February 4, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, This month of February is dedicated to increasing our devotion to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and to imitating their practice of everyday holiness. The Holy Family lived and loved in a unity of Love for God and each other. The experience of the Holy Family was one of profound Grace that was given by God the Father in and through His Son, Jesus. This Grace was the Third person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives and acts in a Christian home that is open to His Divine action - sanctifying and fostering in family life experiences of joy, forgiveness and peace. While our common experiences of family life may not have the constant blessedness found in the Holy Family, Christian families are, nonetheless, called to holiness through receiving and sharing many of the same Graces that were present in the life of the Holy Family. The Sacraments of our Church and a daily life of prayer is the heart of a joyful family life. Families that encounter Jesus through the Holy Eucharist, regular reception of the Sacrament of Confession and daily communal prayer will inevitably become a more true reflection of the Holy Family. This will happen because Jesus will be the center and meaning of family life just as it was for Mary and Joseph. I encourage all of us to make Jesus the center and King of our hearts, homes, family life and parish experiences. Making Jesus the center of our personal life is rooted in daily encounters with Jesus. Participation in our parish life is a key habit to grow in a Christ-centered life. I encourage you to make visits to Jesus in our parishes, and to seek the Sacrament of Confession at least once a month.

For family prayer in your home, I recommend above all the Holy Rosary! Devotion to St. Joseph, St. Michael the Archangel and the Guardian Angels is excellent! Here are some other prayers that may be helpful during February, dedicated to devotion to the Holy Family:

Consecration to the Holy Family: O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, who having come to enlighten the world with Thy teaching and example, did will to pass the greater part of Thy life in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph in the poor home of Nazareth, thus sanctifying the Family that was to be an example for all Christian families; graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to Thee this day. Do Thou defend us, guard us and establish amongst us Thy Holy Fear, true Peace, and concord in Christian Love: in order that, by conforming ourselves to the Divine Pattern of Thy Family, we may be able, all of us without exception, to attain to Eternal Happiness.

Mary, dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us, by thy kindly intercession make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus, and obtain for us His Graces and Blessings.

O St. Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by thy prayers in all our spiritual and temporal necessities; so that we may be enabled to praise our Divine Savior, Jesus Christ, together

Welcome to the Churches of



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 at10:30am

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

with Mary and thee, for all eternity. Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be, *three times*.

In Honor of the Holy Family: O God, Heavenly Father, it was part of Thine Eternal Decree that Thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, should form a Holy Family with Mary, His blessed Mother, and His foster father, St. Joseph. In Nazareth, home life was sanctified, and a perfect example was given to every Christian family. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may fully comprehend and faithfully imitate the virtues of the Holy Family so that we may be united with them one day in their heavenly Glory. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invocation: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph most kind, bless us now and in death's agony.

For the Prayerful Protection of the Holy Family: Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, ever to follow the example of Thy Holy Family, that in the hour of our death Thy glorious Virgin Mother together with blessed Joseph may come to meet us and we may be worthily received by Thee into everlasting dwellings: who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen. *Roman Missal*

Prayer Source: *The Prayer Book*, by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A., The Catholic Press, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, 1954.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family and our patrons, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless you, your families, and our parishes!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

The **Holy Hour for Men** will be this Sunday, February 4, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on: *Helpful spiritual and penitential practices for men during Lent*. All men are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

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Congratulations to:

Timothy & Jennifer Fuller on the baptism of their daughter **Therese Helene Fuller** on January 28, 2024.

Holy Mass with Homeschool Families will be February 9 at 8:30am. A social will follow - all families are invited!

Garden Planning Event: You are invited to a Garden Planning Event on Saturday, February 10, at the Church of St. Michael, beginning at 9:30am. The event is hosted by the *Catholic Land Movement*. There will be presentations and a chance to plan your own garden. Some food and refreshments will be provided. This event is open to all who are interested.

Join the celebration of the feast of St. José Sánchez del Río, February 10, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI. Children and families are especially invited! The day includes talks, veneration of many young saints' relics, opportunities to ask questions, and more. <u>GuadalupeShrine.org/events</u> !

WINE:Catholic Women's Conference: Feb. 10 at St. Patrick, Edina Ladies, you are invited to the 9th annual WINE: Catholic Women's Conference. The day begins with Mass at 8 a.m., celebrated by **Bishop Joseph Williams**. Catechetical Institute instructor **Alyssa Bormes** is the always entertaining emcee and speakers **Debbie Herbeck, Anne Trufant,** and **Melissa Overmyer** will light our hearts on fire with faith-filled inspirational talks. There will be opportunities for confession, adoration, shopping, and prayer teams, along with tons of laughter, a fabulous lunch, more shopping, chocolate, and a fun raffle. Early bird specials ends soon! More information and a registration link can be found below.

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series: *Behold the Pierced One*

An ICC Lenten Retreat with Pope Benedict XVI "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." —Matthew 16:16 "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You." —John 17:1

Jesus identifies Himself first and foremost as the Son of the Father. This Lent, join Msgr. Charles Pope for a series of reflections on the relationship between Jesus Christ and His Father, how it is expressed through prayer, and how we participate in the sonship of Jesus through His prayer.

Details: Wednesday, Feb. 14 & Friday, Feb. 16

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

Instructor: Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope

Registration is required. Visit: https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/ events/behold-the-pierced-one?

Help Wanted! Sharing Shelves (the Food Shelf in Pine Island) is looking for a new manager. This paid position is about 12-14 hours per week, and includes duties such as registering new clients, ordering food, creating reports, and attending board meetings. Email <u>clingman.elizabeth@mayo.edu</u> for more information.

<u>Pine Island Food Shelf</u>: items requested for February: Soups of any kind.

WEEKLY TITHING January 27-28, 2024

Sunday Envelopes: Plate: EFT: **Total:** \$ 3,118.00 \$ 500.26 <u>\$ 955.00</u> **\$ 4,573.26**



Catholic Marriage Announcement:



Please pray for Reynoel Manuel and Vermelina Suarez, who will be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at the Church of St. Michael during the 5pm Holy Mass.

Brew Ha Ha Fundraiser for St. James:

Get ready for a night of a whole latte of fun at the **Brew Ha Ha Fundraiser for St. James Coffee**! Please join us Friday, February 9, 2024 at the Empire Event Center at Best Western Apache. Tickets are on sale now. Seating is limited so grab your tickets soon at St. James Coffee or online at <u>www.stjamescoffee.com</u>. Your presence at the Brew Ha Ha directly supports the mission of St. James Coffee. We hope to see you there!

Men of Christ - *Rising Daily in Discipleship* on Saturday, March 23, from 9am - 3pm, at the Church of St. Joseph, Rosemount. Join men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 2024 men's conference. Keynote speakers Deacon Harold Burke-Sievers and Jeff Cavins will lead the day that will include presentations by Bishop Joseph Williams, Deacon Joe Michalak, and Bishop Izen. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will celebrate Holy Mass. For more information call 651.291.4488 or email <u>flomos@archspm.org</u>.

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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	(Mary Anne Willard)
February 10, 2024	†James Clemens (Betty Clemens & family)
February 11, 2024	†Patty McCoy
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St. Paul CCW Meeting: Tuesday, February 6, with Holy Mass at 6pm, and meeting to follow at 6:30. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend!

The Interior Experience of God

Now I am going to tell you how I experience God, His Divine Presence and the effects It produces in me. I experience God at all times and in all places - when I am working, when I am eating, and even when I am in bed - but not always in the same manner nor with the same intensity. Thus, when I am alone in my cell and not distracted by physical occupations, I feel drawn by an infinite sweetness and power. My soul enjoys a complete and serene peacefulness, like a sky without any clouds. At other times it seems as if God is carrying me in His arms and He hugs me as a mother does her child. Then I say to Him - no, I don't say anything, I feel - "My God, why are you so good and why do you love this unworthy creature so much?" And I hear Him say to me, although rather than hear I understand: "I do the same to all... My desires are to unite Myself with souls."

In order that you may understand, I am going to refer to an incident. The Lord let me know that I had committed four or five faults in a few moments: infidelity to Grace to do all things peacefully and calmly, impatience, lack of respect in the way I answered our Mother Superior, bad example to the others who saw me. What was I to do after committing these faults? Humble myself, trust in the Lord, and remain tranquil. And so I said: "My Jesus, I have been evil; have mercy on me." And it seemed that Jesus said to me: "I do not change. Your faults are not able to change My Heart in any way. Because I am good, I have loved you, I still love you, and I shall love you." Then He made me experience the sweetness of His Love. In such cases I feel very humiliated. I would like to reduce myself to nothingness. But God, on the contrary, presses me closer to Himself. Jesus does not interrupt His expressions of Love. He loves me always, even when I am bad. He counsels me sweetly and draws me to Himself. Venerable Mother Mary Magdalen of Jesus in the Eucharist, C.P. (Mother Mary Magdalen († 1960) was a Passionist nun from Spain). From Toward the Heights of Union with God, Fr. John G. Eucharist Arintero, O.P., and Mother Mary Magdalen, C.P., Jordan Aumann, O.P., Tr. © 1972, Passionist Nuns Monastery, Erlanger, KY.

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

"Look at the mothers who truly love their children — how many sacrifices they make for them. They are ready for everything, even to give their own blood so that their babies grow up good, healthy and strong." St. Gianna Molla

WEEKLY TITHING January 28, 2024

Sunday Envelopes: Plate: **Total:**

\$ 1,005.00 <u>\$ 153.00</u> **\$ 1,158.00**

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 17, 2024 St. Patrick's Ham Dinner at the Zumbrota VFW 10:30am to 1:00pm

Planning has begun and we need everyone's help!

Baskets or Items for the Ham Dinner Silent Auction

Calling all parishioners! We are looking for silent auction baskets and items for this fundraiser held during **St. Patrick's Ham Dinner.** Any type of themed basket or items - including religious items, gift cards/certificates, homemade or purchased items will be appreciated! If you have any questions, contact Josefina or Sara in the parish office. Please drop off any items at the office. Thank you!



WORDS TO LIVE BY:

Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land the LORD your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12 If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 1 John 4:20

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church and handed Himself over for her. Ephesians 5:25

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged. Colossians 3:20-21

"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." St. John Paul the Great

"If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." St. Teresa of Calcutta

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." St. Therese of Lisieux

"When husband and wife are united in Marriage they no longer seem like something earthly, but rather like the image of God Himself." St. John Chrysostom

2024 World Day of the Sick: Saturday, February 10, at 10AM St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church 2739 Stinson Blvd, Mpls MN 55418. All are invited to a special Holy Mass where Archbishop Hebda will be the celebrant on the eve day of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Holy Mass will be dedicated to prayer for the sick, for caregivers, chaplains & healthcare workers. A reception will follow that will include a blessing with Lourdes Water. Stay for a reflection given by Heidi Giebel, PhD, author of *Ethical Excellence: Philosophers, Psychologists & Real-Life Exemplars Show Us How to Achieve it.*

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm St. Paul CCW Holy Mass

Thursday, February 8, 2024

8:00am Confessions/8:30am

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions 8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

February 6, 2024†Dan WagemanFebruary 6, 2024Jane Hinrichs (St. Paul CCW)February 8, 2024†Soul in Purgatory (Karen Hodgman)February 11, 2024Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

JOIN A PARISH SMALL GROUP THIS LENT!

Grow in your faith along with fellow parishioners! A variety of small groups are being formed. Sign up today in the church entry, or an online option will be available soon.



2024 Catholic Services Appeal

Your 2024 Catholic Services Appeal gift will transform countless lives by bringing Jesus to others through the education and outreach of ministries throughout the Archdiocese.

Catholic Services Appeal is focused on four major ministry areas that touch on important areas of our Catholic life:

Educate in Faith

An essential component of the Church's ministry is the education of the next generation of disciples, as well as the continuing formation of all its members.

Help Those in Need

The Church is called to make the love of Jesus real and tangible in the world today, especially to the poor, the vulnerable and those on the peripheries.

Strengthen in Faith

At the heart of the Church's ministry is facilitating for its members an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. Central to what it means to be Catholic is the development of a friendship with Jesus through prayer and reflection.

Protect Life

Knowing that every human person has God-given dignity and together we can promote respect for life in all stages.

Giving is Faith in Action. Give to the Catholic Services Appeal today. <u>GIVE ON-LINE TODAY</u>: https://www.archspm.org/catholic-servicesappeal The next **St. Pio Knights of Columbus** meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, at 7:00pm at the Church of St. Michael.

Thank you to all who helped with the Chili Cookoff! The winners from the Chili Cookoff are:

People's Choice: Steve Holmstadt Best Spicy Chili: Chuck Amiot Best Non-Traditional Chili: Zach Jansen Best Traditional Chili: Steve Holmstadt

GET MORE INVOLVED: God Has Big Plans That Involve You! Be a Prayer Partner: This movement is



Eucharistic Revival

backed by the fervent intercession of thousands of Catholics across the country. When you become a Prayer Partner, you commit to spiritually supporting this movement in a variety of ways—both individual and corporate. Together, we continually call on heaven to send an even greater outpouring of grace upon our Church and open our hearts to what God is about to do. To learn more, visit <u>https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/prayer-partners</u>.

Kitui Living Water Program- Lent 2024 *Give change... change lives*

Here we are at another season of Lent! Water bottles are again available to support our brothers and sisters in Kitui, Kenya through the Partnership of Kitui program. The people in the vicinity of Kitui regularly experience rain and water shortages. This collection is a way for us to help them! Questions regarding the Kitui Partnership may be directed to the parish office. Thank you, ahead of time, for any contributions you are able to make!

