

May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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## From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus!

First: happy Mother's Day to all mothers! It is right that we should remember our mothers and grandmothers on this special day for them! This week I share with you a summary of one of the patron saints for mothers, St. Gianna Beretta Molla. She was canonized in 2004 by St. John Paul II.

### Life of St. Gianna

"Gianna Beretta was born in Magenta (near Milan) in Italy, on October 4, 1922, the 10th of 13 children born to Alberto and Maria Beretta. Her parents instilled in their children a deep faith. In fact, two of Gianna's brothers became priests and one of her sisters became a nun. And while Gianna was a very pious child and considered a religious vocation, her holiness would be found as a working mom.

Gianna found her life's calling in medicine. She earned degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia in 1949, and opened a medical clinic in Mesero a year later.

In 1955, Gianna married Peter Molla. They subsequently had three children, Pierluigi, Maria Zita and Laura.

During her pregnancy with her fourth child, however, Gianna's doctors discovered she had a tumor in her uterus. They encouraged her to terminate the pregnancy and undergo a complete hysterectomy. Gianna refused, but did allow surgery to remove the growth—fully aware of the danger that continuing the pregnancy presented.

Prior to the surgery, Gianna told a priest, "I have entrusted myself to the Lord in faith and hope, against the terrible advice of medical science, 'Either mother or child.' I trust in God, yes, but now I must fulfill my duty as a mother. I renew the offer of my life to the Lord. I am ready for everything, provided the life of my child is saved."

In the final weeks of her pregnancy, she reiterated that if a decision had to be made between her and her child's life, they should save the child. On April 21, Gianna gave birth to her fourth child—daughter Gianna Emanuela. Seven days later the mother died of complications from the birth."

### Messenger of Divine Love

"Gianna Beretta Molla was a simple, but more than ever, significant messenger of divine love....Following the example of Christ, who 'having loved his own...loved them to the end' (John 13:1), this holy mother of a family remained heroically faithful to the commitment she made on the day of her marriage. The extreme sacrifice she sealed with her life testifies that only those who have the courage to give of themselves totally to God and to others are able to fulfill themselves." (from the homily given by St. John Paul II during the Holy Mass of Canonization for St. Gianna, May 16, 2004) (information taken from americancatholic.org)

**Important dates in the life of St. Gianna:**  
October 4, 1922 - Born in Magenta, Italy; 1952 - Became a pedi-

## 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

atric specialist; December 8, 1954 - Met Peter Molla at a priest-friend's first Holy Mass; September 24, 1955 Peter and Gianna were married; April 28, 1962 - Died at the age of 39; May 16, 2004 - Canonized by St. John Paul II

### Quotes from St. Gianna:

"Love and sacrifice are as intimately connected as sun and light. We cannot love without suffering or suffer without loving. Look how many sacrifices are made by mothers who truly love their children. They are ready for everything." (continued on page 4)

### Habemus Papam! We have a Pope!

I ask all to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV! He was born in Chicago and is the first Pope from the United States! Let us show our support by remembering him in our daily Rosary and during Holy Mass!

Let us also remember to continue our prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of Pope Francis - May our good Lord grant him Eternal Rest!

### May God Bless All Our Mothers. Happy Mother's Day!



Dear Mother Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank our Lord Jesus, whom you love and thank for the great gift of being His Mother, the Mother of God. We ask you to remember: never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by the Grace of the Holy Spirit, your Divine Spouse. On this Mother's Day, we ask you, Mother Mary, to pray for us who have recourse to you, and to intercede for all mothers! We ask this favor of you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be Sunday, May 25, at 6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael. All women are invited!

## CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

**Congratulations** to the children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3, at the Church of St. Michael:



Dominic Ehlenfeldt  
Celeste McCoy  
Jaden Monosmith

*Please keep our children in your prayers!*

### **Congratulations to:**

Blake and Valerie Ehlenfeldt on the baptism of their son  
**Cassian Ignatius Ehlenfeldt** on May 3 at the Church of St. Michael.



The next **St. Pio Knights of Columbus Council** membership meeting will be on Wednesday, May 14, at 7:00pm, at the Church of St. Michael. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Cemetery Collection:** There will be a second collection on the weekend of May 17/18 to support the upkeep of the parish cemetery. Please consider donating to honor our beloved dead and to keep the parish cemetery looking beautiful!

**Kitui Living Water Project:** Please remember to return your water bottles for the Living Water Project to the Church or the Parish office this week. We thank you for your donations and your generosity. God bless you!



**Homesteading Conference! Saturday, May 24, 2025**  
**8:30am Mass at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island,**  
**Conference: 10am - 4pm at the Drees Family Homestead,**  
**46728 135 Ave., Zumbrota MN, 55992**

Come and learn more about the Catholic Land Movement from leaders of the movement and enjoy a hearty homestead meal, plus take part in workshops on topics such as pasturing pigs, rendering lard, raising goats and chickens, orchard-keeping, sourdough bread-making & more!

**Register online:** <https://zeffy.com/ticketing/minnesota-chapter-spring-conference>

\$25/Adults 13+ | \$10/Kids 7-12 | Free 6 & Under | \$75/Family Max \*Lunch is included in ticket price

### **St. Michael's Garden Plots Available**

Need a place to plant a garden this year? There are six, 10'x20' plots available on a first come, first serve basis. Plots are tilled and ready for Spring planting. Call or text Andy Drees at 952-465-9841 to claim a plot.

### **Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series:**

THE QUEST FOR THE HOLY GRAIL & the Legend of King Arthur

Medieval legends of King Arthur and the Holy Grail have captivated scholars and enriched spiritual reflection throughout the Christian tradition. These lectures will explore two Arthurian romances, Chretien de Troyes' Knight of the Cart, and the Cistercian text we know as The Quest of the Holy Grail, through the lens of Catholic teaching on redemption, divine grace, and the pursuit of virtue. It will reveal what chivalry does and does not have to do with divine love, and how the truest knights must open themselves up to the sacred mysteries of faith, and of "the Love that moves the sun and the other stars."

Details:

**Mondays, May 12, June 9 & 30, 2025**

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30pm EST Lecture: 8:00pm EST

Instructor: Anthony Esolen, Ph.D. Registration is required.

<https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/the-quest-for-the-holy-grail?>

**Pine Island Food Shelf:** items requested for May: Condiments: ketchup, mustard, salad dressings, mayo

### **WEEKLY TITHING May 3-4, 2025**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,998.47
Plate:	\$ 1,108.36
EFT:	<u>\$ 3,695.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 7,801.83</b>

Easter Donations (additional): \$ 602.00

Catholic Home Mission Collection: \$ 332.00

### **Thank Mom for Life plants for Mother's Day:**



With abortions rising 39 percent in just two years in our state, MCCL (MN Citizens Concerned for Life) is committed to changing the culture and rebuilding a pro-life Minnesota-and they are doing it through expanded outreach, social media, presentations, and youth events, and so much more. One way to impact our culture for life is by honoring moms! That's what MCCL's annual Mother's Day Project is all about, and we need your help. Thank Mom for life on Mother's Day, with a plant with a "Thanks Mom for Life" button attached. Begonias, African Violet plants, and Mini Rose bushes will be available at all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 10 and 11. Suggested donation for the Begonias and Violets is \$8.00 and the Mini Rose bush, \$10.00. This project honors moms and raises funds to save precious lives by furthering pro-life efforts. (Donations are not tax deductible.)

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**Quilting Bee Cause** will meet Tuesday, May 13 at 9am in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to help make quilts!

**Calling all bookworms!** Join the Catholic Authors Book Study. We rotate between spiritual books, literature and writings of Doctors of the Church. On Tuesday, May 13, we will discuss *The Seven Last Words* by Fulton Sheen. We meet every 2 - 3 weeks, usually on Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 pm in Rochester. Join us! See <https://archspm.groupvitals.com/groupfinder/profile/72459> or contact the parish office.

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

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

#### **Friday, May 16, 2025**

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

#### **Saturday, May 17, 2025**

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

#### **Sunday, May 18, 2025**

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

### **HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>May 14, 2025</b>	Brian & Kelly Amiot (Mary Amiot)
<b>May 16, 2025</b>	David Koezly (Jen Eirikson)
<b>May 17, 2025</b>	St. Michael families
<b>May 18, 2025</b>	Parishioners
<b>May 18, 2025</b>	Philomena Ocariz (Carolyn Ocariz)





## Mothers in Union with God

"Above all, during the months immediately preceding the birth of her child, the mother should keep close to God, of Whom the infant she bears within her is the image, the handiwork, the gift and the child. She should be for her offspring, as it were, a temple, a sanctuary, an altar, a tabernacle. In short, her life should be, so to speak, the life of a living sacrament, a sacrament in act, burying herself in the bosom of that God who has so truly instituted it and hallowed it, so that there she may draw that energy, that enlightening, that natural and supernatural beauty which He wills, and wills precisely by her means, to impart to the child she bears and to be born of her." *St. Z lie Gu rin Martin, mother of St. Th r se of Lisieux*



**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.

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## WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"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 Beretta Molla*

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." *St. Th r se of Lisieux*

"To be a mother is to nourish and protect true humanity and bring it to development." *St. Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein)*

"Motherhood then becomes a kind of priesthood. She brings God to man by preparing the flesh in which the soul will be implanted; she brings man to God in offering the child back again to the Creator... she is nature's constant challenge to death, the bearer of cosmic plenitude, the herald of eternal realities, God's great co-operator." *Venerable Fulton Sheen*

"That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike!" *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

## 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 unslipped 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.

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

## WEEKLY TITHING May 4, 2025

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,035.00
Plate:	\$ 174.00
EFT:	\$ 1,415.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,624.00</b>

Catholic Home Mission Collection: \$207.00



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## †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.

## Second Annual Garage Sale!

Holy Trinity Parish - 211 4<sup>th</sup> Street N, Goodhue

**May 15 & 16 (Thursday & Friday):** 8am-4pm

**May 17 (Saturday):** 8:00-10:00am

**Something for everyone:** (toys, books, games, puzzles, home d cor, kitchen items, bedding, clothes for all ages/sizes and more—please COME SEE)

Parish Fundraiser = Churches of St. Mary (Bellechester), St. Columbkil (rural Goodhue), and Holy Trinity (Goodhue)

Freewill donations to support youth & family programs.

**SERVING FOOD TOO** with bake sale and food stand:

Homemade sweet rolls and coffee-\$2, from 8-10:30

Sandwich basket with chips, cookie, & lemonade-\$3, from 10:30am-4pm.

**5K Run & Walk at 8:30am, Saturday, June 14, 2025 at Baypoint Park, Redwing, MN.** The registration is now open for our 19<sup>th</sup> annual 5K. Register at the firstchoiceclinic/events, scan code, or call 651-267-4357. Registration/T-shirt fees are \$35 per person. No refunds. (Register by May 31 to receive a t-shirt). Same day registrations welcome! Bring the family! Kids activities planned.

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8:00am Confessions/8:30am

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

### Thursday, May 15, 2025

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

### Sunday, May 18, 2025

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

**May 13, 2025** †Audrey Schneider

**May 15, 2025** Special Intentions for the Fritz family  
(Dan & Annette Fritz)

**May 18, 2025** Parishioners



# NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) even to give their own blood. Did not Jesus die on the Cross for us, out of love for us? Love is affirmed and confirmed with the blood of sacrifice."

"Christian life is not achieved by people who do little but by those who commit themselves completely."

"It is not enough to speak well, we must show by examples."

"We must be living witnesses of the beauty and grandeur of Christianity. To make truth visible in one's own person, to render truth pleasing, offering oneself as a significant and, if possible, heroic example."

St. Gianna, patron of those who heroically die so that others can live, pray for us!

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of the children of God, St. Joseph, St. Paul, St. Michael and St. Gianna, may God bless our mothers and all the members of the Church with peace and joy!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

**Save the Date!** Join us as we celebrate the **20th anniversary** of Father Kasel's ordination!  
**June 1, 2025, 4-9pm** at the Church of St. Michael.  
More details to come.



## 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 the 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:

"The promotion of culture of life should be the highest priority in our societies...If the right to life is not defended decisively as a condition for all other rights of the person, all other references to human rights remain deceitful and illusory." *Blessed Pope John Paul II*  
"Some people argue that changing laws will not eliminate abortions. It is certainly true that a change of heart is more important than a change of law. What is forgotten, however, is that the law is the great teacher. Children grow up believing that if a practice is legal, it must be moral." *John Cardinal O'Connor*

"The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion because it is war against the child." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

"The second commandment of the teaching: You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not seduce boys. You shall not commit fornication. You shall not steal. You shall not practice magic. You shall not use potions. You shall not procure [an] abortion, nor destroy a newborn child" (*Didache 2:1-2 [A.D. 70]*)

## Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima (Feast day: May 13)



O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most Holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the shepherd children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message of repentance and peace. We implore you: inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Grace of conversion to Jesus. By meditating on the Mysteries of the Redemption that are recalled in the Holy Rosary may we obtain the Graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen. St. Joseph, Pray for us!

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**Parish Safe Environment**  
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