

April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

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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

From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Alleluia! He is Risen! Alleluia! Yes, we are still celebrating Easter Sunday! Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and it is the final day of Octave of Easter. After this day we will move into the Season of Easter and continue the celebration of Easter until the end of the day on Pentecost Sunday.

Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, is a day of unfathomable and ineffable graces! I urge all to ask for and celebrate the great gift of Divine Mercy offered by our Heavenly Father through His Son, Jesus Christ! We will have opportunities to visit our Lord in at least one of our churches on Divine Mercy Sunday.

We will have time for private prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament; the Sacrament of Confession offered; the Chaplet of Divine Mercy recited; and finally Benediction and the Divine Praises! Plan now to celebrate our Lord's infinite Mercy this Sunday and join with other parishioners in our special event. Divine Mercy Sunday is a day of great promises from our Lord Jesus, particularly when we ask Him to share with us His unfathomable and ineffable Mercy!

Here is a brief summary of the message of Divine Mercy:

"The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us - all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread."

The message of Mercy grows through various devotional practices. These practices are:

F - Feast of Divine Mercy: celebrate Divine Mercy in your parish!

I - Image of Divine Mercy: venerate the Image of Divine Mercy and place on in your home!

N - Novena of Divine Mercy: pray the Novena of Divine Mercy!

C - Chaplet of Divine Mercy: pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each day!

H - Hour of Mercy: 3-4pm is the Hour of Great Mercy - ask Jesus for graces each day during this hour! Pray the Stations of the Cross as you are able and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy!

"In repeated revelations to St. Faustina, Our Divine Savior makes it clear that the fountain is His Heart, the water is His mercy, and the vessel is trust.

I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust (Diary of St. Faustina, 1520). On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls — no one have I excluded! (1182). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You' (327). The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive (1578). (continued on page 4)

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration, April 16

I encourage all to attend our Divine Mercy Sunday celebration at the Church of St. Michael in Pine Island from 12:30-4pm. There will be a Divine Mercy video starting at 12:30pm, then a personal witness to Divine Mercy by Abby Slater beginning at 1:30pm. Starting at 2pm, there will be a sermon on Divine Mercy, then Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Holy Rosary an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession and Benediction at 4pm. **Jesus, I trust in You!**



The next Holy Hour for Women will be Sunday, April 23, at 6pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith Formation class/session will be **Wednesday, May 3, 2023**, at the Church of St. Michael.

Topic for May: The Virtue of Modesty

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.

Jesus to St. Faustina:

"As often as you want to make Me happy, speak to the world about My great and unfathomable Mercy." (Diary, 164)

"I want the whole world to learn of My Mercy" (Diary, 687)

Proclaim the Message of Divine Mercy!

"How greatly today's world needs the Mercy of God! In every continent, from the depth of human suffering, a cry for Mercy seems to rise up. Where hatred and the thirst for revenge dominate, where war brings suffering and death to the innocent, there the Grace of Mercy is needed in order to settle human minds and hearts and to bring about peace. Wherever respect for life and human dignity are lacking, there is need of God's Merciful Love, in whose Light we see the inexpressible value of every human being. Mercy is needed in order to ensure that every injustice in the world will come to an end in the splendor of Truth... In the Mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness!...

It is the Holy Spirit, the Comforter and the Spirit of Truth, who guides us along the ways of Divine Mercy. By convincing the world 'concerning sin and righteousness and judgment' (Jn 16:8), He also makes known the fullness of salvation in Christ. This 'convincing' concerning sin is doubly related to the Cross of Christ. On the one hand, the Holy Spirit enables us, through Christ's Cross, to acknowledge sin, every sin, in the full dimension of evil which it contains and inwardly conceals. On the other hand, the Holy Spirit permits us, again through the Christ's Cross, to see sin in the Light of the *mysterium pietatis*, that is, of the merciful and forgiving Love of God (cf. *Dominum et Vivificantem*, 32). Consequently, this 'convincing concerning sin' also becomes a conviction that sin can be laid aside and that man can be restored to his dignity as a son beloved of God." (St. John Paul II in *Lagiewniki* in 2002)



Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIANITY: Monday, April 17

Regaining a Catholic Vision of the Church

by Fr. Hezekias Carnazzo

Today there is much confusion among Catholics about the nature of the Church. In this study, we will take a fresh look at the Apostolic Church, how it grew, and the essential characteristics which made it "Catholic." Join Fr. Hezekias Carnazzo as he dispels common misconceptions about the Church and refocuses our ecclesiology on Christ and the successors of His Apostles. Details: Monday, April 17- Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM EST, Lecture: 8:00 PM EST Registration is required. Visit: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/apostolic-christianity> *Oriente Lumen*

WEEKLY TITHING April 8-9, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 5,490.00
Plate:	\$ 1,200.75
EFT:	\$ 1,095.00
Total:	\$ 7,785.75

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.



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!

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.

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 Sacre 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.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes teach couples the Church approved methods on how to achieve or postpone pregnancy while remaining in God's Will for the gift of sexuality. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, visit <https://www.archspm.org/marriage/natural-family-planning-nfp/> or call 651-291-4489

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

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

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

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

Friday, April 21, 2023

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

Saturday, April 22, 2023

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, April 23, 2023

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

April 19, 2023	†Helen McDonald-Phalon (Abby Slater)
April 21, 2023	†Lynne Peplinski (Joan Krause)
April 22, 2023	†Charlene Merten (Gary Kasel family)
April 23, 2023	†Rodney Stanton (Sharon Stanton)
April 23, 2023	Parishioners



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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED EASTER FLOWERS!

Stu & Jennifer Ohr
(Accidentally omitted last week)

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"Oh how much I am hurt by a soul's distrust! Such a soul professes that I am Holy and Just, but does not believe that I am Mercy and does not trust in My Goodness. Even the devils believe in My Justice, but do not glorify My Goodness. My Heart rejoices in this title of Mercy." (Diary of St. Faustina, #300)

"Proclaim that Mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with Mercy." (Diary, #301)

"When once I asked the Lord Jesus how He could tolerate so many sins and crimes and not punish them, the Lord answered me, 'I have an eternity for punishing [these], and so I am prolonging the time of Mercy for the sake of [sinners]. But woe to them if they do not recognize the time of My visitation.'" (Diary, #1160)

"The Lord said to me, 'The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.'" (Diary, #1397)

"Jesus: 'My child, life on earth is a struggle indeed; a great struggle for My Kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone. I am always supporting you, so lean on Me as you struggle, fearing nothing. Take the vessel of trust and draw from the Fountain of Life - for yourself, but also for other souls, especially such as are distrustful of My Goodness.'" (Diary, #1488)



PRO LIFE QUOTE:

"You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion." St. John Paul II, in New York, 1995

"Christ needs you to enlighten the world and to show it the 'path to life' (Psalm 16:11). The challenge is to make the Church's 'yes' to Life concrete and effective. The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!" St. John Paul II (Homily on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1993)

"At the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed as joyful news, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord Lk 2:10-11. The source of this great joy is the Birth of the Saviour, but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfillment of joy at every child born into the world." - ST. JOHN PAUL II

Weekly Rosary: You are invited to join in praying the weekly Rosary with Zumbrotta 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 April 9, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,425.00
Plate:	\$ 150.00
Total:	\$ 2,575.00

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

5:00pm Brief CCW meeting with installation of Officers

5:30pm Holy Mass with Fr. Kasel

6:00pm Lasagna Dinner

6:45pm Be inspired, educated and connect

Speaker: Clare Ruff:

"Triumph of Divine Mercy: The conversion of America's Abortion King"

7:15pm Dessert

Please **RSVP** to the Parish Office for the meal reservation by April 25 by calling 732-5324 or emailing stpauls@hcinet.net.



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!*

Are you growing in our Catholic Faith? You can learn about our Catholic Faith online at any time through FORMED! You will have access to thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, & books instantly on FORMED when you sign up through our parishes. There is no cost you! Just follow these easy steps: 1. Visit: signup.formed.org 2. Enter your parish zip code or name (St. Michael 55963 or St. Paul 55992) 3. Grow in our Catholic Faith!

Pro-Life Across America Banquet: Thursday, April 20, 5:45-9 pm, at *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 prolifecrossamerica.org/love.

Give the gift of an Hour of Adoration for someone. Cards are in the vestibule to send to the recipient.

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Tuesday, April 18, 2023

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

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

Thursday, April 20, 2023

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

Sunday, April 23, 2023

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

April 18, 2023

†Kenneth & Theresa Kingsbury
(Steve & Mary Kingsbury)

April 20, 2023

†Pat Lawler (Karen Hodgman)

April 23, 2023

Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) In the Diary of St. Faustina, we hear Our Lord reminding us that we can depend upon His love ... that He alone is worthy of our trust: **I never reject a contrite heart (1485). Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul (1777).**

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.

On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity.

The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy. (699)" (info and quotes taken from www.thedivinemercy.org)

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin and Foster Father of our Redeemer, St. Paul, and St. Michael, may our good Lord Jesus grant us open hearts to desire and receive His Divine Mercy!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

Youth Group Retreat: Grades 7-12, are invited for a reflection, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, opportunity for Confession and food on Wednesday, April 26, from 6:30-9:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All Confirmation candidates (1st and 2nd year) and high school students are encouraged to attend. Those to be Confirmed are required to attend. Please rsvp to our parish offices or contact the office with any questions! 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.

Bi-Parish Mission Talk - May 8-10, 2023:

Plan now to attend Bi-Parish Mission talks on **"The Light of the Holy Spirit"** by Fr. David Gunter, MIC, on the evenings of May 8-10, at 7:00pm at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota (749 South Main St., Zumbrota, MN 55992). Fr. Gunter will also speak at all the Holy Masses on May 6 and 7.

The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart will bring about an unprecedented outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Father David Gunter's talks provide instructions to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit to prepare your soul for this extraordinary event.



†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.

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