Continually and Familiarly with God*) Would our lives not be different this Lent if we were to make this presence of God a reality in the habitual things of each day; if we tried to say more ejaculatory prayers, more acts of love and reparation, more spiritual communions? *Here is a point for your daily examination. Have I allowed an hour to pass, without talking with my Father God? Have I talked to Him with the love of a Son? You can!* (J. Escriva, *Furrow*, 657)" (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, Virgin most Powerful, St. Joseph, St. Michael, and St. Paul, may we all have the grace to consciously practice living in the presence of our Lord!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

Catholic Services Appeal 2021

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Visit www.csafspm.org to learn more or www.GiveCSAF.org to donate today!



KITUI UPDATE: Living Water Program- Lent 2021

Give Change...Change Lives

Here we are at another season of Lent! Water bottles are available again 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. Please be generous this year as you have been in the past to support this project which assists those in Kitui to build dams, supply water tanks for schools, and help CARITAS Kitui to find the areas of the diocese that are in most need of water. May God bless you during this Lenten Season. *Questions regarding the Kitui Partnership may be directed to Parish Office 507-356-4280*



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