NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL



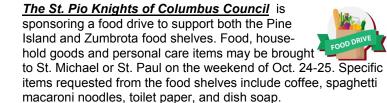
Youth Group meeting: There will be a Youth Group meeting next Wednesday, October 28, at **GROUP** 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Church of St. Michael. The Youth Group consists of youth who are high school age and those in preparation for the Sacrament of

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. Thank you ahead of time for your generosity!



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

> **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 need-

ed for Thy work. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.



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"Remember To Pray For Our Beloved Departed."

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 paralyses 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

Anointing of the Sick - This is for someone who is seriously ill, dealing with major surgery or infirm. Please contact Father Kasel to make

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 quarentium 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 parish-



CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION The Next Session: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 from 6:30-7:45pm

TOPIC for November: I Believe (The Creed)

Dear Friends -

It is with a joyful, yet heavy, heart that we let you know of our move to North Branch, Minnesota as of September 30. Eighteen years ago we were blessed to move to Pine Island and immediately the Church of St. Michael and all the parishioners welcomed us with open arms. We have a special place in our hearts for you all as it was during our time of discernment, being in community with you and participation in Holy Mass, that our Heavenly Father called Kevin to serve as a Deacon in the Church. Your prayers for us during discernment, formation and ordination continue to be instrumental in this great ministry. We celebrated our class of 8 deacons' 10th ordination anniversary on September 25 with Holy Mass and dinner with Archbishop Hebda in St. Paul. In reflection, we know that God placed us in Pine Island to help us prepare for the path He set forth for us. We know without a doubt that our gracious Father is calling us on a new journey as one night in July, a family drove up our drive-way and asked if we would be willing to sell our home to them. It caught us a little offguard. However, we had been contemplating a move recently as taking care of 30 acres and a large home was getting increasingly difficult for us. We felt God's call immediately – it was clear to us that He needed this young family in our home and property so they could flourish and help achieve His plans for them and in His infinite wisdom, knew we needed some help in making a decision to move. He blessed us with another opportunity to build a home near two of our children and grandchildren. We accepted His call although we must admit it hasn't been easy, but we trust in our Father so much and trust in His path for us. We will await Archbishop Hebda's discernment for a new parish assignment when we move into our new home and will trust his decision and accept it willingly and joyfully.

Going forward, please know that you will continue to be in our prayers and we ask that you continue praying for us. God is so good and loving and that is so evident by your commitment to our Catholic Faith and a truly wise and wonderful shepherd in Fr. Kasel. We invite you to keep in touch with us. Know of our love and prayers for you. Thank you all for helping us to become the people we are – for building in us our gift of Faith. You will always be in our hearts. May God bless you and keep you safe and

Deacon Kevin and Linda Downie 7273 385th Street North Branch, MN 55056

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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.

Fatima Movie Night at St. James Coffee, Rochester, MN

Come and watch the NEW movie *Fatima* on October 26 at 6:30pm. The night will begin with a short talk by someone who has been to the apparition sight in Fatima, who will share their experience and answer questions. The movie will start promptly at 7:00pm. There is no cost to attend, but if you are planning to attend, please call (507) 281-3559, email mscaccio@ stjamescoffee.com, or simply let the barista know when you are at St. James. We will be keeping a signup list to ensure we can safely accommodate numbers.

Pine Island Food Shelf: The item requested for OCTOBER: Pasta

WEEKLY TITHING for October 17-18, 2020

\$ 2,110.00 Envelopes: Plate: 507.50 \$ 1,957.50 EFT: Total: \$ 4,575.00

World Mission Second Collection \$ 139.00

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"We who are Christians have a further cause for joy: like Jesus, we know that we are loved by God our Father. This love transforms our lives and fills us with joy. It makes us see that Jesus did not come to lay burdens upon us. He came to teach us what it means to be fully happy and fully human. Therefore, we discover joy when we discover Truth the Truth about God our Father, the Truth about Jesus our Savior, the Truth about the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts." Pope St. John Paul II "The soul of the one who serves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in the mood for singing." St. John of the Cross "The true way to advance in holy virtues, is to persevere in a holy cheerfulness." St. Philip Neri

"It is always springtime in the heart that loves God." St. John Vianney "Act in a way that all those who come in contact with you will go away joyful. Sow happiness about you because you have received much from God." St. Faustina

"One filled with joy preaches without preaching." St. Mother Teresa

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for Healing: October 30-November 1

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion - women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"A Christian can never conform to a law which is in itself immoral, and such is the case of a law which would admit in principle the liceity of abortion. Nor can a Christian take part in the propaganda campaign in favor of such a law or vote for it... On the contrary, it is the task of law to pursue reform of society and conditions of life in all its milieu, starting with the most deprived, so that always and everywhere it may be possible to give every child coming into this world a welcome worthy of a person." Declaration on Procured Abortion, Vatican, 1974

"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, Archbish-

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

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

Friday, October 30, 2020

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

Saturday, October 31, 2020

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, November 1, 2020

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



October 28, 2020 Dylan Black (Barb Keehn)

October 30, 2020 Brian Hoerle

October 31, 2020 †Jeanie Ringwelski

November 1, 2020 (EF) Carol Berns & Family (T & J Meyer) November 1, 2020 Parishioners

CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

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(From Father Kasel...from pg. 1) as yourself. This is what we have to do - direct our entire being to God, serve our neighbors, open ourselves to the Lord and forget about ourselves. We have to put aside our longing for ease and comfort, our vanity and our pride. Many people labor under the delusion that they will find greater happiness once they possess a 'sufficiency' of things, once they achieve popularity or are more admired... They have forgotten that all they need is to have their heart in love. No love can ever fill our heart like the love of God. It is what our hearts were made for. All noble love acquires its true meaning in the context of a radical love for the Lord above all things. He who puts his heart in the things of this world will not find the love Jesus promised to His own. (cf. John 16:22) This is because the worldly person does not know how to love in the deepest sense of the word. Love has its greatest power when it is perfect. Then we forget our own feelings for the sake of the one we love. If this is really the case, if we seek only to please God, then even the greatest of trials will be made sweet. (St. Teresa, Foundations, 5, 10) All trials and tribulations become easy to bear with the help of the Lord. Bringing joy to those whom God has placed by our side - In

today's Responsorial Psalm we pray: My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold... I love you, Lord, my strength. (Responsorial Psalm, Ps. 17:2-4; 47; 51) We shall find our strength in God. We will also find our joy and peace there in the Lord. We should go to the Lord personally each day. Much, indeed everything, depends on our friendship with Him. We should bring this joy and peace to those whom God has placed by our side. Our homes should be bright and cheerful, like that of the Holy Family. (cf. J. Escriva, Christ Is Passing By, 22) When people say that a home seems like hell, we immediately think of a home without love, without joy, without Christ. A Christian home should be cheerful because Christ is at its Head. Being disciples of Christ means that we are living those human and supernatural virtues that are so intimately tied to joy: generosity, cordiality, the spirit of sacrifice, sympathy, concern for making life pleasant for others... We should bring our joy to the place where we work, to our business associates, to people we meet by chance on the street... Many of these people are sad and troubled. We should help them to see the joy of living in Christ. How many souls have found their way to God by means of this attractive virtue!

Christian joy is also necessary for the proper fulfilment of our ordinary obligations. The more important our duties, the more important is it that our attitude should be one of Christian joy. (cf. P. A. Reggio, Supernatural Spirit and Good Humour, p. 24) When we have responsibility for others, then we have a duty to communicate this joy. Such is the case with parents, priests, spiritual directors, teachers... The smiling face of the Lord should shine through our life and works. His perfect peace was shown during His Passion and Death. Precisely when we find our struggle the more taxing, then it is that we must turn to the poignant example of the Master. Let us turn to Our Mother Mary, 'Causa nostrae laetitiae', Cause of our joy. She will lead us to the path of true peace and joy if we should ever lose our way. We will then understand that the path to joy is the same as the path to God." (From: In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, Cause of Our Joy, St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Paul, and all the Holy Angels, may God grant us the gift of being joyful disciples of Christ! In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

The <u>Catholic Daughters</u> will be offering <u>Gummi Bears</u> after the Sunday Holy Masses this month of October, to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Free will donations are requested.

WEEKLY TITHING for October 18, 2020

Envelopes: \$ 895.00 Plate: \$ 41.00 \$ 1.125.00 EFT: \$ 2,061.00 Total:

World Mission Second Collection \$ 241.00

A CCW Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, at the Church of St. Paul. We will begin with Holy Mass at 6:00pm, followed by the meeting. All women are invited!

Southeast Deanery Council of Catholic Women has decided to offer a virtual international alternative instead of gathering together for a meeting this fall. On Nov. 1, 2020 at 3:00pm a Virtual Pilgrimage of Lourdes will take place, free to anyone. This event is sponsored by the Minneapolis and St. Paul Archdiocesan CCW through the Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers. Individual registration is required. While supplies last, each registered person will receive a special kit sent directly to them containing a bottle of holy water, an image of Our Lady of the Grotto, a candle, and a rosary. If you would like to register, contact a CCW member.

APPALACHIAN MISSION PROJECT

Reminder: Nov. 1 –Last day of Appalachian mission Collection Donations may be left on the table in the Church Basement entrance on Tuesdays from 8am-5pm, on Thursdays and Sundays at the Holy Mass time. Donations can also be taken to the Parish office during open hours.

(Checks should be made out to Queen of All Saints Church, 90 Railroad St. P.O. Box 5643, Beattyville, KY 41311, **St. Francis of Assisi** Church, 147 Bryan St. Pikeville, KY 41501, Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd, Sr. Susan Marie Pleiss, OSF, P.O. Box 473, Campton, KY 41301, or **Holy Family Catholic Church,** Sr. Marge Eilerman, OSF 1439 KY-11S, Booneville, KY 41314). Collection baskets and the suggested gift items list are located at the Church Basement entrance. For questions, please contact Louise Gerken or Rick & Jan Ryan. *Please be* generous to the Lord's poorest of the poor. Remember, everything must be new. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Daughters will meet Monday, October 26, at the Church of St. Paul in Zumbrota at 6:30pm. Please bring any donations to our Appalachian Christmas project as well as items for the Birthright shower to the meeting. If you have questions or are curious about joining, please contact Beth Arendt at 507-272-5829.

Soup and Chili Supper: Wednesday, Nov. 11 from 4:00-7:00pm. Soups, chili, sandwiches, bars, coffee, water and milk will be served at Dodge Center American Legion, Hwy 34 West, Dodge Center. Hosted by the CCW Ladies of St. John Baptist de la Salle All you can eat, Free will offering! All Veterans Eat Free. Proceeds going for repairs and maintenance at the church.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

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

Thursday, October 29, 2020

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

Sunday, November 1, 2020

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

October 27, 2020 †Carl Patros (Louise Gerken) October 29, 2020 †Gloria Bradley (St. Paul CCW)

November 1, 2020 Parishioners

