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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 8:25am, 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 Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The month of January is dedicated 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 in vain and with irreverence! This Sunday we celebrate the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. I share with you a reflection on Purity: a key to Christian holiness. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

“Purity and the Christian Life: Holy purity, an indispensable condition for loving God and for the apostolate: Now that the feasts of Christmastide are over, during which we considered mainly the mysteries of Our Lord’s hidden life, we can let the liturgy help us contemplate the years of Christ’s public life. From the very beginning of His mission we see Christ seeking out His disciples and calling them to His service; this is what Yahweh did in earlier times, as we are reminded by the *First Reading* (1Sam 3:3-10, 19) which tells us of the calling of Samuel. The Gospel speaks of that apparently chance meeting of Our Lord with those first three disciples (Peter, James, and John), who were later on to become the foundation of His Church (cf. John 1:35-42).

Following Christ, now as well as then, means giving Him our heart, our whole being, our life itself. We can well understand that to follow Christ we need to live holy purity and purify our hearts. St. Paul tells us in the *Second Reading* (1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20): *Keep away from fornication... Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received Him from God. You are not your own property: you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.* No one has ever taught about the dignity of the body in the way that the Church does. *Purity is the glory of the human body before God. It is the glory of God in the human body* (St. John Paul II, General Audience, 18 March 1981).

If we are to follow Christ, chastity, outside or within matrimony, according to each one’s state, is absolutely necessary. It demands our personal struggle and effort, together with God’s grace. The wounds of original sin *in our intellect, our will, our passions and affections* did not disappear with the guilt of it when we were baptized. On the contrary those wounds introduced a principle or disorder into our nature; our soul tends to rebel against God in very different ways, and protests against its subjection to the body. Our personal sins stir the dross left by original sin and open up the wounds which it produced in our souls.

Holy purity, which is part of the virtue of temperance, inclines us readily and joyfully to moderate our use of the generative faculty, according to the light of reason, helped by Faith (St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*). The opposite is *licentiousness*, which destroys men’s dignity, weakens the will towards good, and dulls the understanding in its yearning to know and love God and many noble human things. Impurity often brings with it the heavy burden of selfishness, and places the victim in situations where violence and

cruelty are common. If we do not apply the remedy, it makes us lose any sense of the things of God or of anything transcendental. An impure heart cannot see Christ as He passes by and calls to us; it is blinded to all that really matters.

Acts of renunciation *with prohibitions directed at looking, doing, desiring and imagining*, although necessary, are not everything with regard to chastity. The essence of chastity is love. It fosters delicacy and tenderness towards God, and respect for people whom it perceives as children of God. Impurity destroys love, even on a human plane, whilst chastity *keeps love young in any state in life* (St. J. Escriva, *Christ is Passing By*, 25).

Purity is an indispensable requirement if we are to love at all.

Chastity is neither the first nor the most important of the virtues, and a Christian’s life cannot be reduced to it alone. Nevertheless, without it there is no charity, and since charity is the first virtue and the one on which all the others are founded, the one in which they find their perfection, the vital importance of purity is clear (J. L. Soria, *Loving and Living Chastity*, Madrid, 1976).

The first Christians, who are told by St. Paul to glorify God in their bodies, were surrounded by a climate of corruption, and many of them came from that environment. *Do not be deceived*, the Apostle says, *neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers... will inherit the Kingdom of God. And such were some of you...* St. Paul taught these people that they had to struggle to live this virtue which was held in low esteem, and often despised in that culture. Each one of them had to be a living example of the Faith in Christ that they carried in their hearts and of the spiritual riches (cont. on pg. 3)

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be on Sunday, January 31, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, February 3, at 6:30-7:45pm

TOPIC for February: Sacrament of the Sick

(Everything You Always Wanted to Know and Never Got to Ask)

Honoring the Immaculate Conception

“Would that I could fully express the thoughts that, in His goodness, God has granted to me on the subject of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, so that the true understanding that I possess of her merits and the desire that I have to render her fitting homage may remain always in my heart...



The most pure body of the Blessed Virgin is a worthy dwelling place for the soul that God created for her. Both are agreeable to God because, from the moment of her Pure Conception, both have been enriched by the merits of the death of her Son. As into a very precious vessel, more and more graces have been poured into her soul and she has never failed to make good use of them. Therefore, with every good reason, she should be honored by all creatures and served in a particular way by Christians since she is the only pure creature who has always found favor in the eyes of God. This makes her the astonishment of the heavenly court and the admiration of all humanity.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin leads us to realize and to adore the omnipotence of God because grace totally vanquished nature in her. She was saved without ever having been lost, not only through mercy but also through justice, since this was essential for the Incarnation of the Son of God in the eternal plan for the Redemption of mankind. We must, therefore, honor this Holy Conception that made her so precious in the eyes of God and believe that [we can] receive the assistance of the Blessed Virgin in all our needs. This is so because it seems to me that it would be impossible for God to refuse her anything. His divine and loving glance never left her since she always lived according to His Will. Therefore, we must be convinced that He is always ready to grant whatever she requests because she asks for nothing that is not for His glory and our good.” *St. Louise de Marillac (St. Louise de Marillac (+1660) was the co-founder, with St. Vincent de Paul, of the Daughters of Charity)*



PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

“Beautiful is God, the Word with God... He is beautiful in Heaven, beautiful on earth; beautiful in the womb, beautiful in His parents’ arms, beautiful in His miracles, beautiful in His sufferings; beautiful in inviting to life, beautiful in not worrying about death, beautiful in giving up His life and beautiful in taking it up again; He is beautiful on the Cross, beautiful in the tomb, beautiful in heaven. Listen to the song with understanding, and let not the weakness of the flesh distract your eyes from the splendor of His beauty.” *St. Augustine of Hippo*

"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*

“America, your very future as a nation depends on your willingness to protect the Right to Life of the most defenseless in your society.” *St. John Paul II*

Rochester Rosary Rallies: Our country continues to need fervent prayer. The next two Rosary rallies will be at 3pm on January 17 near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE.

WEEKLY TITHING for January 9-10, 2021

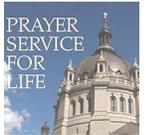
Envelopes:	\$ 1,891.00
Plate:	\$ 1,241.35
EFT:	\$ 507.50
Total:	\$ 3,639.85

Kitui Mission Collection: \$ 275.00

Archdiocesan Synod-- Faith and Culture Series: January 20-February 9, Four sessions 7-8:30 p.m., Virtual Event; Link sent to registrants. Inspired by the thousands of participants at the Prayer and Listening Events, this series connects their stories to the story of the Church. Each virtual event includes a talk, testimonials, and a live panel discussion. Registration is required to participate live. Find topics, dates and registration at archspm.org/synod.

Prayer Service for Life on Friday, January 22, at 10:30am (Doors open at 9:30 a.m.)

Location: Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul (Also Livestreamed via the Cathedral’s [Facebook Page](#))



Please join us for the Annual Prayer Service for Life. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion’s aftermath.

Archdiocesan Synod Prayer to St Joseph

Year of St Joseph-- December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

Heavenly Father,
who gave St. Joseph to Jesus and Mary
as protector and guide,
grant that our Archdiocesan Synod,
under his protection and guidance,
may help us discern your direction for our
Church.



May we listen as he listened,
trust as he trusted,
obey as he obeyed,
receive as he received,
love as he loved,
and share in his life of devotion to Jesus and Mary. Amen. St. Joseph, pray for us. archspm.org/synod/stjoseph

Pine Island Food Shelf: The items requested for **January:** Tuna, Hamburger, or chicken Helpers; Boxed Mac & Cheese

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)
9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, January 22, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

Saturday, January 23, 2021

4:00-4:50pm Individual Confession
5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, January 24, 2021

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass
10:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

- January 20, 2021** Hermann & Emmy Lamers
- January 22, 2021** †Bernard Herrmann (Carolyn Ocariz)
- January 23, 2021** Nassaralla Family
- January 24, 2021** (EF)Parishioners
- January 24, 2021** †Dolores Bauer (Stephen & Jeanne Pavela)



CHURCH OF ST. PAUL FAITH FORMATION

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(From Father Kasel...from pg. 1) that they bore within them. **If we are to live this virtue we need good formation. Different spheres in which chastity grows:** We must be firmly convinced that holy purity can be lived always, despite the strength of contrary pressures, so long as we use the means that God gives us to win through, and so long as we avoid dangerous occasions. If we are to live this virtue it is absolutely necessary that we have good formation. We must talk about these matters in spiritual direction with finesse and supernatural sensitivity, but clearly and without any ambiguity. In this way we will learn to clarify or correct wrong ideas we may have. Sometimes problems, which have been wrongly qualified as scruples, arise because we have not spoken in depth about them: they are invariably solved when we speak about the objective facts in spiritual direction and in Confession.

A Christian who really wants to follow Christ has to unite purity of soul to purity of body: he must order his affections so that God may occupy the center of his soul at every moment. So the struggle to live this virtue and to grow in it has to be extended to the sphere of the affections, to the *custody of the heart*, and to all those matters that even indirectly can make it easier or more difficult: for example, mortification of the sight and of the imagination, the inclination to comfort, to reminisce...

In order to fight effectively so as to acquire and perfect this virtue, we must, first of all, *be deeply convinced of its value, of its absolute necessity and of the countless fruits that it produces in the interior life and in the apostolate.* We have to ask God for this grace, for *not all men can receive this precept* (Matthew 19:11). Another fundamental condition for the effectiveness of this struggle is *humility*: anyone who is truly conscious of his own weakness resolutely avoids dangerous occasions; he is sincere and contrite in acknowledging occasions where he has imprudently or even recklessly lowered his guard; he asks for the help he needs; and gratefully recognizes the true worth of his body and of his soul. Perhaps, depending on the epoch or the circumstances, the Christian needs to fight more strenuously in one area, and at other times in a very different one; *sensitivity*, which may be heightened because we have failed to avoid more or less remote voluntary causes; *reading matter*, for example, which although not obviously impure may leave a climate of sensuality in our soul; a lack of care in *guarding our sight*...

Other areas related to this virtue of holy purity, and which we need to guard carefully are; the internal senses *imagination and memory*, which although that may not have rested directly on thoughts against the ninth Commandment, are frequently occasions for temptation. It shows very little generosity towards God if we do not avoid them; *custody of the heart*, which is made for loving, and in which we must preserve a clean love in accord with our own vocation, and in which God must always occupy the first place. We cannot go around with our heart in our hands, as though we were offering goods for sale (St. J. Escriva, *The Way*, 146). Related to the guarding of the heart is vanity, that tendency to attract attention to ourselves and to be the center of things. There are, too, certain likes and preferences that are sometimes less well-ordered than they ought to be.

The means to conquer: If we are to follow Christ with a clean heart and be an apostle in the midst of the circumstances it has fallen to each of us to live in, we need to practice a series of human and supernatural virtues. These must be founded on the grace which will never fail us if we do all that we are able to, and if we humbly ask for it. Amongst the virtues that help us to live holy purity is that of *industriousness*; of constant, intense work. Often problems of purity are problems connected with idleness or laziness. We also need *courage and fortitude* if we are to avoid temptation, without falling into the ingenuous delusion of thinking that a particular (cont. on pg. 4)

WEEKLY TITHING for January 10, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 1,520.00
 Plate: \$ 43.00
Total: \$ 1,563.00

Solemnity of Mary Collection : \$ 100.00



Congratulations to
Randy & Shirley Gregory on their
50th Anniversary on January 16th.

Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally in the Most Holy Eucharist, please come at least spiritually into my heart now. I spiritually embrace You and choose to unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You and Your Love. Thank You, Jesus! I love You! Amen.



WORDS TO LIVE BY:

“We need to find God and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is a friend of silence.” St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
 “Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices. St. Theresa of Avila
 “There is no place for selfishness, and no place for fear! Do not be afraid, then, when love makes demands. Do not be afraid when love demands sacrifices.” St. John Paul II
 “The best thing for us is not what we consider best, but what the Lord wants of us.” St. Josephine Bakhita
 “Lay all your cares about the future trustingly in God’s hands, and let yourself be guided by the Lord just like a little child.” St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
 “Our concern must be to know God’s will. We must enter that path: if God wants, when God wants, how God wants. St. Gianna Molla

†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.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 21, 2021

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

Sunday, January 24, 2021

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

January 19, 2021 †Conway Marvin (Mike & Karen Hodgman)
January 21, 2021 †Charles Zupfer (Anne Varner)
January 24, 2021 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 3) thing does no harm; or of foolishly underestimating its danger with false pretexts of age or experience. We need complete *sincerity* which leads us to tell the whole truth clearly and to be forewarned against the *devil that ties the tongue* (St. J. Escriva, 236) who tries to deceive us, taking all substance away from sin or temptation, or magnifying it to make us fall into the temptation of *being ashamed to speak*. Sincerity is absolutely necessary if we are to win through, for without it the soul is bereft of an indispensable help. No means would be sufficient if we did not talk to Our Lord in *prayer* and in the *Blessed Eucharist*. There we always find the help we need, the strength that turns our frailty into firmness, the love that fills our heart, created as it was for eternity and always unsatisfied with everything this world has to offer. In the *Sacrament of Penance* we purify our conscience, receive the specific graces of the Sacrament to win in some particular battle, perhaps a skirmish in which we had been previously overcome, and also the strength that true spiritual direction always gives.

If we want to understand love for Jesus Christ as it was understood by the Apostles, the first Christians and the Saints of all times, we have to live this virtue of holy purity; if not, we remain earthbound and unable to understand anything.

We turn to Mary, *Mater Pulchrae Dilectionis* (Sirach 24:24), Mother of Fair Love, because she creates within the soul of a Christian the refinement and filial tenderness which enable this virtue to grow. She will grant us the strong virtue of purity if we turn lovingly and trustingly to her.” (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez) Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph, St. Michael, and St. Paul, may we grow in the practice of the virtue of purity!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

2021 Novena for Life: The Saint Padre Pio Knights of Columbus are inviting all parishioners to join in the 2021 Novena for Life, which begins on **January 21st**. The Knights are firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from conception to natural death. Please join us in bolstering this fundamental right through 9 days of prayer, focusing on building a culture of life in our parish, homes and community. Additional information on the Novena for Life may be found at www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-2021-novena-english.

Daily Prayer Intentions

Day 1: May the tragic practice of abortion end.

Day 2: May all unborn children be protected in law and welcomed in love.

Day 3: May every expectant mother receive compassionate care and support as she nurtures the life in her womb.

Day 4: May expectant fathers lovingly support the mothers of their children in welcoming new life.

Day 5: May each person suffering from the loss of a child through abortion find hope and healing in Christ.

Day 6: May expectant mothers choosing adoption receive grace and support in embracing this loving option.

Day 7: May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion of heart to seek and receive the Lord’s boundless mercy.

Day 8: May civic leaders work for the protection of all human life, in every stage and circumstance.

Day 9: May all who defend life find strength and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

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<p>Safe Environment: The Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis requires all volunteers who interact with minors or vulnerable adults to complete the Essential 3 (background check, Code of Conduct, and VIRTUS training) before beginning their service, and to renew every three years while serving. Please contact the Safe Environment Coordinator for details on how to register for a VIRTUS class, complete the Essential 3, or do updates.</p>		<p>Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Sara McNamara St. Michael: 507-356-4280 stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net St. Paul: 507-732-5324 stpauls@hcinet.net</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>