

## NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

### YOUTH GROUP

**Youth Group meeting:** There will be a Youth Group meeting next Wednesday, October 28, at 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Church of St. Michael. The Youth Group consists of youth who are high school age and those in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our Confirmation youth are asked and encouraged to attend. We will have time for prayer, food and games. We will practice the usual protocol and space everyone out during our time together. Please RSVP to our parish office.

**Rochester Rosary Rallies:** The next rally will be held on Sunday, October 25, at 3pm near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of **4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE**. We encourage all to step out in faith and courage to publicly pray for our state and country. Bring your families and friends. If you are unable to join us physically, please join us spiritually by praying from wherever you are.

#### Collection of Baby Items for Pro-Life Clinic

The Little Flowers Girls Club will be sponsoring a Thanksgiving Donation Drive for the First Choice Pregnancy Clinic in Red Wing. Cards listing the items needed (baby clothes, diapers, strollers, etc.) will be in the church entryway beginning Sunday, November 8 for parishioners to take home, purchase, and bring back. The Little Flowers will collect items through Sunday, November 22. Donations are to be in new, unopened condition, please! If you have any questions, please contact Carol Nelson at [canelson@peternelson.com](mailto:canelson@peternelson.com). Thank you ahead of time for your generosity!



**The St. Pio Knights of Columbus Council** is sponsoring a food drive to support both the Pine Island and Zumbrota food shelves. Food, household goods and personal care items may be brought to St. Michael or St. Paul on the weekend of Oct. 24-25. Specific items requested from the food shelves include coffee, spaghetti macaroni noodles, toilet paper, and dish soap.



#### Celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week

November 1 – 7, 2020

National Vocation Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. *Please pray for Vocations!* To learn more about vocations promotions in the Archdiocese, see [10000vocations.org](http://10000vocations.org)



**Prayer for Vocations** Oh God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless this Archdiocese with many priests, brothers, and sisters who will love Thee with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve Thy Church and to make Thee known and loved. Bless our families. Bless our children. Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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### From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!  
 Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,  
 During this month of October, the month dedicated to Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, let us ask our Blessed Mother for the Peace of Christ to reign in our country and the Triumph of her Immaculate Heart in our world! This Sunday, I share with you a reflection on a theme from the Gospel of the weekend: Christian Joy. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:  
**“Joyful in the Lord: The Lord wants His disciples to be happy. We will find happiness when we fall in love with Him - The Entrance Antiphon** for today’s Holy Mass reminds us how to be joyful: *Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and His strength, seek always the face of the Lord.* (Entrance Antiphon, Ps. 104:34) When we don’t seek the Lord, then we will find real happiness to be unattainable. Sadness springs from egoism, from the pursuit of comfort, from careless neglect in the things of God and of our fellow men... In short, it springs from living for ourselves. But the Lord has made us to be happy. He wants us to be even more joyful when we follow His call. As it is written in the book of Joel: *Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!... Be glad, O sons of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord, your God; for He has given the early rain for your vindication, He has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before.* (Joel 2:21-23)  
 Joy is indispensable to a Christian’s life. When a soul is joyful, it has wings to fly towards God. A happy soul is closer to God and is able to undertake works of service for other people. In contrast, sadness paralyzes one’s desires for sanctity and apostolate. It is a great evil because it clouds our vision. This is why St. Paul repeats his injunction to the early Christians: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.* (Phil. 4:4) Our Christian joy will prove to be a source of strength in time of trial. It will also serve to attract other people to the Faith.  
 Sadness does not come from suffering itself, but from the failure to look upon Jesus. St. Thomas teaches that this infirmity of the soul is a vice provoked by disordered self-love. In addition, it can lead to many other problems. (cf. St. Thomas, *Summa Theologiae*, 2-2, q. 28, a. 4) It can be likened to a diseased root which will produce only bitter fruit. Sadness can be the cause of lack of charity, of a reckless love of comfort, of a surrender to temptations of the senses. *You need a heart which is in love, not an easy life, to achieve happiness.* (J. Escriva, *Furrow*, 795) Happiness is the first effect of love. Sadness is the sterile fruit of egoism, laziness and the absence of love. *Sadness moves the soul to anger and fury. Whenever we are sad, we know how easy it is for us to become upset at the slightest provocation. Sadness also inclines us to be suspicious and spiteful. Sometimes it may even lead a person to lose his senses.* (St. Gregory the Great, *Morals*, 1, 31, 31) The sad soul falls into sin without a fight. Such gloominess is a sure road to destruction. *As a moth does by a garment, and a worm by the wood, so the sadness of*

## 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 8:25am 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 4:15pm, 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

*a man consumes the heart.* (Prov. 25:20)  
 If there should come a time when we experience this sickness of soul, let us examine our conscience with courage. Where have we placed our heart? *‘Laetetur cor quaerentium Dominum’ – ‘Let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord’.* There you have light to help you discover the reasons for your sadness. (J. Escriva, *The Way*, 666)  
 How difficult it is to become sad when we walk in the presence of our Father God, when we are generous in the face of great sacrifice! Like St. Paul, we can affirm: *I am filled with comfort. With all our affliction, I am overjoyed.* (2 Cor. 7:4) If we are truly seeking the Lord in our life, nothing can take away our peace and joy. Pain will act to purify the soul. Suffering itself will be transformed to joy.  
**The greatest commandment and joy - Laetetur cor quaerentium Dominum...** Let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord. The Gospel for today’s Holy Mass is an invitation to joy because it is an invitation to love. (Matt. 22:34-40) The law of love is also the law of joy. The virtue of joy is *not distinct from charity, but a certain act and effect of it.* (St. Thomas, *op. cit.*, 2-2, q. 28, a. 3) Our joy and good humor, whether in calm seas or in rough, constitute a trusty barometer of our union with God.  
 The Pharisees approached Jesus to ask Him which is the greatest commandment of the Law. Jesus answered them: *You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbor* (cont. on pg. 3)

### October is Clergy Appreciation Month

and Sunday, October 25, is Priest Appreciation Sunday! Please remember to keep our priests in your daily prayers, especially the Holy Rosary. We are so very blessed to have them in our parishes and lives!

Thank You and May God Bless Your Priestly Vocation.



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