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### From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!  
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,  
First, I wish a happy Mother's Day to all mothers! May our good Lord bless all mothers throughout the world! Let us remember to turn to our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary, thanking her for her love for us and asking her to help us be grateful children of our Heavenly Father!  
As we continue to seek to live holy lives, close to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, it is very good to remember our hearts must be like the Heart of Jesus. Our Lord's Heart is merciful and ready to forgive. Forgiveness can be very difficult. We can easily justify not forgiving others. Therefore, it is best that we pray for the grace to forgive like Jesus forgives. This week I share with you a meditation on learning to forgive. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

#### **"Learning to Forgive: People can change - avoid making definitive judgements on people based on their external actions."**

The first reading of the Holy Mass (Thursday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter) tells us of an event that took place among St. Paul's missionary companions. They had sailed from Paphos and arrived in Perga in Pamphylia; but there John left them and returned to Jerusalem. (Acts 13:13) The others continued their apostolic journey and reached Antioch of Pisidia. John, also called Mark, was a cousin of Barnabas, Paul's inseparable apostolic partner and one of the pillars of the work of spreading the Faith among the Gentiles. Since early youth St. Mark had known the fervent apostolate of the early Christians at Jerusalem gathered around Our Lady and the Apostles, whom he had known intimately. St. Mark's mother had been among the first women to help Jesus and the Twelve. It seems natural that Barnabas should have thought specially of initiating his cousin John Mark as a partner in the task of spreading the Gospel under his joint authority with St. Paul. (cf. *The Navarre Bible*, Introduction to St. Mark's Gospel)  
John lost heart and went home, leaving his partners. He felt unable to cope and turned back. This event must have weighed heavily on the others who went ahead. However, in preparing the second great apostolic journey to visit the brethren who had received the Faith, *Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul thought it best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work.* (Acts 15:37-38)

St. Paul was not of a mind to take someone with him who had already let him down once. Such a difference arose then

## 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

**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.

### WEEKDAY & WEEKEND HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

No Scheduled Public Holy Masses

between them that they parted from each other. *Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.* (Acts 15:39-40) The arguments and the differences of viewpoints must have been substantial to cause such a separation. St. Jerome says, *Paul was the more strict and Barnabas the more lenient in maintaining their views. Nevertheless this argument showed up clearly human frailty.* (St. Jerome, *Dialogue against the Pelagians* 11, 17)  
Despite everything, St. Paul being a man of immense heart, and a fervent apostle who sacrificed himself to the utmost for his brethren, did not make a definitive judgment on St. Mark. On the contrary, years later we find St. Mark described as one of the Apostle's closest partners (Philem. 24) and a deep source of consolation for him. (cf. Col. 4:10ff) *Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions - if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justus... they have been a comfort to me.* (cf. Col. 4:10-11) Later on, St. Paul asks St. Timothy to go with Mark because *he is very useful in serving me.* (cf. 2 Tim. 4:11) Within a few years Mark (cont. on pg. 3)

### God Bless All Our Mothers. Happy Mother's Day!



Mother Mary, we thank you for sharing your motherly love with us! On this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you and ask you to pray for all mothers throughout the world!  
*Please thank our good Lord for the great gift of motherhood!*

### 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.



## ***Litany to Our Lady of Fatima (Feast day: May 13)***

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for our dear country.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, sanctify our clergy.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, make our Catholics more fervent.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, guide and inspire those who govern us.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, cure the sick who confide in thee.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, console the sorrowful who trust in thee.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, help those who invoke your aid.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, deliver us from all dangers.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, help us to resist temptation.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for us all that we lovingly ask of thee.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, help those who are dear to us.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, bring back to the right road our erring brothers.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, give us back our ancient fervor.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for us pardon of our manifold sins and offenses.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, bring all men to the feet of thy Divine Child.  
 Our Lady of Fatima, obtain peace for the world.  
 V. O Mary conceived without sin, R. pray for us who have recourse to thee.  
 V. Immaculate Heart of Mary, R. pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Let Us Pray: O God of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with a great confidence in Thy dear Mother, whom we invoke under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary and our Lady of Fatima, and grant us by her powerful intercession all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

***Prayer to the Virgin Mary:*** My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my entire self without reserve. As I am your own, my good Mother, guard me and defend me as your property and possession. Amen.

## **Learn to follow God's plan for Family Life: Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes beginning soon**

Classes teach couples the Church approved methods on how to achieve or postpone pregnancy while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality.

The **Creighton Ovulation Method** is taught by the Twin Cities FertilityCare Center on:

Saturday, May 16 at Our Lady of Grace, Edina  
 Tuesday, May 19 at St. Michael, Stillwater  
 Register online at [www.tcnfp.org](http://www.tcnfp.org).

The **Sympto-Thermal Method** will be taught by the Couple to Couple League on:

Monday, May 11 Live and Online  
 Register at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

Española Class  
 Monday, May 18 at Assumption, Richfield  
 Call 612.709.8875 to register

For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, visit [www.archspm.org/family](http://www.archspm.org/family) or call 651-291-4489.

**Pine Island Food Shelf:** The items requested for May- Ketchup, mustard, and salad dressings.

## **WEEKLY TITHING for May 2-3, 2020**

Envelopes:	\$ 1,862.11
Plate:	\$ 540.27
EFT:	\$ 1,202.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,604.88</b>

## ***Prayer to the Mother of our Lord for all mothers***

Dear Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank our Lord for the great gift of motherhood. We place our trust in you, Mary, the Mother of God: never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your 'Yes' to the invitation of the angel which brought Heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's Word and the Word, Jesus Christ, was made flesh and dwelt among us. Dear Mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they can join with you in giving their own 'Fiat'. May they daily find strength to say yes to the call to give themselves in sacrificial love - the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all who are called to follow your Son. On this Mother's Day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you! Amen.



## ***Words to Live By:***

"If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady, just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit, this prayer has never failed me." *St. Mother Teresa*

"Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." *St. Francis de Sales*

"May the mother of Jesus and our mother, always smile on your spirit, obtaining for it, from her most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing." *St. Padre Pio*

"In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear." *St. Therese of Lisieux*

## **HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**No Scheduled Public Holy Masses**  
**You are invited to join the Holy Mass via Live Stream**  
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 Schedule will be emailed to Parishioners.  
 For questions call the Parish office.

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

**9:00am-5:00pm**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 (unless you hear otherwise)



## **HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>May 13, 2020</b>	Barb Keehn (T & J Meyer)
<b>May 15, 2020</b>	†Darryl Brumm
<b>May 16, 2020</b>	†Jim Clemens (Betty Clemens & family)
<b>May 17, 2020 (EF)</b>	Ben Bestgen (Rob & Sue Bestgen)
<b>May 17, 2020</b>	Parishioners



## CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

(*From Father Kasel...* from pg. 1) was once more a friend and an effective partner of the Apostle in his hardship. Perhaps once Paul had thought Mark was of no use; now he wants him by his side. People can change, and when we have to judge them by their outward behavior - God alone can know their intentions - we should never make judgements that are fixed and unchangeable. Our Lord loves us as we are, with our defects too, when we struggle to overcome them, and He counts on time and grace to change us. Seeing the defects of those around us - sometimes very evident and undeniable ones - we should never lack the charity which enables us to understand and to help them. *From now on, couldn't we look at others in such a way as not to be disheartened by their defects? The time will come when the wounds are forgotten... Perhaps many things which have saddened us today or in recent times will be forgotten. We have defects, but we can love each other! This is because we are brethren and because Christ loves us truly... as we are.* (A. G. Dorronsoro, *God and People*) The fundamental reason is that although Christ does not love our shortcomings, He loves us despite our many defects. Let defects not be a cause of distancing ourselves from those with whom we are living, with those around us at the office, in the university or in our place of work.

### **Forgive and forget. Making up with our friends.**

St. Paul gives us an example of how to forget, of how to repair breakdowns in our relationships, of how to be a real friend. As regards St. Mark, he is a magnificent example to us of humility and hope. The event in which he was the subject of the argument dividing Barnabas and Paul must have deeply impressed and greatly hurt the Evangelist (St. Mark). He must have been deeply hurt at seeing himself rejected by Paul, who had a well-won reputation as a tireless evangelizer of great wisdom and holiness. He, in his turn, was able to forget, and was there where he was needed, comforting St. Paul and being extremely helpful in the ministry.

St. Mark managed to forgive and forget because he had a great soul. That is why later on he was such a marvelous instrument of grace. *Those who zealously keep a list of grudges show themselves to be very narrow-minded. Such poor wretches are impossible to live with. True charity neither keeps account of the necessary services it renders all the time, nor takes note of the effronteries it has to put up with. 'Omnia suffert' - it endures all things.* (J. Escriva, *Furrow*, 738)

If we lack humility we will tend to draw up our list of small grudges which, despite being small, take away our peace with God, waste a lot of energy and make us incapable of undertaking the great plans Our Lord has in mind each day for those close to Him. The heart of the humble person is set on God and is thus filled with joy, becoming, as it were, less vulnerable. It doesn't matter to Him what people say or might have said. He forgets immediately, and doesn't give too much consideration to the humiliations which every man or woman experiences in one way or another in the course of their daily life.

Such simplicity and humility, not getting complicated when pride suggests our reputation is being maligned, leaving aside possible grudges, gives us the ability to begin again when we have been cowardly or have failed. We see St. Mark take up his work immediately again with Barnabas after the cowardice and fatigue of the first journey - ready this time to be unconditionally faithful.

The humble person finds it easy to be fraternal with others and so looks for ways to relate to those around him. He restores friendship if it has been for any reason broken (cont. on pg. 4)

### WEEKLY TITHING for May 3, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 1,100.00
EFT:	\$ 1,140.00
Total:	\$ 2,240.00



### **St. Michael Prayer:**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**The Zumbrota Food Shelf** remains open as usual and ready to assist anyone needing food assistance at this time. For information, to make a donation, or request a delivery call (507) 732-7330 and leave a message.

### PRO-LIFE QUOTES

The family celebrates the Gospel of Life through daily prayer, both individual and family prayer....But the celebration which gives meaning to every other form of prayer and worship is found in the family's actual daily life together, if it is a life of loving and self-giving (#93).

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world...Let us...discover anew the humility and courage to pray and fast so that power from on high will break down the walls of lies and deceit: the walls which conceal from the sight of so many of our brothers and sisters the evil of practices and laws which are hostile to life. May this same power turn their hearts to resolutions and goals inspired by the civilization of life and love. (#100)

(quotes from 'Gospel of Life, St. John Paul II)

"As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy! Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world." *St. John Paul II, Regina Caeli prepared for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2005.*

### HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### **No Scheduled Public Holy Masses**

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**Here is the link: [fb.me/StMichaelPinelsland](https://fb.me/StMichaelPinelsland)**

Schedule will be emailed to Parishioners.

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**Tuesday, May 12, 2020**

**9:00am-5:00pm**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

(unless you hear otherwise)



### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>May 12, 2020</b>	†Harold & †Luella Eggerichs
<b>May 14, 2020</b>	†Philip O'Neill (Rose Perra)
<b>May 17, 2020</b>	Parishioners



## NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 3) or has cooled off, and is always ready to lend a brotherly hand and be helped himself. The relationships necessary for social life are formed in this way. *In closeness there is mutual support and on this charity is built... If I then fail in putting up with your character and you don't want to bear with mine, how can charity grow between us since patience does not unite us in mutual love? As we have said, in a building each stone is both supportive and a support.* (St. Gregory the Great, *Homilies on Ezekiel*)

**Despite our ups and downs and other short-comings, we can be good instruments of God if we are humble.**

Besides St. Mark's apostolic work of expansion and consolidation among the new converts, he worked in very close cooperation with Peter, Paul and Barnabas. According to the most reliable tradition he was St. Peter's interpreter in Rome, probably translating both the preaching and oral teachings of the Prince of the Apostles. Above all, he was a very docile instrument of the Holy Spirit in leaving us the priceless jewel of the second Gospel (according to Mark).

It is a great source of consolation and hope to us when we look at the person of this Evangelist, from his very first steps up to his becoming an invaluable instrument for the early Church and for all time. Despite our shortcomings, the possible failures and hesitations of our past, like him we can be assured, with the help of grace, of being able to give a selfless and useful service to the Church. Despite everything, we too can become effective instruments.

What help and care he must have given at Rome to the elderly St. Paul in prison. Both had made their own the words written by the Apostle of the Gentiles to the Christians at Corinth: *Love is patient and kind.* (cf. 1 Cor. 13:1) Love overcomes all.

Charity can overcome all our defects, smooth out the differences between characters, and remove anything that might be an obstacle in relationships. Charity can overcome all resistance. How different everything would have been if St. Paul had given in to the prejudice that St. Mark couldn't be relied on for anything, because he had once been cowardly or exhausted, or had allowed himself to become discouraged and gone back to Jerusalem! How different things would also have been if St. Mark had harbored a grudge because the Apostle (St. Paul) didn't want to have him on his second journey!

Let us today ask Mary our Mother that we may never hold anything against anybody, for it would do great damage to our heart, to our love for God and our neighbor. Let us learn from St. Mark how to begin again, a thousand times if necessary, if we for any reason have to go through a similar bad experience of failure or cowardice. (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of the joyful Heart of Mary, the Mother of the Children of God, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless us and grant us the grace to forgive others!

In Christ through Mary,  
Fr. Kasel

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