

March 12, 2017 Second Sunday of Lent

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

First, I encourage everyone to support the Church of St. Paul in Zumbrota and their annual St. Patrick's Ham Dinner being held this Sunday, March 12! The Dinner will be held at the Zumbrota VFW from 10:30am until 1:00pm. There will be a silent auction also. Plan now to attend – it is a great meal!

This Sunday we enter the second full week of our Lenten Season. How are your commitments during Lent coming along? Hopefully, you are experiencing some fruitful self-denial and growing in self-giving habits toward God and neighbor! I also hope you find your practices to be challenging. Sacrifices that challenge one to change a bad habit or grow into a good habit are the most rewarding. Furthermore, challenging sacrifices often bear greater spiritual fruit and lead to greater joy in our souls! In other words, the blessing of discipline during Lent leads to the joy of the Easter!

This week I share with you a sermon by St. John Chrysostom, bishop, (b. 344-d.407) on the beauty and importance of a daily habit of prayer.

“Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illumined by his infinite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods but continuous throughout the day and night.

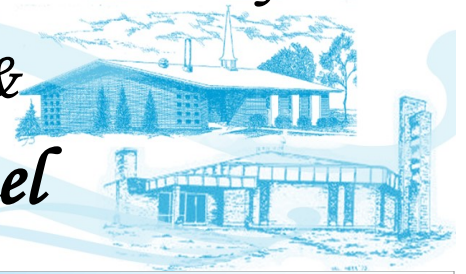
Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God, not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God and call him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe. Throughout the whole of our lives we may enjoy the benefit that comes from prayer if we devote a great deal of time to it. Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, mediating between God and man. The spirit, raised up to heaven by prayer, clings to God with the utmost tenderness; like a child crying tearfully for its mother, it craves the milk that God provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires, and receives gifts outweighing the whole world of nature.

Prayer stands before God as an honored ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayer, not words. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God's grace. The apostle Paul says: *We do not know how we are to pray but the Spirit himself pleads for us with inexpressible longings.* (Rom 8:26)

When the Lord gives this kind of prayer to a man, he gives him riches that cannot be taken away, heavenly food that satisfies the spirit. One who tastes this food is set on fire with an eternal longing for the Lord: his spirit burns as in a fire of utmost intensity.

Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds. Adorn it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity. Crown it with the pinnacle 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 8:00am 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

prayer. In this way you will make it a perfect dwelling place for the Lord. You will be able to receive him as in a splendid palace, and through his grace you will already possess him, his image enthroned in the temple of your spirit.”

Through the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless us with the graces we each need to grow in holiness this Lenten Season!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

Church of St. Paul St. Patrick's Ham Dinner

and Silent Auction on Sunday, March 12

from 10:30am-1:00pm at VFW, Zumbrota.

All are invited!



Holy Hour and Social for Men: Sunday, March 12th at 7:00pm

at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island.

Grill the Priests: Fr. Kasel and Fr. Zabinski will take on your best questions about our Catholic Faith and our times! We will be serving beef brisket along with whole lot of great food – so plan to be at St. Michael this coming Sunday! All men are invited for adoration, confession, a meal, and the presentation!

The March Women's Holy Hour will be Friday, March 24, 7:00pm at the Church of St. Michael in Pine Island. Instead of a social after the Holy Hour, we invite everyone to come anytime 4:30 - 7:00 and support the St. Michael's Men's Club and enjoy their delicious fish fry! We will go upstairs at 7:00pm to begin the Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:30pm.

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

Next Class/Session: Wednesday, March 15, 2017

TOPIC for March: Jesus' Compassion in His Passion (Stations of the Cross)

6:00-6:35pm-Meal

6:35-7:30pm-Children Class/Parent & Adult Session

7:35-7:45pm-All students, parents, & teachers meet in the Church for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction!

If your family has a conflict with any Wednesday sessions, you may attend either Parish. Please contact either Parish for any questions.

Our program is open for all of our parishioners to attend and it will benefit all ages! There will be separate presentations for adults & youth. If you are interested in attending our adult presentation and do not have children for the program, please RSVP by email or through sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church, if you would like to come to the meal.

Please MARK your Calendar:

CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 31-AUGUST 4, 2017 8:30am-12:00noon

We have an inspiring curriculum and activities, art projects, learn music & more!
More details to follow.

Parish/Bi-Parish Pastoral Council to be formed Thank you to those who have responded. More details to follow.

May God bless our efforts! ...Fr. Kasel

Quilting Bee Cause will meet March 21 at 9 a.m. in the church hall. Please join us. *Do you have used bed sheets? We use them for backing of the quilts. Any color and size, flannel are greatly appreciated.* Just drop them off at the church or call 356-4858. **Help wanted:** Are you interested in cutting fabric and sewing at home? Please contact Bea Rau-
en at 356-4858. *Our group makes Mission Quilts, all donated to Caring and Sharing Hands*

The **Book Club** will meet this Wednesday, March 15th at 1:00 pm in the Prairie Rm. to discuss the book *An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff. Bring ideas for future books to read. Everyone is welcome

40 Days for Life: From March 1 through April 9, our local Catholic community will participate in 40 Days for Life – a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods and for their own friends and families. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during the 40-day vigil on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood (located in the Northgate Shopping Center) and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach taking place in all 50 states and around the world. If you are not able to join us on the sidewalk, we invite you to still pray with us for an end to abortion.

...So far there have been 26 babies spared from abortion that we know of in this campaign

Forty Days - Forty Items: Wed. March 1st -the first day of Lent. We have a challenge for you! Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closets that is no longer worn or needed and place it into the trash bag. At the end of the forty days, bring these items to either Church of St. Paul or the Church of St. Michael so we can share them with Sharing & Caring Hands. *This is a charitable service outreach mission of your St. Michael and St. Paul St. Pio of Pietrelcina KC Council #16016.*

SOUTHEAST DEANERY 2017 LENTEN RETREAT

"Day of Recollection" Wednesday, March 29, 2017

St. Pius V Catholic Church, Cannon Falls, MN

"MAKING SPACE FOR OUR GOD AND OURSELVES" by

Brother Bob Roddy, OFM Conv.,

8:30 am - Registration

9:00 am - Speaker

11:15 am - Rosary

11:30 am - Mass

12:00 noon - Lunch

The Southeast Deanery and the St. Pius CCW will be hosting the day. Free will offering will be taken.

WEEKLY TITHING for March 5-6, 2017

Envelopes:	\$ 1,650.00
Plate:	\$ 863.38
EFT:	\$ 1,067.50
Total :	\$ 3,580.88

Ash Wednesday Collection: \$ 202.50



Come and Join us!

The Church of St. Michael Men's Club Fish Fries
Serving from 4:30pm-7:00pm and each Friday of
Lent (March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7) in Community Room!
STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:30pm

Lenten DVD Bible Study

The *Lenten DVD Bible Study of the Gospel of John* will start on Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00pm at the Church of St. Michael. There are 8 sessions. Those who would like to come, please contact the Parish Office at 356-4280. Thank you.

Pine Island Food Shelf: The items requested for the month of March 2017 are: **Shampoo and Toothpaste**

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

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

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

Friday, March 17, 2017

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

Saturday, March 18, 2017

5:00pm Holy Mass - On 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays of the month

Holy Mass will be ad Orientem; 2nd & 4th versus populum

Lector: Janet Bauch

EM: Jon Lenn

Server: Jack Swanson

Usher: Bob McCutcheon

Greeter: Char Lenn

Sunday, February 19, 2017

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

Lector: Carl Anderson

EM: Ron Breid

Servers: John Bauer, Nicholas Bauer, Joseph Pass

Ushers: Ted Bauer, Steven Pass

Greeter: Josefina Meyer

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Saturday-Sunday, March 11-12, 2017

Kitui Mission 2nd Collection

Sunday, March 12, 2017

10:30am-1:00pm St. Patrick's Ham Dinner at VFW, Zumbrota

7:00pm Holy Hour and Social for Men at St. Michael

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

6:00-7:45pm Faith Formation for Children and Parent/Adult

Friday, March 17, 2017

4:30-7:00pm Fish Fry and 7:30pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

March 15, 2017 Josefina Meyer (Sara McNamara)

March 17, 2017 †Pershing Fosh Melquist (Joyce Melquist)

March 18, 2017 Parishioners

March 19, 2017 (EF) †Reginald Lipp (Robert & Susan Bestgen)

March 19, 2017 †Harry Jr. & Loella Munson (The Nelsons)



CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL FAITH FORMATION

Next Class/Session: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

TOPIC for April: Our Father, Who Art in Heaven (God, the Father)

6:00-6:35pm-Meal

6:35-7:30pm-Children Class/Parent & Adult Session

7:35-7:45pm-All students, parents, & teachers meet in the Church for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction!

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Please MARK your Calendar:

**CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 31-AUGUST 4, 2017 8:30am-12:00noon**

We have an inspiring curriculum and activities, art projects, learn music & more!
More details to follow.

WEEKLY TITHING for March 5, 2017

Envelopes:	\$ 1,103.00
Plate:	\$ 152.40
EFT:	\$ 1,305.00
Total :	\$ 2,560.40

Ash Wednesday Collection: \$ 600.50

Lenten DVD Bible Study

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Parish/Bi-Parish Pastoral Council to be formed

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May God bless our efforts! ...Fr. Kasel

Pro Life Quote

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270

Zumbrota Area Food Shelf: The item requested for the month of March is laundry soap.

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

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

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

Thursday, March 16, 2017

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

Sunday, March 19, 2017

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: Mark Huneke

EM: Lenny Feuling, Rob Weber, Pauline Morgan,
Shirley Gregory, Dave Mensing

Servers: Joel Matuska

Ushers: Lenny Feuling, Mark Hinrichs

Nursing Home Minister: Maggie Eggerichs

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 12, 2017

10:30am-1:00pm St. Patrick's Ham Dinner at VFW, Zumbrota

7:00pm Holy Hour and Social for Men at St. Michael

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

6:00pm First Communion Retreat at St. Paul

7:00pm Station of the Cross at St. Paul

Friday, March 17, 2017

4:30-7:00pm Fish Fry & 7:30pm Station of the Cross at St Michael

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Fellowship Sunday after Holy Mass hosted by Bernadette Circle

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

March 14, 2017 †Ray & Viola Zempel (T & J Meyer)

March 16, 2017 †Souls in Purgatory (Louise Gerken)

March 19, 2017 Parishioners



Come and Join Us!

St. Patrick's Ham Dinner

March 12th AT THE ZUMBROTA VFW

Today we are hosting our Annual St. Patrick's Ham Dinner and Silent Auction!

Bring your family & friends and join us at the Zumbrota VFW. The dinner is served from 10:30am to 1:00pm.

Ticket Prices: Adults-\$12, Children-\$6, & Under 6-Free

The Silent Auction will be held during the dinner.



Saint of the Week: March 17 - St. Patrick

Patrick was a Britain born in 385 A.D. When he was about 14, he was captured and taken to Ireland as a prisoner. Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. After being home for a few years, Patrick had a vision from God telling him to go back to Ireland and teach the people about God. He was ordained a bishop and started back. In short order Patrick was able to convert a chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. In the home: Pray St. Patrick's beautiful prayer: "Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

Current Birthright of Rochester Needs:

Gently used or new Girls clothing/sleepers sizes 0-9 months

Gently used or new Boys clothing/pajamas sizes 2-5T

Gently used or new Socks sizes 0-18 months

New Layette items for new mom gift bags: 0-9 month clothes and sleepers for Boys and Girls; Onesies all sizes; Wipes in boxed tubs; Baby hygiene items, i.e. shampoo, bath wash, lotion, powder, diaper rash ointment; Bibs; Baby Toys and Books; and a small gift for mom, i.e. picture frame, journal, lotion, etc.

You are invited to the Church of SS Peter and Paul, Mazeppa for their Spring Dinner, Thursday, March 16th from 5-7pm,

in the Church Hall. Serving: turkey/gravy over mashed potatoes, coleslaw, dinner buns, desserts, beverage

Adults: \$9.00, Children 5-10: \$3.00, Pre-school 4 & under: \$1.00

NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CHURCH OF ST. PAUL
Each Tuesday of Lent at 7:00pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL
Each Friday of Lent at 7:30pm

KITUI UPDATE: Here we are at another season of Lent, our water bottles are available again to support our Partnership of Kitui with the much needed water. Each time you turn your faucet on the take a drink of water, remember there is a child or persons who may be dying because of lack of water. Yes, the rains failed again in the Kitui Diocese, and now throughout Kenya. I ask you to be generous this year as you have been in the past to support this much needed project that we have been supporting now for years building dams, supplying water tanks for schools, and helping CARITAS Kitui to find the areas of the diocese that are in most need of water. I am posting a letter from the Kenya Bishops Conference, who are pleading for help in this difficult situation. May God bless you during this Lenten Season. Questions regarding the Kitui Partnership may be directed to Christine Kneeland at 356-2442.

Kitui Kraft Items: Craft items made by the women and children of the Kitui Diocese will be on sale after each Mass this weekend, March 11-12. Proceeds from this sale will be taken back to Kitui this spring to help provide income to women to support their families and St. Michael's blind and deaf school projects made by the children. Please help support this sale as another area of the Kitui Partnership we are involved with, and then in June we will have our Zip-lock bag collection. Thank you for all the support you have given to this Partnership. For more information or if interested in getting involved, please call Christine Kneeland at 356-2442.

Youth For Christ: There will be a talk entitled "*Courtship, Dating, and Love*" given on March 22nd which you and your parents are invited to participate in! It will begin with dinner at 6 pm and end at 8:30 pm at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Goodhue. Come for all or just a part of it. This talk has been provided for by a Gather4Faith grant from Catholic United Financial. For more information, call the office or Fr. Zabinski. Hope to see you there!

Steubenville North update! If you would like to come to Steubenville North Rochester, let Fr. Zabinski or the office know. We need an indication of how many people want to go to this by Mar. 22nd. High School youth are invited to come to Steubenville North Rochester from July 14-16. Details: <http://www.partnershipforyouth.org/steubenville-rochester/>. More details to follow!

2017 Archdiocesan Men's Conference on Saturday, March 18, 8am- 1pm. (Doors open at 7 a.m. for Adoration and Confession) Anderson Fieldhouse, University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul. Join men of all ages and walks of life from around the Archdiocese for a morning filled with faith and fellowship. Archbishop Hebda will speak on *Lessons from Saint Joseph, the Ultimate Watchman*. The conference includes: Mass, breakfast, dynamic speakers, and a Eucharistic procession around the UST campus. Cost: \$25 per adult; \$10 per student (up to high school senior). Special group discount: Order 5 tickets for the price of 4! Please pre-register at archspm.org/Events. Questions? Contact Enzo Randazzo at randazzov@archspm.org or 651-291-4483

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