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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord Jesus in Jordan by St. John the Baptist. We hear in the Gospel that God the Father publicly manifested His love for Jesus and called upon all people to listen to Him. When each of us was baptized we were baptized into the grace of Jesus Christ, offered to us through His Passion and death on the Cross. Just as our Lord's Baptism was a sacred moment for Jesus and for all of us, so was our personal baptism in our Lord. Do you know when and where you were baptized? If not, try to find out. It is a good practice to have a special remembrance and gratitude for the grace of that day!

The end of the day this Sunday marks the conclusion of the Christmas season. The Christmas season always seems to go by so quickly. Thus, before it finally concludes, I want to share with you the Urbi et Orbi (to the city (that Rome) and the world) message given to us and all men and women of good will by our Holy Father, Pope Francis on Christmas Day, December 25, 2015.

"Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Christmas!

Christ is born for us, let us rejoice in the day of our salvation!

Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this day, which is Christ himself. Jesus is the radiant "day" which has dawned on the horizon of humanity. A day of mercy, in which God our Father has revealed his great tenderness to the entire world. A day of light, which dispels the darkness of fear and anxiety. A day of peace, which makes for encounter, dialogue and, above all, reconciliation. A day of joy: a "great joy" for the poor, the lowly and for all the people (cf. *Lk 2:10*).

On this day, Jesus, the Savior is born of the Virgin Mary. The Crib makes us see the "sign" which God has given us: "a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (*Lk 2:12*). Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we too set out to see this sign, this event which is renewed yearly in the Church. Christmas is an event which is renewed in every family, parish and community which receives the love of God made incarnate in Jesus Christ. Like Mary, the Church shows to everyone the "sign" of God: the Child whom she bore in her womb and to whom she gave birth, yet who is the Son of the Most High, since he "is of the Holy Spirit" (*Mt 1:20*). He is truly the *Saviour*, for he is the Lamb of God who takes upon himself the sin of the world (cf. *Jn 1:29*). With the shepherds, let us bow down before the Lamb, let us worship God's goodness made flesh, and let us allow tears of repentance to fill our eyes and cleanse our hearts. This is something we all need!

He alone, he alone can save us. Only God's mercy can free humanity from the many forms of evil, at times monstrous evil, which selfishness spawns in our midst. The grace of God can convert hearts and offer mankind a way out of humanly insoluble situations.

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

Where God is born, hope is born. He brings hope. Where God is born, peace is born. *And where peace is born, there is no longer room for hatred and for war.* Yet precisely where the incarnate Son of God came into the world, tensions and violence persist, and peace remains a Gift to be implored and built. May Israelis and Palestinians resume direct dialogue and reach an agreement which will enable the two peoples to live together in harmony, ending a conflict which has long set them at odds, with grave repercussions for the entire region.

We pray to the Lord that the agreement reached in the United Nations may succeed in halting as quickly as possible the clash of arms in Syria and in remedying the extremely grave humanitarian situation of its suffering people. It is likewise urgent that the agreement on Libya be supported by all, so as to overcome the grave divisions and violence afflicting the country. May the attention of the international community be unanimously directed to ending the atrocities which in those countries, as well as in Iraq, Libya, Yemen and sub-Saharan Africa, even now reap numerous victims, cause immense suffering and do not even spare the historical and cultural patrimony of entire peoples. My thoughts also turn to those affected by brutal acts of terrorism, particularly the recent massacres which took place in Egyptian airspace, in Beirut, Paris, Bamako and Tunis. To our brothers and sisters who in many parts of the world are being persecuted for their faith, may the Child Jesus grant consolation and strength. They are our martyrs of today. We also pray for peace and concord among the peoples of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and South Sudan, that dialogue may lead to a strengthened common commitment to the building of civil societies animated by a sincere spirit of reconciliation and of mutual understanding.

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CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION:

Please plan to attend: Wednesday, February 3, 2016

6:10-6:40pm- Meal

6:40-7:35pm- Children class/Parent and Adult session

7:35-7:45pm- Adoration & Benediction

The TOPIC for February:

On This Rock, I Will Build My Church

Our program is open for all of our parishioners to attend and it will benefit all ages! For all who are interested in attending our adult presentation and do not have children for the program.

We will have a moderate meal. Please RSVP if you would like to come to the meal.

Welcome Reception for Fr. Altier: There will be a welcome reception for Fr. Altier after the Saturday 5pm Holy Mass on January 23, 2016. If you are willing to assist with food or preparations please contact the parish office or Linda Kelly at 356-4793.

St. Michael Men's Club pre-Lent Fish Fry - Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 6pm. Lent is only a month away! All men are invited to come together to enjoy a meal and get ready for annual fish fry! Spouses and children are most welcome to come!

Fr. Kasel to the Holy Land

Dear Parishioners, I will be in the Holy Land from January 5-21, 2016. I will be serving as the Spiritual Director for pilgrims on the Jeff and Emily Cavins Holy Land pilgrimage. I am looking forward to this great spiritual journey! Know that I will pray for your and your intentions. I ask for your prayers as well. Please contact the parish office or the rectory with any emergencies.

God bless you! In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

Why Latin Holy Mass parts during Holy Mass in English?

The short answer is because the Catholic Church teaches that it is not only good to do, but that every Catholic should know parts of the Holy Mass in Latin. Where does this teaching come from?

Vatican Council II! **Here is what the Second Vatican Council has to say (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 1963):**

Article 36. 1. Particular law remaining in force, the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites.

Article 54. Nevertheless steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them.

We also read from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 2003 (used by the priest offering Holy Mass,): "Since the faithful from different countries come together ever more frequently, it is desirable that they know how to sing together at least some parts of the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin..."

Pro-Life Quote

"Every child that isn't born, but is unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of Jesus Christ, has the face of the Lord." *Pope Francis, addressing members of the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations, Sept. 20, 2013*

The Pine Island Food Shelf: The items requested for January are **Hamburger, Chicken, or Tuna Helper.** The food shelf is also in need of **plastic, paper or canvas grocery bags.** Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY TITHING for January 2-3, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 1,986.00
Plate:	\$ 388.00
EFT:	\$ 1,057.50
Total	\$ 3,431.50

Christmas Offering: \$ 560.00

Solemnity of Mary Offering: \$ 610.25

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS: MITTEN, GLOVE, SCARF, & HAT DRIVE
St. Padre Pio Knights of Columbus Council 16016 is planning their annual "Coat Drive" for youth in need in the Zumbrota/Pine Island School Districts. In conjunction with this, we will also be starting our annual "Mitten, Glove, Scarf, & Hat Drive." You will soon see large containers in back of the churches of St. Paul and St. Michael where mittens, scarves, and gloves can be placed. If you have used items please make sure they are clean for use. New items can have the tags left on. The clothing will be distributed through each of the schools' Resource Officers. The containers will be in the rear of St. Paul & St. Michael churches through Sunday, January 24, 16. Thank you for your generosity for the youth in our community in true need!

St. Isabella's Circle will be meeting for a celebratory lunch at the Rainbow Cafe at noon on Wednesday, January 13th! Please come, one and all!

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

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

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

Friday, January 15, 2016

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

Saturday, January 16, 2016

4:15pm Confessions/4:35pm Rosary/5:00pm Holy Mass

Lector: Janet Bauch

EM: Jon Lenn

Server: Braxton Osterhaus

Usher: Bob McCutcheon

Greeter: Pat Christensen

Sunday, January 17, 2016

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

Lector: Carl Anderson

EM: Chris Kneeland

Servers: John Bauer, Nicholas Bauer, Joseph Pass

Ushers: Ted Bauer, Steven Pass

Greeter: Josefina Meyer

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Saturday-Sunday, January 9-10, 2016 Kitui Mission 2nd Collection

Sunday, January 10, 2016

Hospitality Sunday after the 10:30 Mass hosted by Kitui group

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

12:00 noon St. Isabella's Circle lunch meeting at Rainbow Cafe

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Welcome Reception for Fr. Altier after the Sat. 5pm Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

January 13, 2016 †Lawanda Keller (St. Theresa Circle)

January 15, 2016 † Fred May

January 16, 2016 † Erin Finnegan (Christine Grabow)

January 17, 2016 (EF) †Mavis Stewart

January 17, 2016 Parishioners



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The TOPIC for January: A Match Made in Heaven

(The Sacrament of Matrimony)

Our program is open for all of our parishioners to attend and it will benefit all ages! For all who are interested in attending our adult presentation and do not have children for the program. We will have a moderate meal. Please RSVP if you would like to come to the meal.

Haitian mission project: Beginning the first part of the year, the Church of St. Paul CCW will be collecting items for a Haitian mission project. Haiti is among the poorest nations in the world and needs our help desperately. Catholic Daughters will also be assisting in collecting donations. Please drop your donations in the Church of St. Paul basement. (Please put in the plastic TUB under the stairs.)

List of needed items: Hygiene items, Fabric scraps, Small stuffed animals, Tupperware, Pill bottles, Lt. weight cloth totes, Sheets, esp. white (colored ok)-for burial, Stained sheets, Religious items-(no books or pamphlets), Shoes, Non-breakable small dishes, Small pots & pans, Small craft kits, Rags, Baby blankets, Zippered bed linen bags, and School supplies

Annual Prayer Service for Life Please join us at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 10:30 AM on Friday, January 22, 2016 for the Annual Prayer Service for Life, followed by MCCL's March for Life at the State Capitol. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage, Family & Life at 651-291-4488 or visit www.archspm.org.

Rochester Birthright Needs: Birthright is currently in need of new layette items: wipes in boxed tubs, baby bottles, bottles of baby wash, shampoo, lotion, powder, diaper rash ointment, new outfits in sizes 6mo-12mo, outlet covers, bibs, baby washcloths/towels, blankets, baby toys, books for baby, gifts for mom, etc. Birthright is at 830 S Broadway, Rochester. (507)288-9374 "We are accepting new and gently used clothes to distribute free to clients in need. Although we accept all sizes of kids clothes from newborn 4T and maternity clothes, we are low on the following: Sleepers/Pajamas - sizes 9mo. up to 4T, Premie clothes, Girls clothes - sizes 12mo. up to 4T, Boy clothes - sizes 3-4T, Socks Blankets Maternity clothes - sizes Small, Large, XL and plus size"

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Lord Jesus, Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. May we take the time to get to know You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word. May we also see and love you in all the people we meet, so that in turn, they can see You in us. We know that all human relationships take time if they are to become stronger. This is also true of our relationship with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit, which You desire to have grow throughout our lives. In this new year, grant us the grace to realize that every action of ours, no matter how small or great enables us to grow in friendship with You. Help us accept You into our lives, as the Way, that shows we loyal friends to You; as the Truth, to be courageously shared; as the Life, to be lived as a sign to the world; as the Light, to expel the darkness of our world; as the Love, to open the hearts of others; as the Joy, that consoles and strengthens our souls; as the Peace, that the world cannot give and only You can; as the Sacrifice, to be offered out of love for You, our relatives, friends, neighbors and all people. Amen.

WEEKLY TITHING for January 3, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 843.00

Plate: \$ 77.44

EFT: \$ 1,255.00

Total \$ 2,175.44

Christmas Offering: \$ 125.00

Solemnity of Mary Offering: \$ 93.00

Holy Mass Time Change

Starting on Sunday, January 3, 2016 the Sunday Holy Mass at St. Paul will begin at 8:45am.

Meal in a Bucket is Back!

The Catholic Daughters will be having a "Meal in a Bucket" sale for the next three weeks after Mass. Available meals are BBQ and Buns, Chili, Potato Soup, Portage Soup, and Cinnamon Rolls. Place your orders, written on the pre-order sheets, in the bucket in entrance of the Church. Meals will be ready for pickup on Sunday, January 24th. Money earned helps us support local Charities. Thank you for your support.

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In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

Please Save the Date! The winter CCW meeting will be on Monday, February 1, 2016 for all ladies of the church.

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

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

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

Thursday, January 14, 2016

9:15am Holy Mass at Zumbrota Care Center

Sunday, January 17, 2016

8:00am Confessions/8:25am Rosary/8:45am Holy Mass

Lector: Mark Huneke

EM: Lenny Feuling, Rob Weber, Karen Hodgman, Shirley Gregory, Dave Mensing

Servers: Joshua Hutton, Zachary Hutton

Ushers: Mark Huneke, Ken Kronebusch

Nursing Home Minister: Shirley Gregory

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

6:10-7:45pm Faith Formation for Children and Parent/Adult

Monday, February 1, 2016 Winter CCW Meeting

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

January 12, 2016 †Harriette Lewison (Joyce Merten)

January 14, 2016 †Dean Elliot (at Nursing Home)

January 17, 2016 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(cont. from pg.1) May Christmas also bring true peace to Ukraine, offer comfort to those suffering from the effects of the conflict, and inspire willingness to carry out the agreements made to restore concord in the entire country.

May the joy of this day illumine the efforts of the Colombian people so that, inspired by hope, they may continue their commitment to working for the desired peace.

Where God is born, hope is born; and where hope is born, persons regain their dignity. Yet even today great numbers of men and woman are deprived of their human dignity and, like the child Jesus, suffer cold, poverty, and rejection. May our closeness today be felt by those who are most vulnerable, especially child soldiers, women who suffer violence, and the victims of human trafficking and the drug trade.

Nor may our encouragement be lacking to all those fleeing extreme poverty or war, travelling all too often in inhumane conditions and not infrequently at the risk of their lives. May God repay all those, both individuals and states, who generously work to provide assistance and welcome to the numerous migrants and refugees, helping them to build a dignified future for themselves and for their dear ones, and to be integrated in the societies which receive them.

On this festal day may the Lord grant renewed hope to all those who lack employment – and they are so many!; may he sustain the commitment of those with public responsibilities in political and economic life, that they may work to pursue the common good and

to protect the dignity of every human life.

Where God is born, mercy flourishes. Mercy is the most precious gift which God gives us, especially during this Jubilee year in which we are called to discover that tender love of our heavenly Father for each of us. May the Lord enable prisoners in particular to experience His merciful love, which heals wounds and triumphs over evil.

Today, then, *let us together rejoice in the day of our salvation.* As we contemplate the Crib, let us gaze on the open arms of Jesus, which show us the merciful embrace of God, as we hear the cries of the Child who whispers to us: “for my brethren and companions’ sake, I will say: Peace be within you” (Ps 121[122]:8).

Christmas Greetings of the Holy Father (after the Urbi et Orbi Blessing)

To you, dear brothers and sisters all over the world who have come to this Square and to all those who join us by radio, television and other media, I offer my most cordial good wishes.

It is Christmas of the Holy Year of Mercy, and so I pray that all can welcome into their lives the mercy of God which Jesus Christ has bestowed on us, so that we in turn can show mercy to our brothers and sisters. In this way, we will make peace grow! Happy Christmas!”

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may our Lord grant us His Peace and Joy in this New Year!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

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