

January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord

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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

Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “**chalking the doors.**” The formula for the ritual—adapted for 2024 is simple: use the blessed chalk received after Holy Mass on Epiphany Sunday and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20 + C + M + B + 24** and say the prayer accompanying the chalk.



The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless this house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “24” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request that Christ to bless those homes so marked that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year. The **chalking of the doors of a home** encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of the welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!

The next **Holy Hour and Social for Men** will be **Sunday, January 14, at 6:30pm** at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island.

Fr. Kasel will give a talk on: How to respond to current events in the Church? All men are invited!

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

From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I wish you a blessed Epiphany and Happy New Year of our Lord, 2024!

The month of January is dedicated to devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus: let us reverently pray His Holy Name and make reparation to our good Lord for the many times that His Name is spoken with irreverence, ingratitude and hatred!

It is a long tradition in the Church to make a public announcement of the upcoming Feasts and Seasons that we will celebrate. There is an established, formal announcement that is used for this occasion. Here is more information for you to learn about what we call the Epiphany Proclamation:

“The proclamation of the date of Easter and the other moveable Feasts on Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the Resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of Faith which are celebrated each year.” (from www.usccb.org)

“In Cathedral and other principal Churches, after the Gospel has been sung, the approaching Feast of Easter Sunday is solemnly announced to the people. This custom, which dates from the earliest ages of the Church, shows both the mysterious connection which unites the great Solemnities of the year one with another, and the importance the Faithful ought to attach to the celebration of that which is the greatest of all, and the center of all Religion. After having honored the King of the universe on the Epiphany, we shall have to celebrate Him on the day which is now announced to us, as the conqueror of death.” (Commentary from *The Liturgical Year* by Dom Prosper Guéranger b.1805-d.1875)

Announcement of Easter and the moveable Feasts for 2024

Know, dear brethren, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy, we announce to you also the joy of His Resurrection, who is our Savior. On the 14th day of **February** will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten Season.

On the 31st day of **March** you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 12th day of **May** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus

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CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

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Our program is open for all of our parishioners to attend and it will benefit all ages! There will be separate presentations for adults & youth.

Congratulations to:

Colin & Anna Maxon on the baptism of their daughter Isla Therese Maxon on November 19, 2023.



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.



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 QUOTES:

"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." [nefanda sunt crimina] Vatican Council II, Church in the Modern World #51

"Give us the grace - When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life." St. John Paul II

"Respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of man and his integral development. Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life." St. John Paul II (Evangelium Vitae)

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series:

St. Augustine's Confessions ICC Book Club

"You rouse up [man] to take delight in praising You, for You have made us for Yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in You." —St. Augustine

Join acclaimed author and translator Dr. Anthony Esolen for a guided book study of St. Augustine's *Confessions*. Discover a true literary masterpiece—the greatest autobiography ever written—and enter into St. Augustine's spiritual journey as he seeks the Lord from the depths of his heart.

Details: Tuesdays, Jan. 23, Feb. 20, & Mar. 19

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30PM ET, Lecture: 8:00 PM ET

Instructor: Anthony Esolen, Ph.D.

Registration is required. <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/icc-book-club-st-augustines-confessions>

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for January: Crackers: saltines, graham, variety types, and gluten free.

WEEKLY TITHING December 30-31, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,200.00
Plate:	\$ 501.25
EFT:	\$ 925.00
Total:	\$ 3,626.25



*Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gerry Arnold** (parishioner), who passed away January 1. 'Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.'*

Women Ages 16 - 35: Join Archbishop Hebda for Dinner!

Miriam Dinner: Wednesday, January 24, from 6-8pm at Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 777 Forest Street in St. Paul. Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Bishop Michael Izen and Father David Blume, director of vocations, invite women ages 16 – 35 who are discerning consecrated life. It is typical for women discerners to be accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious, or youth minister. The evening begins with prayer, followed by dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocations testimonies. More Information and Registration: www.10000vocations.org

PRAYER FOR THE INTERCESSION OF HOLY FAMILY



Dear Heavenly Father, Through the powerful intercession of the Holy Family, grant to this local Church the many graces we need to foster, strengthen, and support faith-filled, holy marriages and families.

May the vocation of married life, a true calling to share in your own divine and creative life, be recognized by all believers as a source of blessing and joy - a revelation of your own Divine Goodness.

Grant to us the gift of courage to proclaim and defend your plan for marriage, which is the union of one man and one woman in a lifelong, exclusive relationship of loving trust, compassion, and generosity, open to the conception of children.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have a prayer intention? Please contact Fr. Kasel or the parish office at 356-4280 or email stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

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

Friday, January 12, 2024

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

Saturday, January 13, 2024

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, January 14, 2024

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

January 10, 2024 Cathy Rossow & family

January 12, 2024 †Mary Jo Carlson (Mary Amiot)

January 13, 2024 †Nathaniel Anderson & †Jeremy Kranz (Nancy Anderson)

January 14, 2024 Parishioners

January 14, 2024 †Raymond Neis



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All For the Glory of God!



As soon as a good Christian awakens in the morning, he should... profess the Most Holy Trinity, three Persons in one sole God, which Christians alone truthfully and faithfully profess when they bless themselves with the words: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. [Then he should] profess Jesus Christ, the true Son of God, by reciting the Creed and by firmly and faithfully believing without any doubt that which contains all our Catholic Faith... True God! I freely and from my heart, as a good and faithful Christian, profess the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three Persons in one God. I firmly believe, without doubting, all that our Holy Mother the Church of Rome believes and teaches. I promise to live and die as a true Christian in the holy Catholic Faith of my Lord Jesus Christ. And if I should not be able to speak at the hour of my death, I now, for when I shall die, acknowledge with all my heart my Lord Jesus Christ as the only Son of God... I ask you, my Lord Jesus Christ, to give me the grace to keep the Ten Commandments today, during this day, and during all the time of my life. I ask you, my Lady Saint Mary, that you intercede for me with your blessed Son Jesus Christ, so that He may give me the grace today, during this day, and during all the time of my life, to keep these Ten Commandments. I ask you, my Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive me the sins which I have committed today, during this day, and during all the time of my life... I ask you my Lady Saint Mary, Queen of Angels, to obtain pardon for me from your blessed Son Jesus Christ for the sins which I have committed today, during this day, and during all the time of my life. St. Francis Xavier (St. Francis Xavier (+1552) was a great Spanish Jesuit missionary to Asia.)

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 Sacred 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

Forgiveness Prayer

In the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, I willingly forgive anyone who has hurt or harmed me (including N., N., N., etc.). I forgive them with my whole heart and I ask God to bless them. (3 times) I choose to let go of the lack of love I experienced in the actions of (N., N., N., etc.). In the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, I ask that my heart be filled with the Light and Love of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WEEKLY TITHING December 31, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,035.00
Plate:	\$ 181.00
Total:	\$ 2,216.00

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

“What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God?... Are you become foolish, O Wise Men... Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise.” St. Bernard of Clairvaux
 “For by gold the power of a King is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the Body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.” St. John Chrysostom
 “Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: Heaven on earth, earth in Heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny Body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a King, myrrh for One who is to die.” St. Peter Chrysologus
 “Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman’s arms.” St. Augustine
 “Give me, therefore, I pray Thee, this gold, this incense, and this myrrh. Give me the gold of Thy holy Love; give me the Spirit of holy prayer, give me the desire and strength to mortify myself in everything that displeases Thee. I am resolved to obey Thee and to love Thee; but Thou knowest my weakness, oh, give me the Grace to be faithful to Thee!” St. Alphonsus Liguori

Catholic Daughters ‘Meal In A Bucket’ Sale

Don’t be left out in the cold – order your “Meal In A Bucket” today! Pre-order slips are in the back of Church. Available meals are BBQ with Buns, Chili, Potato Soup, Portage Soup, and Cinnamon Rolls. Orders will be available for pick up the weekend of January 21 after Mass. Thanks for supporting Catholic Daughters’ fundraiser.

Want to grow 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 for 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!

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

HOLY MASS TIMES

- Tuesday, January 9, 2024**
 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Thursday, January 11, 2024**
 8:00am Confessions/8:30am
- Sunday, January 14, 2024**
 8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions
 8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

- January 9, 2024** †Victor & Grace Fritz (Dan & Annette Fritz)
- January 11, 2024** †Vince Kingsbury
- January 14, 2024** Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

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Christ. On the 19th day of **May**, the Feast of Pentecost.

On the 2nd day of **June**, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

On the 1st day of **December**, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. Joseph, the three Magi, and our patrons, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless you, your families and our parishes!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

Kitui Partnership: Thank you so much for your contributions!

"Dear Father Kasel & parishioners of the Church of St. Paul & St. Michael,

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the . The collected donations help the Kitui Diocese fund such projects as building dams, building cisterns for schools to promote student hygiene, & helping combat drought conditions through farming drought-resistant crops.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated."

Kristen LaJeunesse & the Kitui Partnership



The **St. Pio Knights of Columbus** will meet on Wednesday, January 10, at 7pm at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota. This will be our Christmas Social - members and their families are invited. Let's gather and celebrate with joy the Birth of our Lord Jesus!



Chili Cook-off on January 28:

The Knights of Columbus are looking for 20 pots of chili for the annual Chili Cook-Off. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of each Church. Please give your name, phone number, and description of your chili. There is a \$5 sign-up fee - please bring it on January 28. We ask you to bring your chili in an electric Crock Pot because it is necessary to have a way to keep your chili hot and ready to serve. We will have a People's Choice Award and a panel of Judges with multiple prizes awarded. See you after the 10:30am Holy Mass on January 28, at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island!

Plan now to attend the Prayer Service for Life: The Cathedral of Saint Paul, in St. Paul, MN, will have the Annual Prayer Service for Life on Monday, January 22, at 10:30am. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. It is also an opportunity to recognize those who exemplify pro-life work in our local communities with the Saint John Paul II Champion for Life Award. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage, Family and Youth at 651-291-4488.

✠ **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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