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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 First Sunday of Advent. This week the readings point us to prepare for the coming of Jesus in a few ways: (1) His imminent presence in the world through the Catholic Church and (2) His final coming at the end of time.

Our Catechism of the Catholic Church has an excellent teaching about what our Lord teaches us about these matters:

"Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living." Christ's Ascension into Heaven signifies His participation, in His humanity, in God's power and authority. Jesus Christ is Lord: He possesses all power in Heaven and on earth. He is "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion", for the Father "has put all things under His feet." Christ is Lord of the cosmos and of history. In Him human history and indeed all creation are "set forth" and transcendently fulfilled.

As Lord, Christ is also head of the Church, which is his Body. Taken up to Heaven and glorified after He had thus fully accomplished His mission, Christ dwells on earth in His Church. The redemption is the source of the authority that Christ, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, exercises over the Church. "The kingdom of Christ [is] already present in mystery", "on earth, the seed and the beginning of the kingdom". Since the Ascension God's plan has entered into its fulfillment. We are already at "the last hour". "Already the final age of the world is with us, and the renewal of the world is irrevocably under way; it is even now anticipated in a certain real way, for the Church on earth is endowed already with a sanctity that is real but imperfect." Christ's kingdom already manifests its presence through the miraculous signs that attend its proclamation by the Church.

Though already present in His Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the King's return to earth. This reign is still under attack by the evil powers, even though they have been defeated definitively by Christ's Passover. Until everything is subject to Him, "until there be realized new heavens and a new earth in which justice dwells, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and she herself takes her place among the creatures which groan and travail yet and await the revelation of the sons of God." That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ's return by saying to Him: *Marana tha!* "Our Lord, come!"

Before his Ascension, Christ affirmed that the hour had not yet come for the glorious establishment of the messianic kingdom awaited by Israel which, according to the prophets, was to bring all men the definitive order of justice, love and peace. According to the Lord, the present time is the time of the Spirit and of witness, but also a time still marked by "distress" and the trial of evil which does not spare the Church and ushers in the struggles of the last days. It is a time of waiting and watching.

Since the Ascension, Christ's coming in glory has been imminent, even though "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority." This eschatological coming could be accomplished at any moment, even if both it and the

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

final trial that will precede it are "delayed".

The glorious Messiah's coming is suspended at every moment of history until his recognition by "all Israel", for "a hardening has come upon part of Israel" in their "unbelief" toward Jesus. St. Peter says to the Jews of Jerusalem after Pentecost: "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom Heaven must receive until the time for establishing all that God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old." St. Paul echoes him: "For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?" The "full inclusion" of the Jews in the Messiah's salvation, in the wake of "the full number of the Gentiles", will enable the People of God to achieve "the measure of the stature" (cont. on pg.4)



Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BV Mary-Holy Day of Obligation:

Wednesday, December 7	St. Paul, Zumbrota	6:00 pm
Wednesday, December 7	Holy Trinity, Goodhue	7:30 pm
Thursday, December 8	St. Mary, Bellechester	8:00 am
Thursday, December 8	St. Paul, Zumbrota	8:30 am
Thursday, December 8	St. Michael, Pine Island	6:30 pm
Thursday, December 8	St. Columbkil, Belle Creek	7:30 pm
Thursday, December 8	St. Michael, Pine Island	7:30 pm(EF)

*You are invited to the annual
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TEA "Christmas Around the World"
Saturday, December 3, 2016, 9:30am-12:30pm at St. Michael*

St. Andrew Novena: Please see the bulletin insert of the Novena of St. Andrew and join in praying the Novena that will begin on Wednesday, November 30th.

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

Next Class/Session: Wednesday, December 14, 2016
The TOPIC for December: Prepare the Way of the Lord!



"Christmas Around the World"

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TEA at St. Michael

Saturday, December 3, 2016 9:30am-12:30pm

You are all invited to begin celebrating the Christmas season by joining us at the Church of St. Michael for our annual Christmas Holiday Tea. Relax with family and friends by enjoying the **Tea Table** with a variety of specialty food items, all donated by the women of the parish. This is provided at no charge. We will have a **Bakery Table** with holiday goodies and a **Craft Table** will offer handmade items perfect for gifts, stocking stuffers and Christmas décor. There is also a **Raffle Table** which has many prizes donated by local residents and our CCW Circles.

Christmas Holiday Tea News: Thursday, Dec 1 at 6:30pm we will be setting up the Community Center for the Christmas Holiday Tea. Please come and assist with this set up, many hands make light work. On behalf of the Catholic Council of Women for the Church of St. Michael, we thank you for all your support with this event.

CCW Giving Tree Collection: The St. Michael CCW is organizing a collection of presents for Christmas for residents at Home Instead Senior Care. Please take an ornament of your choice from the tree that is in the entrance of the church. Please put the items in a label bag and return it by Sunday, December 11th. Thank you for your support!

St. Michael parishioners: Thank you so much for your generosity regarding our pie sale. It was successful beyond our wildest imaginations! The money we raised will help us buy crafts for the girls, take the older girls to visit religious sisters and perhaps plan another visit to Sharing and Caring Hands this spring to visit the children there. We are potentially planning to do the pie sale again next year, so any feedback regarding the pies, the delivery method, the ordering process or anything else would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Carol Nelson or Sarah Bauer. *Thank you again and God bless you all.*

-The Little Flowers Girls Club of St. Michael's

Saint of the Week: November 30th - St. Andrew

Andrew, like his brother Simon Peter, was a fisherman. He became a disciple of the great St. John the Baptist, but when John pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Andrew understood that Jesus was greater. At once he left John to follow the Divine Master. Andrew was thus the first disciple of Christ. Next, Andrew brought his brother Simon (St. Peter) to Jesus and Jesus received him, too, as His disciple. At first the two brothers continued to carry on their fishing trade and family affairs, but later, the Lord called them to stay with Him all the time. He promised to make them fishers of men, and this time, they left their nets for good. It is believed that after Our Lord ascended into Heaven, St. Andrew went to Greece to preach the gospel. He is said to have been put to death on a cross, to which he was tied, not nailed. He lived two days in that state of suffering, still preaching to the people who gathered around their beloved Apostle. Two countries have chosen St. Andrew as their patron - Russia and Scotland.

In the Home: A beautiful way to get prepared for Christmas is to say the St. Andrew Novena. Simply say the following prayer 15 times a day from the feast of St. Andrew, Nov. 30th, until Christmas. Our family says it 5 times before each meal. It will really help you and your children focus on the real meaning of Advent and Christmas.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [here mention your request] through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

WEEKLY TITHING for November 19-20, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 2,298.00
Plate:	\$ 1,108.00
EFT:	\$ 1,402.50
Total :	\$ 4,808.50
Cemetery Second Collection	\$ 536.00

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: This year we will again be collecting Christmas Flower offerings for the purchase of poinsettias for the Christmas Season. You will find a Christmas Flower envelope in your packet. The suggested donation is \$13. Please put your envelope in the collection basket by Sunday, December 11. If you miss this deadline, please drop off donation at the Church office by Dec. 13. *Thank you and God bless you!*

Quilting Bee Cause will meet on Tuesday, November 29th at 9:00am in the Church hall.

Pine Island Food Shelf: Sunday, December 4th will be another "Special item Sunday" – **Tuna Sunday!**

PIHS Clothing Drive: Pine Island High School is partnering with The Connecting Connection in Goodhue County to collect clothes for the local community. This will run from Nov. 6 - Dec. 11. Please donate clothes, shoes, and outerwear of all sizes and for all ages. Any extra clothes will be sent to Honduras or other countries in need. A collection box is downstairs.

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

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

Friday, December 2, 2016

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
 7:00pm **Extraordinary Form First Friday Holy Mass**

Saturday, December 3, 2016

4:00pm **First Saturday devotions at St. Michael**
 5:00pm Holy Mass - On 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays of the month
 Holy Mass will be ad Orientem; 2nd & 4th versus populum

Lector: Linda Kelly
EM: Jon Lenn
Server: Jack Swanson
Usher: Bob McCutcheon
Greeter: Char Lenn

Sunday, November 6, 2016

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass
 10:30am Holy Mass
Lector: Terri Pass
EM: Ron Breid
Servers: John Bauer, Nick Bauer, Joseph Pass
Ushers: Ren Tescher, Scott Pass
Greeter: Kneeland Family

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Saturday, December 3, 2016

9:30am-12:30pm Christmas Holiday Tea

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, December 10, 2016

8:00am St. Pio Knights of Columbus meeting at St. Michael

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

November 30, 2016	Charles Nelson (Pete & Carol Nelson)
December 2, 2016	†Carl Grabow (Christine Grabow)
December 2, 2016	†Jerald Koelsch (Bob & Sis Braaten)
December 3, 2016	Father Kasel (Sara & Josefina)
December 4, 2016	†Lenny Cremer (Janet Shannon)
December 4, 2016	Parishioners



CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL FAITH FORMATION

Next Class/Session: Wednesday, December 7, 2016
The TOPIC for December: Prepare the Way of the Lord!

6:00pm Immaculate Conception of the BV Mary Holy Day Mass
Meal—after the Holy Mass

7:15-7:45pm—Children Class/Parent & Adult Session

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.



Christmas Sharing Tree

The Christmas Sharing Tree for area needy families will be in the vestibule of the church again this year. There is a change however in the gifts that will be collected. The requests are for grocery, gas, and department store gift cards, personal care products and items such as paper, towels laundry soap. Since we are not purchasing specific gifts for individuals, you do not need to record the ornament that you take. The gifts will be distributed to families in the Zumbrota- Mazeppa school district. Please return items by December 11th. Thank you for your generosity as you share your blessings with those less fortunate. *If you have questions please contact Maggie Eggerichs.*

Pro Life Quote

“The Catholic community must offer support to those women who may find it difficult to accept a child, above all when they are isolated from their family and friends. Likewise, the community should be open to welcome back all who repent of having participated in the grave sin of abortion, and should guide them with pastoral charity to accept the grace of forgiveness, the need for penance, and the joy of entering once more into the new life of Christ.” – Pope Benedict XVI

Zumbrota Area Food Shelf: The items requested for the month of November is personal care products, like shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper.

DivorceCare - Surviving the Holidays: Separation or divorce during the holidays can be a lonely, stressful and depressing time. But there is hope! The DivorceCare Ministry at Pax Christi Church, Rochester, is offering a *Surviving the Holidays* seminar on December 9, 6:30 p.m. at Pax Christi Church. This one-night seminar covers how to deal with the many emotions faced during the holidays, tips for surviving social events, ways to help children, and finding hope for the future. The cost is \$5. Registration deadline: December 7. To register visit <http://paxchristchurch.org/divorcecare-surviving-the-holidays> or email lesakmi@yahoo.com.

Christmas concert at St. Mary's in Bellechester: Recording artist Michael Russell O'Brien will be performing a Christmas concert at St. Mary's in Bellechester on December 11, 2016 @ 2:00 pm. Cost of tickets will be \$10. All proceeds will be donated to the Zumbrota and Mazeppa Food Shelves. Nonperishable food donations accepted at concert. This is a wonderful family event. Tickets will be available soon. Sponsored by CCW & CDA

WEEKLY TITHING for November 20, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 797.00
Plate:	\$ 88.00
EFT:	\$ 1,620.00
Total :	\$ 2,505.00
Cemetery Second Collection	\$ 366.00

St. Paul CCW Meeting: The CCW ladies meeting will be on Monday, December 5, 2016. There will be Holy Mass at 6:30pm followed by the meeting at 7:00pm. All women from St. Paul Church are members of CCW-(Catholic Council of Women). *Please come and join us.*

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Thank you and God bless you!



Pampered Chef Party, November 28th, at 6:30 pm to be held at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Mazeppa. This is a fundraiser for First Choice Clinic of Red Wing, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters. A light lunch, beverages and dessert will be served, the presentation is about 45 minutes long. If you would like to order online: <https://pamperedchef.com/go/cdoamazeppa>

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

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

Thursday, December 1, 2016

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

Sunday, December 4, 2016

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: Shirley Gregory, Maggie Eggerichs, Pauline Morgan, Lenny Feuling, Rob Weber

Servers: Zachary Hutton, Joshua Hutton

Ushers: Mark Huneke, Ken Kronebusch

Nursing Home Minister: Maggie Eggerichs

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Saturday, December 3, 2016

9:30am-12:30pm Christmas Holiday Tea at St. Michael

Monday, December 5, 2016

6:30pm CCW Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

6:00pm Immaculate Conception of the BV Mary Holy Day Mass
*Meal and Faith Formation class/session after the Holy Day Mass

Thursday, December 8, 2016

8:30am Immaculate Conception of the BV Mary Holy Day Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

November 29, 2016	†Irene Hilbert (Louise Gerken)
December 1, 2016	Souls of Purgatory (Fatima Vigil)
December 4, 2016	Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 1) of the fullness of Christ", in which "God may be all in all". Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers.

The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the Truth. The supreme religious deception is that of the Antichrist, a pseudo-messianism by which man glorifies himself in place of God and of His Messiah come in the flesh.

The Antichrist's deception already begins to take shape in the world every time the claim is made to realize within history that messianic hope which can only be realized beyond history through the eschatological judgment. The Church has rejected even modified forms of this falsification of the kingdom to come under the name of millenarianism, especially the "intrinsically perverse" political form of a secular messianism.

The Church will enter the glory of the kingdom only through this final Passover, when she will follow her Lord in His death and Resurrection. The kingdom will be fulfilled, then, not by a historic triumph of the Church through a progressive ascendancy, but only by God's victory over the final unleashing of evil, which will cause his Bride to come down from heaven. God's triumph over the revolt of evil will take the form of the Last Judgment after the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world.

Following in the steps of the prophets and John the Baptist, Jesus announced the judgment of the Last Day in His preaching. Then will the conduct of each one and the secrets of hearts be brought to light. Then will the culpable unbelief that counted the offer of God's grace as nothing be condemned. Our attitude to our neighbor will

St Pio Knights of Columbus will meet at 8:00am on Saturday, December 10th at Church of St. Michael. We will have breakfast and guest speaker is Luke Rennie Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent he will talk about Insurance and Annuities.

YFC (Youth For Christ) will be meeting on Sunday, December 4th at 6:30pm at Church of St. Paul.

Support Elderly Religious on December 3-4, 2016

Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Thank you for your support!

disclose acceptance or refusal of grace and Divine Love. On the Last Day Jesus will say: "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

Christ is Lord of eternal life. Full right to pass definitive judgment on the works and hearts of men belongs to Him as Redeemer of the world. He "acquired" this right by His cross. The Father has given "all judgment to the Son". Yet the Son did not come to judge, but to save and to give the life He has in Himself. By rejecting grace in this life, one already judges oneself, receives according to one's works, and can even condemn oneself for all eternity by rejecting the Spirit of Love." (CCC 668-679)

Through the intercession of the Immaculate Conception, St. Joseph, and our patrons, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless you, your families and our parishes!

In Christ through Mary, *Fr. Kasel*



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