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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas! Our celebration of the Grace of Christmas Day continues until the end of the day on January 1, 2024. This will be the end of eight days, or the Christmas Octave. Our celebration of the Christmas Season extends until the end of the day of January 8, 2024 - the Baptism of our Lord.

Also, I wish to remind you that even though on January 1 we still celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In 1994, St. Pope John Paul II shared a beautiful letter to all families of the world as part of the Year of the Family he had designated for that time. Below, I share with you portions of his letter. (I encourage you to read the whole letter at www.vatican.va)

“Dear Families!

1. The celebration of the Year of the Family gives me a welcome opportunity to knock at the door of your home, eager to greet you with deep affection and to spend time with you. I do so by this Letter, taking as my point of departure the words of the Encyclical *Redemptor Hominis*, published in the first days of my ministry as the Successor of Peter. There I wrote that *man is the way of the Church*.

With these words I wanted first of all to evoke the many paths along which man walks, and at the same time to emphasize how deeply the Church desires to stand at his side as he follows the paths of his earthly life. The Church shares in the joys and hopes, the sorrows and anxieties of people's daily pilgrimage, firmly convinced that it was Christ Himself who set her on all these paths. Christ entrusted man to the Church; He entrusted man to her as the ‘way’ of her mission and her ministry.

The family - way of the Church

2. Among these many paths, *the family is the first and the most important*. It is a path common to all, yet one which is particular, unique and unrepeatable, just as every individual is unrepeatable; it is a path from which man cannot withdraw. Indeed, a person normally comes into the world within a family, and can be said to owe to the family the very fact of his existing as an individual. When he has no family, the person coming into the world develops an anguished sense of pain and loss, one which will subsequently burden his whole life. The Church draws near with loving concern to all who experience situations such as these, for she knows well the fundamental role which the family is called upon to play. Furthermore, she knows that *a person goes forth from the family in order to realize in a new family unit his particular vocation in life*. Even if someone chooses to remain single, the family continues to be, as it were, his existential horizon, that fundamental community in which the whole network of social relations is grounded,

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 the closest and most immediate to the most distant. Do we not often speak of the ‘human family’ when referring to all the people living in the world?

The family has its origin in that same love with which the Creator embraces the created world, as was already expressed ‘in the beginning’, in the *Book of Genesis* (1:1). In the Gospel Jesus offers a supreme confirmation: ‘God so loved the world that He gave His only Son’ (Jn 3:16). The *only-begotten Son*, of one substance with the Father, ‘*God from God and Light from Light*’, *entered into human history through the family*: ‘For by His Incarnation the Son of God united Himself in a certain way with every man. He labored with human hands... and loved with a human heart. Born of Mary the Virgin, He truly became one of us and, except for sin, was like us in every respect’. If in fact Christ ‘fully discloses man to himself’, He does so beginning with the Family in which He chose to be born and to grow up. We know that the (continued on page 4)

Happy New Year! Fr. Kasel and the staff of Churches of St. Paul & St. Michael wish you a Happy New Year for 2024! May our good Lord grant you many blessings in the year ahead!



Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God – Not an Obligation this Year

Monday, January 1 St. Michael, Pine Island 7:00 am (Latin)

Monday, January 1 St. Paul, Zumbrota 8:45 am

Monday, January 1 St. Michael, Pine Island 10:30 am

The next **Holy Hour for Men** will be on Sunday, January 14, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All men are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The next **Faith Formation** session will be on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island.

Topic for January: The Virtue of Self-Control

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In Memory & Honor of Loved Ones*

Margaret Braaten in memory of Bob & Shirley Braaten, Rich & Jeanette Frutiger and Willie & Ella Frutiger

Congratulations to:

Gregory & Micaela LeBlanc on the baptism of their daughter **Avery Hope LeBlanc** on December 17, 2023.



God is Love

"All that we have so far described, all that is necessary for salvation, can find in Love alone its highest, completest, most beneficent perfection. Love supplies all that is wanting for our salvation; it contains abundantly every good thing and lacks not even the presence of the Supreme Object of our desires. It is by Love alone that we turn to God, are transformed into His likeness, and are united to Him, so that we become one spirit with Him and receive by and from Him all our happiness: here [on earth] in Grace, hereafter in glory. Love can find no rest until it reposes in the full and perfect possession of the Beloved. It is by the path of Love, which is Charity, that God draws closer to man, and man to God. But where Love is not found God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess Love we possess God, for *God is Love* (1 Jn 4:8).

There is nothing keener than Love, nothing more subtle, nothing more penetrating. Love cannot rest until it has sounded all the depths and learned the perfections of its Beloved. It desires to be one with him and, if it could, would form but one being with the Beloved. It is for this reason that it cannot suffer anything to intervene between it and the Object Loved, which is God, but springs forward towards Him, and finds no Peace until it has overcome every obstacle, and reached even unto the Beloved... Upon Love are based the law, the prophets, and the precepts of the Lord (Mt 22:40). Hence the Apostle wrote to the Romans: *Love is therefore the fulfilling of the law*, and in the first letter to Timothy: *The aim of this instruction is Love.*" St. Albert the Great (†1280) From *On Union with God*, P. J. Berthier, O.P., Tr. Published by Continuum Publishing, Inc., 2000.

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

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

WEEKLY TITHING December 23-24, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,460.00
Plate:	\$ 834.00
EFT:	\$ 925.00
Total:	\$ 5,219.00

Holy Spirit Novena: January 1 to January 9

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.



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.

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>

HOLY MASS TIMES

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7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

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

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

Friday, January 5, 2024

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

6:30pm Latin First Friday Holy Mass

Saturday, January 6, 2024

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, January 7, 2024

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



January 1, 2024 Shane & Katie Herbert and family

January 1, 2024 Parishioners

January 3, 2024 †Diane Hickman (Mary Anne Willard)

January 5, 2024 Andy & Bridget Schindhelm & family (Mary Amiot)

January 5, 2024 Tom McCoy

January 6, 2024 †Robert McCutcheon (Pat McCutcheon)

January 7, 2024 Parishioners

January 7, 2024 †Ray & LaWanda Keller (Ann Rotondo)

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Dan & Annette Fritz

Universal Prayer for the New Year – attributed to Pope Clement XI (b. 1649 - d. 1721)

I believe, O Lord, but may I believe more firmly; I hope, but may I hope more securely; I love, but may I love more ardently; I sorrow, but may I sorrow more deeply.

I adore You as my first beginning; I long for You as my last end; I praise You as my constant benefactor; I invoke You as my gracious defender.

By Your Wisdom direct me, by Your righteousness restrain me, by Your clemency console me, by Your Power protect me.

I offer You, Lord, my thoughts as toward You, my words, as about You, my deeds, as following You, my trials, as for Your sake.

I will whatever You Will, I will it because You Will, I will it in the way You Will, I will it so long as You Will.

I pray, Lord, enlighten my Understanding, inflame my will, cleanse my heart, sanctify my soul.

May I weep for sins past, repel temptations to come, correct evil leanings, nurture fit virtues.

Give me, good God, Love for You, hatred for myself, zeal for my neighbor, contempt for the world.

May I strive to obey those above me, to aid those dependent on me, to have care for my friends, to have forgiveness for my enemies.

May I conquer sensuality by austerity, avarice by generosity, anger by gentleness, lukewarmness by fervor.

Render me prudent in planning, steadfast in dangers, patient in adversity, humble in prosperity.

Make me, O Lord, attentive at prayer, moderate at meals, diligent at work, firm in purpose.

May I be careful to maintain inward innocence, outward modesty, exemplary behavior, a well-governed life.

May I be always watchful in subduing nature, fostering Grace, observing Your Law, winning salvation.

May I learn from you how precarious is the earthly, how great the Divine, how fleeting is time, how lasting the Eternal.

Grant that I may prepare for death, fear judgment, flee hell, gain Paradise. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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WEEKLY TITHING December 24, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 640.00
Plate:	\$ 445.00
Total:	\$ 1,085.00

Holy Spirit Novena: January 1 to January 9

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

“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
“Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary.” St. Bonaventure

“No one will ever be the servant of the Son without serving the Mother.” St. Ildephonsus

”There is no one, O Most Holy Mary, who can know God except through thee; no one who can be saved or redeemed but through thee, O Mother of God; no one who can be delivered from dangers but through thee, O Virgin Mother; no one who obtains Mercy but through thee, O Filled-With-All-Grace!” St. Germanus of Constantinople

“By Divine Grace, we find ourselves at the beginning of a new year. This year, which only God knows if we shall see its end, must be used in reparation for the past and in preparation for the future. Good deeds are the fruit of good resolutions.” St. Padre Pio

Catholic Daughters ‘Meal In A Bucket’ Sale

Pre-order slips are in the back of Church for **Meal In A Bucket**. Available meals are BBQ with buns, chili, potato soup, portage soup, and cinnamon rolls. Orders will be available for pick up on January 21 after Holy Mass. Thank you for your support!

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

“Find the courage to proclaim Christ,... and the unchanging truths which have their foundation in Him. These are the truths that set us free! They are the truths which alone can guarantee respect for the inalienable dignity and rights of each man, woman and child in our world - including the most defenseless of all human beings, the unborn child in the mother's womb”. Pope Benedict XVI, at Yankee Stadium, April 20, 2008
“Nothing we do to defend the human person, no matter how small, is ever unfruitful or forgotten. Our actions touch other lives and move other hearts in ways we can never fully understand in this world. Don’t ever underestimate the beauty and power of the witness you give in your pro-life work.” Archbishop Charles Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia, April 8, 2011
Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person also extends to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God. St. John Paul II



HOLY MASS TIMES

Monday, January 1, 2024 Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God
8:45am Holy Mass on

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

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

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

Thursday, January 4, 2024

8:00am Confessions/8:30am

Sunday, January 7, 2024

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

January 1, 2024 Maria Kramer

January 2, 2024 †Carl Patros (Louise Gerken)

January 4, 2024 †Matt Merlina (Mike & Karen Hodgman)

January 7, 2024 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) Redeemer spent most of His life in the obscurity of Nazareth, 'obedient' (Lk 2:51) as the 'Son of Man' to Mary His Mother, and to Joseph the carpenter. Is this filial 'obedience' of Christ not already the first expression of that obedience to the Father 'unto death' (Phil 2:8), whereby He redeemed the world?

The Divine Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word thus has an intimate connection with the human family. Not only with one family, that of Nazareth, but in some way with every family, analogously to what the Second Vatican Council says about the Son of God, who in the Incarnation 'united Himself in some sense with every man'. Following Christ who 'came' into the world 'to serve' (Mt 20:28), the Church considers serving the family to be one of her essential duties. In this sense both man and the family constitute 'the way of the Church.'

May Christ, Who is the same 'yesterday and today and forever' (Heb 13:8), be with us as we bow the knee before the Father, from whom all fatherhood and motherhood and every human family is named (cf. Eph 3:14-15). In the words of the prayer to the Father which Christ Himself taught us, may He once again offer testimony of that Love with which He loved us 'to the end'! (Jn 13:1).

I speak with the power of His Truth to all people of our day, so that they will come to appreciate the grandeur of the goods of marriage, family and life; so that they will come to appreciate the great danger which follows when these realities are not respected, or when the supreme values which lie at the foundation of the family and of human dignity are disregarded.

May the Lord Jesus repeat these Truths to us *with the* →

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!

power and the wisdom of the Cross, so that humanity will not yield to the temptation of the 'father of lies' (Jn 8:44), who constantly seeks to draw people to broad and easy ways, ways apparently smooth and pleasant, but in reality full of snares and dangers. May we always be enabled to follow the One who is 'the Way, and the Truth, and the Life' (Jn 14:6)".

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph, the Spouse of the Virgin, St. Michael and St. Paul, may the newborn Christ-child grant us all the blessings of His Peace and Joy!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

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