January 19, 2020 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary! Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

On January 22, our nation will commemorate the 47th anniversary of the fateful *Roe v. Wade* United States Supreme Court decision that permits the practice of abortion in our country. The act of abortion is contrary to will and law of God. Our good Lord gives human life to individual persons, beginning at conception, and only He has the authority to determine the timing of death for a human person. The practice of abortion in our country and world puts our society and culture against God and His plan for the human family. In light of this reality, we are called to lend our voice to our unborn brothers and sisters and to all in our world whose lives are rejected.

Let us remember in prayer those who have been most deeply wounded by abortion: aborted children and mothers and fathers who have chosen abortion. Our good Lord's mercy seeks to heal the wounds of abortion, especially those who have been most affected by abortion. Jesus desires that we all work with Him to help hearts receive His love and mercy after abortion. He desires to forgive — which will stop the cycle of misery and death that surrounds abortion. I include this week a collection of quotes from various Catholic sources about the dignity of human life:

On how to understand the Right to Life - Pope Francis

"Is it right to take a human life to solve a problem? It's like hiring a hitman; Violence and the rejection of life are born from fear; (parents who learn of a child with a disability need) real closeness, true solidarity to face reality, overcoming understandable fears." ¹

On the Fundamental Right to Life - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI:

God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1:26) in each one.²

[L]ife is the first good received from God and is fundamental to all others; to guarantee the right to life for all and in an equal manner for all is the duty upon which the future of humanity depends. ³

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

[T]he failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claims to the 'rightness' of positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community. If we understand the human person as the "temple of the Holy Spirit" – the living house of God – then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house's foundation. These directly and immediately violate the human person's most fundamental right – the right to life. Neglect of these issues is the equivalent of building our house on sand. Such attacks cannot help but lull the social conscience in ways ultimately destructive of other human rights.⁴

Abortion - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI:

Children truly are the family's greatest treasure and most precious good. Consequently, everyone must be helped to become aware of

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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 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. 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 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

the intrinsic evil of the crime of abortion. In attacking human life in its very first stages, it is also an aggression against society itself. Politicians and legislators, therefore, as servants of the common good, are duty bound to defend the fundamental right to life, the fruit of God's love.⁵

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Among important issues involving the dignity of human life with which the Church is concerned, abortion necessarily plays a central role. Abortion, the direct killing of an innocent human being, is always gravely immoral (The Gospel of Life, no. 57); its victims are the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. It is imperative that those who are called to serve the least among us give urgent attention and priority to this issue of justice.⁶

In Vitro Fertilization - U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: What is wrong with in vitro fertilization (IVF)? IVF is a reproductive

technology in which a new human being is conceived by joining egg and sperm in a glass dish, not in the mother's body. IVF further depersonalizes the act of generating a child, turning it into a technical process in a laboratory. The IVF procedure is so far from a loving act of the spouses that it can even be) used to conceive a child if neither of them is alive, for the body of neither one is involved in the act of generating this life once sperm and egg are obtained and stored. Because these embryos are deliberately created not in the nurturing environment of the mother's body but in the poor substitute of a culture in a glass dish, the great majority of them die.⁷

Embryonic Stem Cell Research - U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

We must help those who are suffering, but we may not use a good end to justify an evil means. Moreover, treatments that (cont. on pg. 4)

The next Holy Hour and Social for Women will be on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on: 'The Holy Name of Jesus: A Path for Holiness.' All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Class/Session: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 February Topic:

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Church for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction! 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.

Thank you to all who made our Faith Formation Children Christmas Play a wonderful success! Thank you to the children and families who participated in and attended the play. We also are grateful to the volunteers who coordinated and directed the program, provided music, worked with costumes, helped with the children during the rehearsals and play, and those who donated and prepared the food for the meal.

May God bless you all! Fr. Kasel

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The *Church of St. Michael Children's Choir* will begin practice Sunday, January 26th after hospitality. We look forward to learning and sharing the musical tradition of our Church through singing Sacred Catholic hymns and chants. Rehearsals will be every other Sunday for 1 hour after hospitality plus a recital on Sunday, May 3. Please contact Carol Nelson if your family would like to participate.

St Pio Knights of Columbus Council 16016 will have their monthly meeting on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 8:00am at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. We will have breakfast then the meeting.

Archdiocesan Synod-Upcoming Prayer and Listening Events What's working and what's not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. There are 20 Prayer and Listening Events. The next three are:

Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.-noon at St. Peter Claver, St. Paul Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6-9 p.m. at Pax Christi, Eden Prairie Saturday, February 1, 9 a.m.-noon at St. Stephen,
Minneapolis (Bilingual Spanish/English)

Tuesday, Feb.11, 6-9 p.m., Providence Academy, Plymouth Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

Archdiocesan World Day of the Sick: Please join us on Saturday, February 8th, 2020 for the 10 am Mass at the Church of Saint Agnes (535 Thomas Avenue West, Saint Paul, MN) for the Archdiocesan World Day of the Sick. World Day of the Sick is also the Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Hebda followed by an optional blessing with Lourdes Water. There will be a reception and presentation by Dr. Tod Worner after the blessing. Dr. Worner is a Catholic convert, practicing internal medicine physician and is the managing editor a the "Word on Fire" Catholic ministries. The Church of Saint Agnes is handicapped accessible. This event is free, open to all and will conclude by noon. For questions call Curatio at 1-844-CURATIO, (1-844-287-2846) or visit www.curatioapostolate.com.

†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 January is Hamburger, Tuna or Chicken Helpers; Boxed Mac & Cheese

WEEKLY TITHING for January 11-12, 2019

 Envelopes:
 \$ 1,580.00

 Plate:
 \$ 348.81

 EFT:
 \$ 82.50

 Total:
 \$ 2,011.31

National Sanctity of Human Life Day: On the third Sunday in January, churches around the United States celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage. With over 3,000 abortions performed in the United States each day, we are fortunate to have a local ministry dedicated to protecting the sanctity of life, right here in our community. Since 2006, First Choice Clinic in Red Wing has been a resource for those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Through the various programs and services they offer at no cost, they are able to empower and encourage people to make life affirming choices. Over the years, First Choice Clinic has helped welcome over 240 babies into the world who might have otherwise been lost to abortion. See the insert in this weekend's bulletin for more information on this local, lifesaving ministry.

Cinnamon Roll, Egg and Sausage Breakfast: St. Pio Knights of Columbus Council 16016 will be sponsoring a Cinnamon Roll, Egg and Sausage Breakfast after Holy Masses on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. <u>Free Will</u> Offering. Thank You!

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

8:30am Communion Service

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

Friday, January 24, 2020

8:30am Communion Service

Saturday, January 25, 2020

4:15pm Confession/4:35pm Rosary

5:00pm Holy Mass

Lector: Janet Bauch
Server: Braxton Osterhaus
Usher: Aarron Osterhaus
Sunday, January 26, 2020

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass **Lector:** Noah Kneeland

Servers: John Bauer, Nicholas Bauer, Liam Brost

Ushers: Steven Pass, Benjamin Eirikson

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 19, 2020

6:00pm Women's Holy Hour at St. Michael

6:30-9:00pm Catholic Single Young Adults Mtg. Holy Trinity, Goodhue

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

MCCL March for Life at the Cathedral and State Capitol

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

6:00pm-7:45pm Faith Formation Session/Classes at St. Michael Sunday, February 16, 2020 St. Pio KOC Cinnamon Roll, Egg & Sausage Breakfast after Holy Masses

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



January 22, 2020 Communion Service January 24, 2020 Communion Service

January 25, 2020 †Connie Stelzner (Kathy Karlen)

January 26, 2020 (EF)Barb Keehn January 26, 2020 Parishioners

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March for Life:

On Wednesday, January 22, join thousands of Minnesotans at the State Capitol in St. Paul at 12:00 noon for the 47th annual MCCL March for Life. The March commemorates the deaths of more than 60 million unborn babies killed by abortion since the US Supreme Court's 1973 Roe V. Wade decision legalized abortion on demand. Your presence will help show elected officials and the public the depth of support for pro-life legislation protecting women and unborn babies. For more information, visit mccl.org/march. A bus will be traveling from Rochester to the Prayer Service and March for Life in St. Paul on January 22, leaving at 8:30am from Rochester. It will stop to pick up passengers at approximately 8:45 at Kwik Trip in Zumbrota and 9:05 at Casey's in Cannon Falls. Please RSVP to Linda McGuire at 507-259-4035 by Monday, Jan. 20.

Free Throw Basketball Competition

St. Pio Knights of Columbus Council 16016 is sponsoring a Basketball Free Throw Competition on Sunday, January 25, 2020 beginning at 1:00-3:30 (PM) at the Zumbrota High School Gym. Boys and Girls ages 9 - 14 are invited to participate. To participate, simply come to the event at 1:00pm. Parents are required to be with their children during the event. Please contact the parish office or Gene Leifeld with any questions.

Words to Live By

'Don't imagine that, if you had a great deal of time, you would spend more of it in prayer. Get rid of that idea; it is no hindrance to prayer to spend your time well." St. Teresa of Avila

How often I failed in my duty to God, because I was not leaning on the strong pillar of prayer." St. Teresa of Avila

'It is simply impossible to lead, without the aid of prayer, a virtuous life." St. John Chrysostom

Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness." St. John Chrysostom

We must speak to God as a friend speaks to his friend, servant to his master; now asking some favor, now acknowledging our faults, and communicating to Him all that concerns us, our thoughts, our fears, our projects, our desires, and in all things seeking His counsel." St. Ignatius of Loyola

Conference for Restorative Justice and Reconciliation

Thursday, January 23, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Holiday Inn & Suites, 8511 Hudson Blvd., Lake Elmo.

This conference is open to all victim/survivors, and anyone who has been impacted by clergy sexual abuse. Hear from Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Ramsey County Attorney John Choi, retired Justice Janine Geske from Milwaukee, Tim O'Malley, and others. A panel of survivors and others will share their experiences concerning clergy sexual abuse and how it has changed their lives. Lunch is provided. There is no fee to attend; however, space is limited. To reserve a space please email Paula Kaempffer, Archdiocesan Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and Abuse Prevention, at kaempfferp@archspm.org, or Tom Ring, Assistant Ramsey County Attorney, at tom.ring@co.ramsey.mn.us by January 20. Call 651.291.4429 for more information.

WEEKLY TITHING for January 12, 2019

Envelopes: 1,490.00 Plate: 46.00 Total: 1,536.00

SAVE THE DATE: March 15th MARK YOUR CALENDARS

St. Patrick's Ham Dinner

Sunday, March 15, 2020 at Zumbrota VFW Serving from 10:30am to 1:00pm

Catholic Single Young Adults (age 19-40+) will meet on Sunday, January 19, from 6:30-9:00pm at Holy Trinity in Goodhue. We will begin with a potluck meal/social time, followed by a presentation on the writings of St. Peter, our first Pope: the 1st and 2nd Letters of St. Peter and a time for questions, and close with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the Catholic Church. All are invited! Bring friends! RSVP if possible to holytrinitygoodhue@gmail.com.

Pro-Life Quote

"Openness to life is at the center of true development. When a society moves towards the denial or suppression of life, it ends up no longer finding the necessary motivation and energy to strive for man's true good. If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of a new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Encyclical: Deus Caritas Est

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

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

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

Thursday, January 23, 2020

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

Sunday, January 26, 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

Lector: Loretta Froyum

EM: Monica Capra, Loretta Froyum,

Karen Hodgman, Rose Perra, Rick Ryan

Altar Servers: Joshua Hutton, Zachary Hutton

Ushers: Tim Mack, Rick Ryan Nursing Home Minister: Shirley Gregory

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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6:30-9:00pm Catholic Single Young Adults Meeting at Holy Trinity, Goodhue

Monday, January 20, 10:15am Holy Rosary Zumbrota Care Center Wednesday, January 22, 2020

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

MCCL March for Life at the Cathedral and State Capitol Wednesday, February 5, 2020

6:00pm-7:45pm Faith Formation Session/Classes at St. Michael

January 21, 2020 †Irene Roethler (Janet Shannon) January 23, 2020 †Charles Zupfer (Nancy Zupfer)

January 26, 2020 **Parishioners**



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(cont. from pg. 1) do not require destroying any human life are at least as promising – they are already healing some conditions, and are far closer to healing other conditions than any approach using embryonic stem cells. The choice is not between science and ethics, but between science that is ethically responsible and science that is not.

Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI: The freedom to kill is not true freedom, but a tyranny that reduces the human being to slavery.

More and more lonely elderly people exist in big cities, even in situations of serious illness and close to death. In such situations, the pressure of euthanasia is felt, especially when a utilitarian vision of the person creeps in. In this regard, I take this opportunity to reaffirm once again the firm and constant ethical condemnation of every form of direct euthanasia, in accordance with the Church's centuries-old teaching. 10

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Euthanasia and assisted suicide can appear a reasonable and even compassionate solution to the suffering of individuals and families struggling with illness or the dying process. Yet these are not real solutions – they do not solve human problems, but only take the lives of those most in need of unconditional love. 1 Notes

1 Pope Francis, Weekly Address, October 10, 2018

2 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Address to the Participants at the 12th General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life and Congress on "The Human Embryo in the Pre-Implantation Phase" (February 27, 2006)

3 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Address to the Participants in the General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life (February 24, 2007)

4 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Living the Gospel of Life: A

Dear Parishioners,

I will be on pilgrimage to the Holy Land from January 21-February 4. Please contact Fr. McCabe at 651-923-4472 with any emergencies. You can also contact the parish office during business hours. Please remember me and our pilgrimage group in your prayers! I assure you of my prayers for you when praying at the Holy Shrines. God bless you!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

Challenge to American Catholics" (1998)

5 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Address at a Meeting on Family and Life Issues in Latin America (December 3, 2005)

6 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology" (2009)

7 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life" (2001)

8 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Stem Cell Research and Human Cloning: Questions and Answers" (2004)

9 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Homily at Mass of Possession of the Chair of the Bishop of Rome (May 7, 2005)

10 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Address to the Pontifical Academy for Life Congress on the theme: "Close by the Incurable Sick Person and the Dying: Scientific and Ethical Aspects" (February 25, 2008)
11 7 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life

Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life" (2001)

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may Jesus grant His mercy and healing to our country and the whole world!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel



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