

Father Randal Kasel, Pastor frkasel@bevcomm.net

Father Joseph Zabinski, Parochial Vicar frzabinski@bevcomm.net

Josefina Meyer & Sara McNamara, Staff

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL 749 South Main St., Zumbrota, MN 55992

Office: 732-5324 **Fax:** (507) 732-5347 **Email:** stpauls@hcinet.net

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL 451 5th St. SW, Pine Island, MN 55963

Office: 356-4280 **Fax:** (507) 356-2080 **Email:** stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net

OFFICE HOURS: Tues-Thurs 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm, Fri 9am-12pm

Website: <http://www.stpaulstmichael.com>

BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE All articles for the bulletin are due by noon on Wednesday. Please e-mail Saint Paul articles to stpauls@hcinet.net and Saint Michael articles to stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net. The business office reserves the right to edit articles as time and space allows.

From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

We have already arrived at the fourth Sunday of Advent. If you have not made done so, I encourage you to make plans for an individual sacramental Confession during this last week of Advent. You can find the schedule in this bulletin.

This week I want to emphasize some possible Christmas traditions that you and your family may like to add to the ones you already do.

1. The Nativity Scene: this practice was made popular by St. Francis of Assisi. Many people are collectors of various styles and types of Nativity scenes. Taking time as a family to put out a Nativity scene and added the various characters on the particular liturgical days enhances the devotion and meaning of this practice (ie: the manger and animals several days before Christmas; Jesus and Mary shortly before Christmas; the Christ-child, shepherds and angels Christmas eve; and the Magi at Epiphany – January 6 or Epiphany Sunday). With each addition the family can gather for prayer with may include the litany of the Virgin Mary or St. Joseph, a prayer to the Holy Family, the rosary or some other suitable prayer.

2. The Family Rosary: taking time to pray a five-decade rosary or even one decade each day will help your family grow in during the remaining days of Advent and in the Christmas Season. Maybe, if you are not doing this now, it will become a habit that will happen *every day*!

3. Christmas Baking: my grandmother and my mother have been prolific Christmas bakers. I have many happy memories of coming home from school smelling something good in the kitchen. Of course I would try a few (too many!) of whatever type of cookie was warm on the counter. Christmas baking is a great activity to bring the whole family together. Also, I do not think moms should let dad just sit there during Christmas baking. They can crack eggs, mix ingredients and try the warm cookies, too. Notice I did not say dads should put items in the oven or take them out. I know that some dads, but not all, are challenged in this area.

4. Family Prayer asking for God's blessing upon a Christmas Tree: Here is a possible blessing you could use:

Dear God, two thousand years ago, You sent Your Son, Jesus into this world to teach us the power of your love and the meaning sacrifice for the redemption of the human family. As we raise this tree, we remember His birth and the meaning of His life for us. We ask you to bless this tree and make it a symbol of our celebration of Jesus' birth and our gratitude for His sacrifice. May the joy this tree offers and the gifts we place under it remind us of the many gifts You have given us. We ask Your blessings upon our loved ones, this day and always. Amen. (Credit (with edits by Fr. Kasel): National Shrine of Our Lady of Providence, USA) (cont. on pg. 4)

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 4:15pm at St. Michael; Sunday 8:00am 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 in advance to make arrangements.

Eucharist - Either Fr. Kasel or our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are happy to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are homebound. Please contact either parish office.

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 8:00am, Rosary at 8:25am, Mass at 8:45am

Church of Saint Michael - Saturday Confessions at 4:15pm, Rosary at 4:35pm, Mass at 5:00pm

Church of Saint Michael - Sunday Mass at 7:00am and 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

Zumbrota Care Center - 2nd Thursday of the month, Mass at 9:15am

Pine Haven Care Center - 1st Wednesday of the month, Mass at 11am

We invite you to worship our Savior with us this Advent and Christmas Season!



Individual Confession as part of Communal Penance service during Advent:

Sunday, December 18	St. Michael, Pine Island	1:30 pm
Tuesday, December 20	St. Mary, Bellechester	7:30 pm
Thursday, December 22	St. Columbkil, Belle Creek	6:30 pm

Extended Individual Confession times will be also be offered**:

Tuesday, December 20	St. Paul, Zumbrota	4:00-4:55 pm
Saturday, December 24	St. Paul, Zumbrota	1:00-2:00 pm
Saturday, December 24	St. Michael, Pine Island	2:00-3:00 pm
Saturday, December 24	Holy Trinity, Goodhue	2:30-3:30 pm

**The Sacrament of Confession is also offered before each weekday Holy Mass

Holy Mass on Christmas Eve:

Saturday, December 24	St. Michael, Pine Island	4:00 pm**
Saturday, December 24	St. Paul, Zumbrota	4:00 pm**
Saturday, December 24	St. Michael, Pine Island	10:30 pm

**A visiting priest will assist with one of these Holy Masses

Holy Mass on Christmas Day:

Sunday, December 25	St. Michael, Pine Island	7:00 am(EF)
Sunday, December 25	St. Paul, Zumbrota	8:45 am
Sunday, December 25	St. Michael, Pine Island	10:30 am

Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother God - Holy Day of Obligation:

Saturday, December 31	St. Michael, Pine Island	5:00 pm
Sunday, January 1	St. Michael, Pine Island	7:00 am(EF)
Sunday, January 1	St. Paul, Zumbrota	8:45 am
Sunday, January 1	St. Michael, Pine Island	10:30 am

Women's Holy Hour and Social: Friday, December 30th at 7pm at the Church of St. Michael. **All women are invited!**

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

Next Class/Session: Wednesday, January 11, 2017

The **TOPIC for January:** As For Me & My House, We will Serve the Lord (The Heart of the Home: Jesus in the Eucharist)

6:00-6:35pm-Meal

6:35-7:30pm-Children Class/Parent & Adult Session

7:35-7:45pm-All students, parents, & teachers meet in the Church for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction!

****If your family has a conflict with any Wednesday sessions, you may attend either Parish. Please contact either Parish for any questions.*



Thank you to all who made our 2016 Faith Formation

Christmas Play a wonderful success! Thank you to the children and families who participated in and attended the play. We also are grateful to the many volunteers who coordinated and directed the program, provided music, worked with costumes, helped with the children during the rehearsals and play, and donated and prepared the food for the meal. God bless you all! Fr. Kasel

The **Church of St. Michael Book Club** will be meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 1:00pm in the Prairie Room. Bring Christmas cookies for sharing. Everyone is welcome! If questions, please call (507) 271-5704.

Prayer to St. Joseph for Men: Blessed St. Joseph, patron saint of husbands, fathers, men, and workers, pray for me that I may fulfill my duties as husband, father, man, and worker. Amen.

The **Friends of St. Rose** invite you to attend our 14th Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 18, 2016, at 2:00PM. St. Rose is located at 8778 Goodhue Cty 11 Blvd. Reception to follow at the Palof residence at 10155 505th Street, Kenyon, MN. For more information visit www.friendsofstrose.org.

Prayer Vigil for Hope, Healing and Mercy: Sat. January 21, 7-11pm at St. Mary's Chapel at The Saint Paul Seminary. For over forty years, legalized abortion has left many men and women empty, confused and longing to be whole again. This vigil is open to all and is a special invitation to those who have been hurt by abortion to pray for hope and healing. Archbishop Hebda will celebrate Mass at 7 p.m. Find more details, including full evening schedule, at archspm.org/events. For more information, contact Sonya Flomo at 651-291-4515.

St. Michael Fall Festival 2016 Financial Summary

Dinner Income: \$ 3,532.00

Dinner Expense: \$ 1,703.80

\$ 1,828.20

Raffle Income: \$ 4,490.00

Raffle Expense: \$ 1,574.00

\$ 2,916.00

Country Store Income: \$ 3,237.00

Country Store Expense: \$ 268.75

\$ 2,968.25

Concessions Income: \$ 1,124.00

Concessions Expenses: \$ 689.56

\$ 434.44

Children Games Income: \$ 138.00

Children Games Expenses: \$ 81.68

\$ 56.32

Vendor Income: \$ 320.00

Silent Auction Income: \$ 2,118.50

Total Income after Expenses: \$ 10,641.71

Thank you to all who helped make our Fall Festival a wonderful success! God bless you! Fr. Kasel

WEEKLY TITHING for December 10-11, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 2,151.00

Plate: \$ 320.50

EFT: \$ 7.50

Total : \$ 2,479.00

Immaculate Conception of BVM Collection \$ 246.30



YOU ARE INVITED

to listen to Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve

The Church of St. Michael Choir will be singing

Christmas songs, 30 minutes before the 4:00pm Christmas Eve

Holy Mass, Saturday, December 24th.



Women's Holy Hour: Friday, December 30th -7:00pm at St. Michael. Please join us for the next Women's Holy Hour on Dec.30. Soup and bread will be provided for the social. Please bring Christmas cookies or dessert to share. All are welcome. Come and spent an hour with Our Lord during the Christmas season.
Holy Hour and Social for Men: Sunday, January 8th at 6:30pm at Church of St. Michael. We will welcome a special guest speaker, Colonel Buzz Kriesel. More details to follow.

All men are invited!

Pine Island Food Shelf: The item requested for the month of Dec. is: **Tuna.**

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

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

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

Friday, December 23, 2016

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

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00pm Holy Mass - On 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays of the month
Holy Mass will be ad Orientem; 2nd & 4th versus populum

Please volunteer

10:30pm Holy Mass

Please volunteer

Sunday, December 25, 2016

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

Please volunteer

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 18, 2016

1:30pm Communal Penance Service with Individual Confessions

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

7:00pm Youth For Christ Cookie Decorating & Caroling in Goodhue

Saturday, December 24, 2016

2:00-3:00pm Extended Individual Confession time

Friday, December 30, 2016

7:00pm Holy Hour and Social for Women at St. Michael, PI

Sunday, January 8, 2017

6:30pm Holy Hour and Social for Men at St. Michael, PI

Saturday January 14, 2017

8:00am St. Pio KOC Council meeting at St. Paul, Zumbrota

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

December 21, 2016 †Souls in Purgatory (Fatima Vigil)

December 23, 2016 †Brandon Brown (Little Flowers Girls)

December 24, 2016 †Jerald Koelsch (Cliff & Dorothy Edstrom)

December 24, 2016 †Nat Anderson (Carl & Nancy Anderson)

December 25, 2016 (EF) Reginald Lipp (Robert & Susan Bestgen)

December 25, 2016 Parishioners



CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL FAITH FORMATION

Next Class/Session: Wednesday, January 4, 2017

The **TOPIC for January:** As For Me & My House, We will Serve the Lord (The Heart of the Home: Jesus in the Eucharist)

6:00-6:35pm-Meal

6:35-7:30pm-Children Class/Parent & Adult Session

7:35-7:45pm-All students, parents, & teachers meet in the Church for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction!

***If your family has a conflict with any Wednesday sessions, you may attend either Parish. Please contact either Parish for any questions.

Saints Celebrated during the Christmas Octave

The first Christmas was the day on which the Son of God, who had assumed a human nature, was born in Bethlehem. Besides Easter, Christmas is the only other liturgical season with an octave or a liturgical week of feasts. Feast days celebrated during the octave (8 days) following Christmas:

The Feast of the Holy Family - Friday December 30

St. Stephen, 1st Martyr of the new Church- December 26

Saint John, apostle and evangelist - December 27

The Holy Innocents, the children massacred by King Herod in his attempt to kill baby Jesus - December 28

Saint Thomas-à-Becket, English martyr - December 29

Mary Mother of God - January 1st

Celebrate in the home: Celebrate Christmas throughout the entire week - leave the tree up, move the wise men towards the nativity scene, watch Christmas movies and sing songs together as a family. Christmas starts on December 24th at midnight Mass and continues through Epiphany Sunday, January 8th. **Celebrate!**

ADVENT REFLECTION:

"God became incarnate to illuminate, nay more, to be the meaning of man's life. This must be believed with deep and joyful conviction; it must be lived with constancy and consistency; it must be proclaimed and testified, in spite of the tribulations of the times."
St. John Paul II, Homily, August 5, 1979

Pro Life Quote

"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

Natural Family Planning (NFP): A series of Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes will begin soon in your community or a community near you. This Church approved method is scientific and marriage building. The classes teach couples how to achieve or postpone pregnancy, while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality.

A series of classes taught by a qualified instructor will begin on:

Thursday, January 5, 2017 at Our Lady of Grace, Edina

Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Minnesota Birth Center, Minneapolis

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Minneapolis

Thursday, January 26, 2017 at Mary Queen of Peace, Rogers

Register at www.tcnfp.org or for more information; please call the Twin Cities FertilityCare at (651) 232-3088

Friday, January 13, 2017 at St. Paul, Ham Lake

Tuesday January 24, 2017 at Epiphany, Coon Rapids

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at Woodwinds Hospital, Woodbury

Register at twincities.ccli.org or for more information; please call the Couple to Couple League at (612) 721-3791

WEEKLY TITHING for December 11, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 1,326.00
Plate:	\$ 143.00
Total :	\$ 1,469.00

Immaculate Conception of BVM Collection \$ 254.75

"Thank you to the Church of St. Paul Community for the beautiful Christmas basket; it was very much appreciated".



Luverne & Sue Peterman

Millie Pauba would like to express her thanks for the Christmas basket she received; it was very much appreciated.

Zumbrota Area Food Shelf: The items requested for the month of December is laundry soap or bar soap.

CHURCH OF ST PAUL PRAYER CHAIN:

If anyone has a prayer chain request, please contact Fr. Kasel at 732-5324 or stpauls@hcinet.net

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

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

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

Thursday, December 22, 2016

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

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00pm Holy Mass

Please Volunteer

Sunday, December 25, 2016

8:25am Confessions/Rosary

8:45am Holy Mass - On 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month

Holy Mass will be versus populum; 2nd & 4th ad Orientem

Lector: Loretta Froyum

EM: Monica Capra, Becky Hinchley, David Hinchley, Sue Hinrichs, Rick Ryan

Servers: Zachary Hutton, Joshua Hutton

Ushers: Ushers: Tim Mack, Rick Ryan

Nursing Home Minister: Karen Hodgman

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

4:00-4:55pm Extended Individual Confession time

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

7:00pm YFC (Youth For Christ) Cookie Decorating and Caroling in Goodhue

Saturday, December 24, 2016

1:00-2:00pm Extended Individual Confession time

Friday, December 30, 2016

7:00pm Holy Hour and Social for Women at St. Michael, PI

Sunday, January 8, 2017

6:30pm Holy Hour and Social for Men at St. Michael, PI

Saturday January 14, 2017

8:00am St. Pio KOC Council meeting at St. Paul, Zumbrota

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

December 20, 2016 †Ted & Pat Anderson (Mike & Karen Hodgman)

December 22, 2016 Dan & Barb Kasel Families

December 24, 2016 †Roy Bradley (Gloria Bradley)

December 25, 2016 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 1)

5. Family Prayer at the time of gathering to celebrate Christmas: it is very important that family gatherings keep in mind the reason for gathering: the newborn Christ-child! I suggest prayer that goes beyond the before and after meal prayers. I suggest the family make it a priority to attend Holy Christmas Mass together and pray the rosary at some point during the gathering (especially the Joyful Mysteries).

6. Christmas hymns and sharing gratitude: singing Christmas hymns brings everyone together and enlivens hearts; also give each member of the family a chance to share with others any reasons why he or she is thankful to God and others in the family.

7. Sharing of gifts: this wonderful family custom should be offered and received as a sign of mutual love, respect and gratitude. Gift-giving should in some way reflect our own personal gratitude and love for the greatest gift of all time: Jesus! Take time emphasize this with children and allow family members to use words during the sharing of gifts.

These are just a few ideas for your families and I am sure that many of you have some wonderful practices that I have not mentioned. If you do, please pass them on to me.

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

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

St. Pio Knights of Columbus Council 16016 next meeting is on Saturday January 14, 2017 at 8:00 (AM) St Paul's Church in Zumbrota. We will have a breakfast at 8:00 (AM) and meeting.

YFC (Youth For Christ) December 21st Cookie Decorating and Caroling! The St. Michael's and St. Paul's Catholic Youth group will be joining the Holy Trinity Youth group for a night of fun! We will be meeting at **The Third Place in Goodhue at 7:00 pm on Wed Dec 21st**, decorating cookies there for about 30 minutes and then going caroling to elderly parishioners in town. We should be done about 8:30 pm. **All teens are welcome.**

Looking for the 'just right' gift? Try a Catholic Faith CD! We have several great talks available in our Lighthouse Media Display.

Featured CD from our Lighthouse Media Display:

The Mystery of Christmas : by Fr. Larry Richards

In this inspiring talk, renowned preacher and retreat master Fr. Larry Richards illuminates how the true joy of Christmas is found in the greatest gift ever given – the gift of Jesus Christ to the whole world. With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry gets to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas and helps us to better appreciate the immensity of God's love for us as His children.

 <p>Buy one Blizzard at regular price, receive 2nd Blizzard of equal/lesser value FREE! 215 E. 18th St. Zumbrota 732-5910</p>	 <p>Chevrolet Buick 732-5194 www.groverauto.com</p>	<p>ZUMBROTA MINI STORAGE Lighting—Paved 24 Hour Access 1550 Jefferson Drive, Zumbrota 507-696-4406</p>	 <p>201 N. Main St. Pine Island, MN 507-356-8414</p>	<p>HEMANN, GROVER & Company Ltd. Certified Public Accountants "Building & managing wealth for your business & family" Glen P. Hemann, CPA ghemann@zumbrotacpa.com 404 Main St. S. Zumbrota 732-7800</p>
 <p>TOM & SCOTT SHANE Commercial & Industrial 507-824-2191</p>	 <p>210 3rd St. NW Pine Island, MN 55963 507-356-8304 www.pinehavencommunity.org providing a continuum of care through the belief that every person is unique</p>	 <p>Quality Building Materials Greg Haman, Kory Matthees, Paul Frigaard 86 S. Main St. Pine Island, MN (507) 356-8324</p>	 <p>New Construction Remodeling Service PO BOX 1085 Pine Island, MN 55963 (507) 356-4455</p>	<p>Knollwood Apartments Located next door to the Church of St. Michael Walk to Sunday Mass! Call for more information (507)-356-8448</p>
 <p>Pine Island, MN 507-356-8700</p>	<p>ZUMBROTA TOWERS <i>Senior Community</i> 93 E 4th St. Zumbrota, zumbrotatowers@titanventures.us Call Today 507-732-5151</p>	<p>Mahn Family Funeral Homes Larson Chapel 1475 Jefferson Dr. Zumbrota, MN (507) 732-5444 Mahler Chapel 209 NW 1st Ave. Pine Island, MN (507) 356-4620 www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com</p>	<p>Steve Johnson's  Hwy 52 & 58 in Zumbrota 507-732-5127 Home: 651-460-6706 www.zumbrotaford.com</p>	<p>SONS OF MASONRY David E. Hinchley sonsofmasonry@charter.net (507) 398-7877</p>
 <p>228 West Ave. Zumbrota 507-732-7329 www.hubfoodcenter.com</p>	<p>Owen Locker Plant  110 2nd St. NE Pine Island, MN 55963 507-356-8612</p>	 <p>Expanded services for a growing community www.pineislandbank.com 507-356-8328</p>	<p>Church of St. Michael Cemetery For Plot Information Call the Parish Office 507-356-4280</p>	<p>Church of St. Paul Cemetery For Plot Information Call the Parish Office 507-732-5324</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Remember To Pray For Our Beloved Departed."</i></p>