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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

During this month of November, the month dedicated to relief of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, let us ask our Blessed Mother and our good Lord for the grace to show charity to our neighbors, including praying for the Faithful Departed. This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Christ the King. I share with you a reflection on the Kingship of Christ. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

“Christ the King - The Reign of Christ: A reign of justice and love: The Lord will reign for ever and will give His people the gift of peace. (Communion Antiphon, Ps. 28:10-11) These are the words of today’s Communion Antiphon.

The Solemnity of Christ the King is as it were a synthesis of the entire salvific mystery. (John Paul II, *Address*, 20 November 1983) This Feast brings the liturgical year to a close. Over the past months we have celebrated the mysteries of the life of the Lord. Now we contemplate Christ in His glorified state as King of all Creation and of our souls. The Feasts of the Epiphany, Easter and the Ascension also relate to Christ as King and Lord of the Universe, but the Church has wanted to have this Feast as a special remembrance to modern man, who seems somewhat indifferent to His supernatural destiny. (cf. Pius XI, Encyclical, *Quas Primas*, 11 December 1925)

The texts for today’s Holy Mass emphasize the love of Christ the King. He did not come to establish His Kingdom by force. His ‘weapons’ are goodness and a shepherd’s solicitude: *I Myself will search for My sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out My sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. (First Reading, Year A, Ezek. 34:11-12) The Lord tends to His lost sheep, to those men and women who have gone astray through sin. He takes care to heal their wounds. He goes so far as to die for His sheep. As King, He came to reveal God’s Love, to be the Mediator of the new Covenant, the Redeemer of mankind. The Kingdom which Jesus initiated works in its interior dynamism as ‘leaven’ and a ‘sign of salvation’ to build a more just, more fraternal world, one with more solidarity, inspired by the evangelic values of hope and of the future happiness to which all are called. Therefore, the Preface of today’s Eucharistic celebration speaks of Jesus who has offered to the Father ‘a Kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace’.* (John Paul II, *Address*, 26 November 1989) This is what the Kingdom of Christ is all about. Each one of us is called to participate in this Kingdom and expand it through our apostolate. The Lord should be present in our families, among our friends, neighbors and colleagues at work... *Against those who*

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 arrangements.

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, 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

reduce religion to a set of negative statements, or are happy to settle for a watered-down Catholicism; against those who wish to see the Lord with His face against the wall, or to put Him in a corner of their souls, we have to affirm, with our words and with our deeds, that we aspire to make Christ the King reign indeed over all hearts, theirs included. (J. Escriva, Furrow, 608)

Christ must reign in our mind, our will and our actions: Oportet autem illum regnare... For He must reign.... (Second Reading, Year A, 1 Cor. 15:25)

St. Paul teaches us that while Christ’s Kingdom is achieved in time and space, it will attain its definitive fullness at the Last Judgment. The Apostle depicts this epochal event as a rite of homage to the Father: Christ will present all Creation to Him as an offering. Then all things will be subjected to His rule. (cf. *ibid.*, 1 Cor. 15:23-28) His Second Coming will establish a new Heaven and a new earth. (Rev. 21:1-2) He will thereupon vanquish the devil, sin, pain and death. (cf. *The Navarre Bible*, note to 1 Cor. 15:23-28) Meanwhile, we Christians cannot be passively waiting for these momentous events to unfold. We have to desire ardently the establishment of His Kingdom: *Oportet illum regnare!* (cont. on pg. 3)

Dedication of the New Altar- postponed

Due to the current circumstances with the virus, the dedication of the New Altar will be postponed!

Holy Masses for Thanksgiving:

8:00pm on Wed., Nov. 25, at St. Mary in Bellechester

8:00am on Thurs., Nov. 26, St. Columbkil in Belle Creek

8:30am on Thurs., Nov. 26, at St. Paul, Zumbrota

9:30am on Thurs., Nov. 26, at St. Michael, Pine Island

Let us thank God for all our blessings!



The next Holy Hour for Women will be on Sunday, November 29, at 6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 6:30-7:45pm

TOPIC for Dec.: Water & Fire (Baptism & Confirmation)

Our Lord, King of all!

We pray to You, O Lord, who are the supreme Truth, and all Truth is from You. We beseech You, O Lord, who are the highest Wisdom, and all the wise depend on You for their Wisdom. You are the supreme Joy, and all who are Happy owe it to You. You are the Light of minds and all receive their Understanding from You. We love, we love You above all. We seek You, we follow You, and we are ready to serve You. We desire to dwell under Your power for You are the King of all. Amen. *By St. Albert the Great (1200-1280) Doctor of the Church*



St. Gianna Guild Holiday Tea: UPDATE!

Dear Parishioners,
Due to the current circumstances, it is deemed best to cancel the St. Gianna Holiday Tea. However, we will still have the raffle fundraiser that is normally part of our annual Holiday Tea event. Those who have tickets, please continue to try to offer those chances to family and friends! Thank you to all who have been assisting with the Holiday Tea planning this year. We look forward to the opportunity to have this fundraiser next year.
God bless you!
In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

Prayer Meditation by Blessed Clelia Merloni

Besides the material temple where the Lord wants to receive the homage of our prayers, Jesus has another spiritual temple, where He wants to be honored, and this is our heart... It must be the sanctuary of the Lord. There, His praises must resound, and fervent acts of love and constant prayer must rise to Heaven like perfumed incense. Woe to us if we dare to profane it... Might not our heart become a den of thieves, if we let worldly and natural affections, attachments to worldly vanities and things enter, while, as true Temples of God, we should only let in holy thoughts and affections and let Jesus reign as absolute Master, while throwing out all those who would want to come in and take control?

If you sometimes find yourself so troubled and disturbed that you cannot find peace, turn immediately to prayer and persevere in it, in imitation of Jesus Christ our Lord, who prayed three times in the garden, to show us that prayer must always be our recourse and refuge. Thus as much as you feel saddened and faint-hearted, you must not distance yourself from prayer, until your will is conformed to God's, and, consequently, is fervent and peaceful and at the same time entirely quickened and undaunted in order to accept and embrace what you formerly feared and abhorred. Unite your prayer to that of Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament and offer God the action of your divine Spouse Jesus, to make reparation for every defect and loss of time that you have committed; unite your praise to that of Jesus and, uniting yourself to His holy intentions, offer them to the divine Father in place of your own.

Blessed Clelia Merloni († 1930) founded the Congregation of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart.

†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.



Pine Island Food Shelf: The item requested for NOV. Canned Soup & Stew.

WEEKLY TITHING for November 14-15, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 3,318.00
Plate:	\$ 777.10
EFT:	\$ 2,222.50
Total:	\$ 6,317.60

Cemetery Collection: There will be a second collection November 21-22 to provide for the upkeep of the St. Michael Cemetery. Please be generous in remembering our beloved departed in prayer and alms.

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. Last day to drop donations will be this 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!

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, You know my desires. Possess all that I am - You alone. I am Your sheep; make me worthy to overcome the devil." St. Agatha
"It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world." St. Aloysius Gonzaga
"He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things." "What does it cost us to say, 'My God help me! Have mercy on me!' Is there anything easier than this? And this little will suffice to save us if we be diligent in doing it." St. Alphonsus Liguori
"How good and pleasant it is to dwell in the Heart of Jesus! Who is there who does not love a heart so wounded? Who can refuse a return of love to a Heart so loving?" St. Bernard of Clairvaux
"Nowhere other than looking at himself in the mirror of the Cross can man better understand how much he is worth." St. Anthony of Padua

Rochester Rosary Rallies: Right now our country needs fervent and confident prayer offered for the truthful, just, and peaceful resolution to our recent elections, continued conversion, and peace. Please join us on **Sundays, November 22 & 29** for the continuation of the Rochester Rosary Rallies at 3pm near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of **4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE**.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

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

Thursday, November 26, 2020

9:30am Holy Mass— Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 27, 2020

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

Saturday, November 28, 2020

4:00-4:50pm Confession
5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, November 29, 2020

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



November 25, 2020 Kristina Hoerle
November 26, 2020 †Cliff Edstrom (Ron & Paula Breid)
November 27, 2020 Tom & Josefina Meyer (Sara McNamara)
November 28, 2020 Ganz Family (Nelson Family)
November 29, 2020 (EF) Living & deceased members of Schweiger Family
November 29, 2020 Parishioners

CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 6:30-7:45pm
TOPIC for Dec.: Water & Fire (Baptism & Confirmation)

(From Father Kasel... from pg. 1) First of all, the Lord must reign in our mind, in our will and in our actions. *He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed Truths and to the Doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to Him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls.* (Pius XI, Encyclical, *Quas Primas*, 11 December 1925, 21) *Our Lord and our God: how great You are! It is You who give our life supernatural meaning and Divine vitality. For love of Your Son, You cause us to say with all our being, with our body and soul: 'He must reign!' And this we do against the background of our weakness, for you know that we are creatures made of clay.* (J. Escriva, *Christ is Passing By*, 181)

Today's Feast is an anticipation of the Second Coming of Christ in power and majesty. His glorious return will fill the hearts of His faithful with joy and wipe away every tear. This Feast is also a summons for us to impregnate with the Spirit of Christ all temporal realities. The Second Vatican Council has declared: *The expectation of a new earth must not weaken but rather stimulate our concern for cultivating this one. For here grows the body of a new human family, a body which even now is able to give some kind of foreshadowing of the new age.*

Hence, while earthly progress must be carefully distinguished from the growth of Christ's Kingdom, to the extent that the former can contribute to the better ordering of human society, it is of vital concern to the Kingdom of God.

For after we have obeyed the Lord, and in His Spirit nurtured on earth the values of human dignity, brotherhood and freedom, and indeed all the good fruits of our nature and enterprise, we will find them again, but freed from stain, burnished and transfigured, when Christ hands over to the Father: 'a Kingdom eternal and universal...' On this earth that Kingdom is already present in mystery. When the Lord returns it will be brought into full flower. (Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes*, 39) We collaborate in the expansion of this Kingdom whenever we make our ordinary world more human and more Divine.

Extending the Reign of Christ: Jesus replied to Pilate's questioning: *My Kingship is not of this world...* At a later stage in the interview Jesus tells the Roman Procurator: *I am a King. For this I was born...* (John 18:36-37) Although the Reign of Christ is not of this world, it has its beginnings here. The Reign of Christ extends so far as there are men and women who know themselves to be children of God, who are nourished by Him, who live for Him. Christ is a King who has been given all power in Heaven and on earth, but He governs like one *gentle and lowly of heart.* (cf. Matt. 11:29) His rule is to serve others. *The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.* (cf. Matt. 10:28) His throne was a manger in Bethlehem and then was a Cross on Calvary. He is *the ruler of kings on earth* (Second Reading, Year B, Rev. 1:5) whose tribute is the proof of our Faith and Love. The first person formally to recognize Christ as King was a condemned criminal. He captured the Lord's Heart with that humble request: *Jesus, remember me when You come in Your Kingly Power.* (Luke 23:42) This man was able to grasp the real meaning of Christ's Kingship even though it was the object of merciless ridicule from the clamoring throng. His Faith deepened as Christ's Divinity became increasingly obscured. *The Lord always* (cont. on pg. 4) (from pg. 3) *grants us more than what we ask for. The thief merely asked to be remembered, but the Lord said: 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise'. The essence of life is to live with Jesus Christ. And where Jesus Christ is, there is His Reign to be found.* (St. Ambrose, *Commentary on St. Luke's Gospel*, in loc.)

WEEKLY TITHING for November 15, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 840.00
Plate:	\$ 42.35
EFT:	\$ 1,175.00
Total:	\$ 2,057.35

Cemetery Collection: There will be a second collection November 22 to provide for the upkeep of the St. Paul Cemetery. Please be generous in remembering our beloved departed in prayer and alms.

Christmas Sharing Tree

The Christmas Sharing Tree for area needy families will be in the vestibule of the church again this year. This year only gift cards will be collected due to COVID. Please return gift cards by Sunday, December 6. The gift cards will be distributed to families in the Zumbrota- Mazeppa school district. Thank you for your generosity as you share your blessings with those less fortunate. If you have questions, please call Maggie Eggerichs at 507-732-7516.



Spiritual Communion Prayer: *My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally in the Most Holy Eucharist, please come at least spiritually into my heart now. I spiritually embrace You and choose to unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You and Your Love. Thank You, Jesus! I love You! Amen.*



Year of St. Joseph for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Dear Parishioners: Archbishop Hebda has announced that our Archdiocese will join with other Dioceses in our country to celebrate a year in honor of St. Joseph! This is happy news! The Year of St. Joseph will begin **December 8, 2020 and conclude December 8, 2021.** Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens have invited us to participate in 33 Day Preparation for consecration to St. Joseph. The 33 Day Preparation began Friday, November 6. The preparation plan can be found on the Archdiocesan Synod website: <https://www.archspm.org/synod/How-ever-if-you-did-not-begin-the-preparation-on-November-6>, I would suggest a different date for Consecration to St. Joseph: December 27, 2020 – the Feast of the Holy Family. **The Preparation for this consecration date begins on November 24, 2020.** If you do not have the book, you can order it here: <https://www.consecrationtostjoseph.org/chart.html>

Let us plan to follow the lead of our Archbishop and make the Consecration to St. Joseph on one of these dates! At the Synod website you can also find a Praying with Scripture Series and a Healing and Hope Series. I encourage you to take advantage of these resources to grow in our Catholic Faith! God bless your day!

In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

HOLY MASS TIMES

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

Thursday, November 26, 2020

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass— Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 29, 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

November 24, 2020 †Dennis Best
November 26, 2020 †Roy & Gloria Bradley
November 29, 2020 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

Jesus speaks to us on the occasion of this solemn Feast: *For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.* (Jer. 29:11) Let us resolve to make our hearts conform to the Will of God. Let us ask His blessing on our efforts to extend His Kingdom through our apostolate of friendship and confidence. *This is the calling of Christians, that is our apostolic task, the desire which should consume our soul: to make this Kingdom of Christ a reality, to eliminate hatred and cruelty, to spread throughout the earth the strong and soothing balm of love.* (J. Escriva, *Christ is Passing By*, 183)

If we are to make these ideals into reality we must turn once again to Our Lady. *Mary, the holy Mother of our King, the Queen of our heart, looks after us as only she knows how. Mother of Mercy, throne of grace: we ask you to help us compose, verse by verse, the simple poem of Charity in our own life and the lives of the people around us; it is 'like a river of peace' (Is. 66:12). For you are a sea of inexhaustible Mercy.* (ibid., 187)" (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, Queen of All Saints, St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Paul, and all the Holy Angels, may God grant us the grace to love and serve Christ our King!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

Consecration to St. Joseph

Dear Parishioners: We will be starting the preparation for the Consecration to St. Joseph this coming Tuesday, November 24 and conclude on December 27, 2020 – the Feast of the Holy Family.

Catholic Exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger encourages the Faithful to recite this prayer for the spiritual aid needed for our Country and our government at this time (you can also pray for your family and others): In His Name and by the power of His Holy Cross and Precious Blood, I ask Jesus to bind any evil spirits, forces and powers of the earth, air, fire, or water, of the netherworld and the satanic forces of nature. By the power of the Holy Spirit and by His authority, I ask Jesus Christ to break any curses, hexes, or spells and send them back to where they came from, if it be His Holy Will. I beseech Thee Lord Jesus to protect us by pouring Thy Precious Blood on us (our Country, my family, etc.), which Thou hast shed for us and I ask Thee to command that any departing spirits leave quietly, without disturbance, and go straight to Thy Holy Cross to be disposed of as Thou sees fit. I ask Thee to bind any demonic interaction, interplay, or communications. I place N. (our Country, person, place or thing) under the protection of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ which He shed for us. Amen.

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!" – *St. John Paul II*

"There are two victims in every abortion: a dead baby and a dead conscience." – *St. Mother Teresa*

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<p>Safe Environment: The Archdiocese of St. Paul/ Minneapolis requires all volunteers who interact with minors or vulnerable adults to complete the Essential 3 (background check, Code of Conduct, and VIRTUS training) before beginning their service, and to renew every three years while serving. Please contact the Safe Environment Coordinator for details on how to register for a VIRTUS class, complete the Essential 3, or do updates.</p>		<p>Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Sara McNamara St. Michael: 507-356-4280 stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net St. Paul: 507-732-5324 stpauls@hcinet.net</p>	<p>Church of St. Michael Cemetery For Plot Information Call the Parish Office 507-356-4280</p>	<p>Church of St. Paul Cemetery For Plot Information Call the Parish Office 507-732-5324</p> <p><i>"Remember To Pray For Our Beloved Departed."</i></p>