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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,
This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Epiphany. I include more information about Epiphany and what it means within our Catholic Faith:
"In order to celebrate this feast of Manifestation more fully, we need to know more about the theology and significance of this great feast of Epiphany. Elsa Chaney explains in layman's terms about this feast. Some of the references to the liturgy and divine office refer to pre-Vatican II rites, but all the insights are still applicable.
The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12 day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. For many years in the English speaking world the feast of Epiphany has been overshadowed by that of Christmas. But unless we realize the significance of this great day, we see only one side of the mystery of the Incarnation. Now after contemplating the staggering fact that God has become a human child, we turn to look at this mystery from the opposite angle and realize that this seemingly helpless Child is, in fact, the omnipotent God, the King and Ruler of the universe. The feast of Christ's divinity completes the feast of His humanity. It fulfills all our Advent longing for the King "who is come with great power and majesty." We see that whereas Christmas is the family feast of Christianity, Epiphany is the great "world feast of the Catholic Church." Epiphany is a complex feast. Originating in the Eastern Church and formed by the mentality of a people whose thought processes differ sharply from our own, the Epiphany is like a rich Oriental tapestry in which the various themes are woven and interwoven — now to be seen in their historical setting, again to be viewed from a different vantage point in their deep mystical significance. In this brief introduction four of the main ideas of the Epiphany will be outlined.
Divine manifestation: The Epiphany takes its name from the Greek *epiphania*, which denotes the visit of a god to earth. The first idea of the feast is the manifestation of Christ as the Son of God. "Begotten before the daystar and before all ages, the Lord our Savior is this day made manifest to the world." The feast unites three events in the life of Christ when His divinity, as it were, shines through His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan; and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Moreover, at Epiphany the Church looks forward to the majestic coming of Christ on the "youngest day" when His manifestation as God will be complete. The Gospels of the baptism and the marriage at Cana are read on the Octave Day and the Second Sunday after Epiphany, and later Sunday masses in the Epiphany season continue to show the divine power of our Lord in some of His most striking miracles.
Royal kingship: A second important idea in Epiphany is the extension of Christ's kingship to the whole world. The revelation of Christ to the three kings at Bethlehem is a symbol of His revelation to the whole of the Gentile world. Epiphany presents to us the calling of not merely a chosen few, but all nations to Christianity.
Your Light is Come: Closely linked to both these themes of divine manifestation and world kingship is a third idea running through the Epiphany feast: that of light. During Advent, the world was in darkness, and we prayed and waited in the spirit of the Jewish nation which lived in expectation of the Coming Light during thousands of years. At Christmas the Light shone forth, but dimly, seen only by a few around the crib: Mary and Joseph and the shepherds. But at Epiphany the Light bursts forth to all nations and the prophecy is fulfilled: "The Gentiles shall walk in Thy light, and kings in the brightness of Thy rising." The mysterious star of Epiphany, "flashing like a flame," is still another facet of the light-motif, a symbol capable of being interpreted in a dozen different ways. (continue 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 8:25am 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 hoped-for wedding date.
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 8:25am, 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 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

Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of **"chalking the doors."** The formula for the ritual-adapted for 2020 is simple: use the blessed chalk received after Mass on Epiphany Sunday and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20 + C+M + B + 20**and say the prayer accompanying the chalk.
The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "20" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request that Christ to bless those homes so marked that he stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year. The **chalking of the doors of a home** encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should strive to be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us!

The next **Holy Hour and Social for Men** will be on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 7:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All men are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

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Thank you for the Christmas Flower Donations

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Leslie & Barb Rolfson in memory of Michael Rolfson

Michael & Elizabeth Steger

Daniel & Margaret Swanson in memory of Lawrence & Gertrude Lofgren and Mitch Jensen

Fr. Kasel in memory of all deceased relatives

Saint Quote for a New Year Resolution:

"Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them"

St. Therese of Lisieux

WEEKLY TITHING for December 28-29, 2019

Envelopes:	$	1,420.00
Plate:	$	732.00
EFT:	$	82.50
Total:	**$**	**2,234.50**

Christmas Collection: $ 3,251.00

Solemnity of Mary Collection: $ 891.15

The Children's Christmas Play will be on the Solemnity of Epiphany, Sunday, January 5, 2020 *at the Church of St. Michael, PI after the Hospitality. Come and join us! All are invited.*

Come, Holy Spirit!

Congratulations to the youth of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Extraordinary Form on December 14 at the Cathedral of St. Paul!

Alexander Bestgen ***Jessica Bestgen***

Magdalene Bestgen ***Seth Bestgen***

May God continue to bless you!

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

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

9:00am Holy Mass (just on this day)

9:30am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, January 10, 2020

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

Saturday, January 11, 2020

4:15pm Confession/4:35pm Rosary

5:00pm Holy Mass

Lector: Jon Lenn

Server: Braxton Osterhaus

Usher: Aarron Osterhaus

Sunday, January 12, 2020

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

Lector: Ted Bauer

Servers: Bennett Elo, Charles Nelson, Leland Nelson, Benjamin Wyant

Usher: Steven Pass, Benjamin Eirikson

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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Wednesday, January 15, 2020

6:30-8:30pm Confirmation & HS Youth Group: Bowling & Pizza!

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

January 8, 2020	Dana Petrika (Jen Winkler)
January 10, 2020	†Sonia Nassaralla (Claudia Nassaralla)
January 11, 2020	Parishioners
January 12, 2020	(EF) Fr. Kasel (Rob & Sue Bestgen)
January 12, 2020	†Andrew, †David, †Lily, †Joseph, & †Sarah Bermudez York (Elaine York)

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Pauba Family in memory of Jim & Millie Pauba
Stuart & Jennifer Ohr in memory of Paul Proulx, Everett & Eva Ohr, our grandparents, and honor of Lois Proulx
Marie Robinson in memory of Ben & Dorothy Guenther
Rob and Janet Weber
Fr. Kasel in memory of all deceased relatives

Archdiocesan Synod-*Upcoming Prayer and Listening Events*
What's working and what's not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. There are 20 Prayer and Listening Events. The next three are:

Sunday, Jan. 5, 1-4 p.m. at Holy Cross (Minneapolis)
Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.-noon at St. Peter Claver, St. Paul
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6-9 p.m. at Pax Christi, Eden

PrairieLearn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

Words to Live By

"What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God? (Have) you become foolish, O Wise Men; Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise." St. Bernard of Clairvaux

"For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man." St. John Chrysostom

"Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: Heaven on earth, earth in Heaven, man in God, God in man, One whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a King, myrrh for One who is to die." St. Peter Chrysologus

"Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman's arms." St. Augustine

WEEKLY TITHING for December 29, 2019

Envelopes:	$ 1,040.00
Plate:	$ 55.00
Total:	**$ 1,095.00**
Christmas Collection:	$ 5,683.00

"Meal in a Bucket"

Don't be left out in the Cold order your "Meal in a Bucket" today. Pre-order slips are in the back of Church. Available meals are: BBQ and buns, Chili, Potato soup, Portage soup, buns and cinnamon Rolls.

Pro Life Quote

"Who would doubt that abortionists and their clients need divine grace to see the horror of their crimes and to have the courage to desist? Where can they obtain this grace? From God, of course. But in His ordinary providence, God uses persons who are in His friendship to merit for sinners — here the agents of abortion — the spiritual light and strength to return to the God from whom they have strayed." Servant of God Fr. John Hardon, SJ,
The Pro-Life Movement and the Catholic Church~

March for Life: On Wednesday, January 22, join thousands of Minnesotans at the State Capitol in St. Paul at 12:00 noon for the 47th annual MCCL March for Life. The March commemorates the deaths of more than 60 million unborn babies killed by abortion since the US Supreme Court's 1973 Roe V. Wade decision legalized abortion on demand. Your presence will help show elected officials and the public the depth of support for pro-life legislation protecting women and unborn babies. For more information, visit mccl.org/march.

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 7, 2020
8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
9:00am-12:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, January 9, 2020
9:15am Nursing Home Holy Mass
Sunday, January 12, 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*
Lector: Tom Steger
EM: Loretta Froyum, Sue Hinrichs, Becca Langner, Anne Varner, Rick Ryan
Altar Server: Joshua Hutton, Zachary Hutton
Ushers: Lenny Feuling, Mark Hinrichs
Nursing Home Minister: Marie Robinson

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 5, 2020
Children's Christmas Play at St. Michael after hospitality
Monday, January 6, 10:15am Holy Rosary Zumbrota Care Center
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
6:00pm-7:45pm Faith Formation Session/Classes
Saturday, January 11, 2020 8:00am St Pio KOC 16016 meeting
Sunday, January 12, 2020 7:00pm Men's Holy Hour at St. Michael
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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

January 7, 2020	† Charles Zupfer (Nancy Zupfer)
January 9, 2020	†Nathan Mullenbach (at Nursing Home)
January 12, 2020	Parishioners

(from pg. 1) How much food for thought and reflection is contained in just these three ideas, and what a significance they have for our own time! Epiphany lifts our eyes from the family celebrations and demands that we should include in our vision "all the ends of the earth." It demands that, like the three wise men, we should have the courage to follow the light of the star we have seen, however hazardous the journey; that the light of our faith, like that of the wise men, should be so strong that we are able to see and recognize our Lord and Ruler in however unexpected a way He may present Himself to us; and that having recognized Him, we should bow down and adore Him, offering Him our total loyalty.

Moreover, Epiphany demands that like these kings we should return to our own countries a different way, carrying to all those we meet the light of Christ. "For behold, darkness shall cover the earth," says the Epistle of the Epiphany Mass, "and a mist the people: but the Lord shall arise upon Thee, and His glory shall be seen upon Thee. And the Gentiles shall walk in Thy light. . ." These words may be applied to us, upon whom the light of Christ has indeed risen, and who have the res - ponsibility to radiate that light in the darkness of our own world. It is clear how much the feast of Epiphany must mean to all who are en- gaged in the apostolate and are striving to extend the kingdom of Christ.

The royal nuptials: Besides the important ideas outlined above, there is still another great theme threaded through the Epiphany feast—the theme of the royal nuptials, the wedding of Christ with humanity. It is an idea on a completely different level from the historical events which the Epiphany celebrates, yet inextricably bound up with them; for example, the historical marriage feast of Cana is used by the Church to suggest the setting for Christ's nuptials with the Church; the wise men represent not only the three Persian Magi adoring the Babe 2000 years ago at Bethlehem, but also the Gentile world hurrying to the wedding feast at the end of time when mankind's nuptials with the divine Bridegroom will be celebrated; the gold, frankincense and myrrh are not only tokens for the little Baby King in the stable, but royal wedding gifts for the mystical marriage feast of heaven.

The Epiphany antiphon for the hour of Lauds brings out strikingly this theme of the divine marriage of Christ with humanity, and at the same time shows the deep mystical significance behind the historical events surrounding the feast. Perhaps nowhere more clearly than in this antiphon do we see that on Epiphany we do not commemorate a set of historical facts as much as we celebrate a great mystery: "This day the Church is joined to her heavenly Spouse, for Christ has cleansed her crimes in the Jordan. With gifts the Magi hasten to the royal nuptials, and the guests are gladdened with wine made from water."" (taken from www.catholicculture.org; Activity Source: The *Twelve Days of Christmas,* by Elsa Chaney, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 1955)

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

In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

Confirmation and High School Youth Group: Bowling & Pizza! Come for bowling and enjoy delicious pizza and pop on Wednesday, January 15 at Trailhead Grill Pool and Pins at 416 3rd Ave NE, Pine Island from 6:30-8:30pm**. Hope you can join us!**

St Pio Knights of Columbus Council 16016 will meet on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 8:00am at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota. We will have breakfast and then the meeting. Wishing all a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See You all!

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