June 14, 2020 Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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From Father Kasel

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

As we begin the month of June, the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us ask of our good Lord to share His Divine Mercy with us! This Sunday we the Solemnity of Corpus Christi or the Most Holy Body of Christ in the Eucharist! I share with you a meditation on this great mystery of our Faith. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

"Like the Repentant Thief - The tabernacles we find along our way. In Cruce latebat sola Deitas... God only on the Cross lay hid from view, but here lies hid at once the manhood too: And I, in both professing my belief, make the same prayer as the repentant thief. As Jesus hung dying on the Cross, the good thief was able to see in Him the Messiah, the Son of God. By an extraordinary grace from God, that man's faith enabled him to overcome the difficulties presented to him by what he could only see and hear - appearances that spoke only of a Man who had been condemned to death. Christ's Divinity was hidden from the eyes of all onlookers, but that man was at least able to look upon the Savior's most Holy Humanity. He was able to contemplate Christ's loving gaze, the forgiveness that He poured out with all His Heart upon those who were jeering at Him, and His moving silence in response to all insults and offences hurled upon Him. Even on the Cross, in the midst of so much suffering, Jesus pours out His Love.

We look at the sacred Host and our eyes can see nothing of Him: they do not see the loving gaze of Jesus, or His compassion... But with the strength of Faith we proclaim Him as our God and our Lord. Often, to express in some way the certainty of our soul and of our love, we have said to Him: I firmly believe, Lord that you are here, that you see me, that you hear me... Your gaze is just as loving as the gaze the good thief was able to contemplate, and Your compassion is still infinite. I know that You are always attentive to the very least of my petitions, sorrows and joys.

Although in different ways, Jesus is equally present in Heaven and in the consecrated Host. There are not two Christs, but a single Christ. We possess in the Host the Christ who is present in all the mysteries of the Redemption - the Christ known by Mary Magdalen and the Samaritan woman; the Christ of Mount Tabor and of Gethsemane; the Christ who rose from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father... This wonderful presence of Christ among us should revolutionize our lives... He is here with us - in each city and in each town. (M. M. Philipon, The Sacraments in Christian Life) Even every day as we walk along the streets we may be walking just a few yards away from where He is. Do we wonder how many acts of Faith may have been made at that particular hour of the morning or of the afternoon in front of that particular tabernacle, either from outside the church or by people going in for a few moments to the place where He is? Do we consider how many acts of love may have been made? How sad it would be if we were to go straight past without

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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

acknowledging his presence or greeting him! Jesus is not indifferent to our Faith and to our love. Don't be so blind or so thoughtless as not to enter in thought within each Tabernacle when you glimpse the walls or the spires of the houses of God that you pass. He is waiting for you. (J. Escriva, The Way, 269) What a lot of good this advice filled with wisdom and piety can do to us!

Jesus was moved when He heard that voice acknowledging Him as God in the midst of so many insults. It was the voice of a thief who, even though God was so very hidden, was able to recognise Him and express His belief in Him out loud, at the same time making Him known to his companion. His encounter with Jesus led him to do apostolate.

Love disperses blindness, bewilderment and lukewarmness. This living Love - expressed perhaps with a heartfelt ejaculatory prayer - is something we should try to feel whenever we are about to receive Jesus in Holy Communion and when we pass close to a Tabernacle on our way to work. At such times our souls will be filled with joy. As you make your way through the familiar streets of the city, have you never had the joy of discovering... another Tabernacle? (idem, 270) It is the joy experienced by everyone who has ever looked forward to a particular encounter with someone. If our hearts beat faster when we see a person we love in the distance, are we going to remain unmoved as we pass close to a Tabernacle?

We should imitate the Good Thief.

I ask the same as the repentant thief... Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (Luke 23:42)

His Faith was so great that with a single ejaculatory prayer the Good Thief merited the purification of his whole life. (cont. on pg. 3)

The next **Holy Hour for Men** will be this Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 7:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All men are invited!

Spiritual Communion Prayer: (Please see page 4)

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Christ, have mercy on us.

V. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

R. Christ, graciously hear us.

V.God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mother's womb, [etc.]

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God.

Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty.

Heart of Jesus, Holy Temple of God.

Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the Most High.

Heart of Jesus, House of God and Gate of Heaven.

Heart of Jesus, glowing furnace of charity.

Heart of Jesus, vessel of justice and love.

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love.

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues.

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise.

Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts.

Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge.

Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells all the fullness of the Godhead.

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased.

Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received.

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills.

Heart of Jesus, patient and rich in Mercy.

Heart of Jesus, rich to all who call upon Thee.

Heart of Jesus, Fount of Life and Holiness.

Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our offenses.

Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with reproaches.

Heart of Jesus, bruised for our iniquities.

Heart of Jesus, obedient even unto death.

Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance.

Heart of Jesus, Source of all Consolation.

Heart of Jesus, our Life and Resurrection.

Heart of Jesus, our Peace and Reconciliation.

Heart of Jesus, Victim for our sins.

Heart of Jesus, Salvation of those who Hope in Thee.

Heart of Jesus, Hope of those who die in Thee.

Heart of Jesus, delight of all Saints.

V. Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, R. spare us, O Lord.

V. Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,

R. graciously hear us, O Lord.

V. Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,

R. have mercy on us.

V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart.

R. Make our hearts like unto Thine.

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy most beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfaction He offers Thee in the name of sinners; and to those who implore Thy mercy, in Thy great goodness, grant forgiveness in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who lives and reigns with Thee forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Priests: O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep you priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the Priesthood. Let Your holy Love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen by St. Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite

WEEKLY TITHING for June 6-7, 2020

Envelopes: 1.865.00 Plate: 528.25 EFT: 1,377.50 **Total:** 3,770.75 \$88.00 Ascension of the Lord

Kitui Water Bottle Project: Please return water bottles to the church at this time. Thank you for your generosity!

Congratulations to:

Samuel & Kathryn Schollmeier on the baptism of their daughter, Eleanor Ann Schollmeier, on June 6, 2020.



Cemetery Collection Weekend: The weekend of June 20-21, there will be a second collection to support the upkeep of the respective parish cemetery. Please consider donating to honor our beloved dead and maintain our beautiful cemeteries!

Word to live by:

"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what e takes place in this Sacrament (Holy Eucharist), I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude." St. Angela of Foligno

"When the bee has gathered the dew of Heaven and the earth's sweetest nectar from the flowers, it turns it into honey, then hastens to its hive. In the same way, the priest, having taken from the altar the Son of God (who is as the dew from Heaven, and true Son of Mary, flower of our humanity), gives Him to you as delicious Food." St. Francis de Sales

"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the Sacrifice of God for man." St. John Vianney

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." St. Maximilian Kolbe

Pine Island Food Shelf: The items requested for JUNE: Cereals

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

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

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

Friday, June 19, 2020

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

6:30pm (EF) Holy Mass

Saturday, June 20, 2020

8:30am Holy Mass - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:15pm Confession/4:35pm Rosary

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, June 21, 2020

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

June 17, 2020 †Thomas Jeanson

June 19, 2020 †Kristen Mueller (Willie & Bea Rauen)

June 19, 2020 Fr. Kasel

June 20, 2020 For the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

June 20, 2020 **Parishioners**

June 21, 2020 (EF)Chloe Bestgen & Family (Little Flower Girls)

June 21, 2020 Madaline Berns

CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

(From Father Kasel... from pg. 1) He called Jesus by His Name, just as we too have done so often. And He always gives more than He is asked for. That man asked Our Lord to remember him when He came into His Kingdom, and Our Lord answered him: 'Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise'. True life consists in being with Christ, for where Christ is, there is His Kingdom. (St. Ambrose, Treatise on St. Luke's Gospel, in loc.) The Master's longing to have us with Him in His glory is so great that He gives us His Body as a foretaste of Eternal Life. We have to imitate this man who acknowledged his faults (cf. Luke 23:41) and thus merited the forgiveness of his sins and his complete purification. Many times have I repeated that verse of the Eucharistic hymn: 'Peto quod petivit latro poenitens', and it always fills me with emotion: to ask Jesus to remember me as the penitent

He recognized that he himself deserved the awful punishment of this barbaric execution... And with a word he stole Christ's heart and 'opened up for himself' the gates of Heaven. (J. Escriva, The Way of the Cross, XII, 4) When we are in front of Jesus Himself, if only we could sincerely hate every deliberate venial sin and cleanse our soul of the dross left by so very many ugly things that obscure the image of Jesus within us - selfishness, laziness, disordered attachment to things! Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is a fountain open to everyone. He is the fountain at which, whenever we wish, we can wash away from our soul every stain of the sins we commit each day. (St. Alphonsus Liguori, Visits to the Blessed Sacrament, 20) If we receive it with the requisite dispositions, frequent Communion will lead us to try also to go frequently and contritely to Confession. In turn, this greater purity of heart will create in us an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. (cf. John Paul II, Address to 'Adoracion Nocturna', Madrid, 31 October 1982) When it is received with Faith and love the Eucharistic Sacrament itself purifies the soul of its faults, weakens our inclination towards evil, divinizes the soul and prepares it to receive the high ideals that the Holy Spirit inspires in the soul of a Christian.

Let us ask our Lord for a real desire to purify ourselves in this life so that we can shorten our Purgatory and be admitted into the company of Jesus and Mary as soon as possible: If only, My Jesus, it were true that I had never offended you! But now that the damage has been done, I beg you to forget the displeasure I have caused you and the bitter death that you underwent for me. Lead me into your kingdom after my death, and as long as my life shall last make Your Love reign always in my soul. (St. Alphonsus Liguori, Meditations on the Passion, Meditation XII for Wednesday of Holy Week, 1) Help me, Lord, to hate any deliberate venial sin; give me a great love for frequent Confession.

The purification of our faults.

thief did!

The holy Cure d'Ars in one of his sermons tells the pious legend of Saint Alex, and draws from it some consequences that concern the Blessed Eucharist. It is said of this saint that one day, having heard a particular call from God, he left his house and went to live far away from home as a humble beggar. Many years later he returned to the city of his birth, thin and disfigured by his many penances. Without making himself known, he was given shelter in the palace that belonged to his own parents. He lived under the stairs for sixteen years. When he died and his body was being prepared for burial, his mother recognised her son, and, filled with sorrow, exclaimed: 'Oh my son, how late have I recognised you!' The saintly parish-priest of d'Ars commented that the soul when it leaves this life will at last see the one whom he possessed each day in the Holy Eucharist, the one to whom he spoke, and to whom he poured out his sorrows when he could not bear them any longer. At the sight of Jesus in glory, the soul that has but little love, that has but scant Faith, will be forced to exclaim: 'Jesus, what a pity I have only come to know You so late, having had You all the time so close to me!'

Whenever we are in front of the Tabernacle or look at the Sacred Host on the altar we must see Christ present there. We must see the very same Christ as was in Bethlehem and (cont. on pg. 4)

WEEKLY TITHING for June 7, 2020

Envelopes: \$ 730.00 EFT: \$ 1,140.00 **Total:** \$ 1,870.00

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PRO-LIFE QUOTES

"The promotion of the culture of life should be the highest priority in our societies...If the right to life is not defended decisively as a condition for all other rights of the person, all other references to human rights remain deceitful and illusory." *St. John Paul II* "Give us the grace - When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life." *St. John Paul II*

"...at the origin of every human being there is not something haphazard or chance, but a loving plan of God." *Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

"Every child that isn't born, but is unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of Jesus Christ, has the face of the Lord." Pope Francis, addressing members of the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations, Sept. 20, 2013

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.

"Save Your Unborn Baby" Pro-Life Billboard has recently been placed across from the Rochester Planned Parenthood. Thank you for your donations and prayers to make this Pro-Life Billboard possible! The chemical "Abortion Pill" currently is given out at the Rochester Planned Parenthood. The billboard has the website for the Abortion reversal pill and contact information to reverse the pill effects. Nationwide, about 40% of all abortions are committed using the abortion pill. Pro-Life Action Ministries is continuing to seek donations to keep this Billboard up and to provide an opportunity to change hearts and to save the lives of unborn babies. Donations can be sent directly to Pro-Life Action Ministries using their envelopes that are specifically designated to the Rochester billboard, or sent to: Pro-Life Action Ministries, 1163 Payne Ave, St. Paul, MN 55130. (Designate Rochester Billboard). Any questions, please contact Ann Buck at 651-764-3087. God Bless this Life-Saving Work!

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

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

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

Thursday, June 18, 2020

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

Sunday, June 21, 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

June 16, 2020 †Philip O'Neill (Rose Perra)

June 18, 2020 †Bernard Guenther (T. & J. Meyer)

June 21, 2020 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 3) Capharnaum. We must see Christ who rose from the dead on the third day, and is now sitting in glory at the right hand of God the Father.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum, Veneremur cernui... We can listen to the words of the liturgy:

Down in adoration falling, Lo! The Sacred Host we hail, Lo! o'er ancient forms departing, Newer rites of grace prevail, Faith for all defects supplying, Where the feeble senses fail. (Hymn, Tantum Ergo) This is the expression of a Faith that is firm and full of Love. Jesus revealed to us that the clean of heart will see God. (cf. Matt. 5:8) This vision of God begins down here on earth, and reaches its fullness and perfection in Heaven. If our heart is filled with dirt, whatever vision we have becomes obscured. The figure of Christ becomes blurred and our capacity for loving is impoverished. That Christ you see is not Jesus. It is only the pitiful image that your blurred eyes are able to form... Purify yourself. Clarify your sight with humility and penance. Then... the pure light of Love will not be denied you. And you will have perfect vision. The image you see will be really His: 'His'. (J. Escriva, The Way, 212) We will recognise Him, just as the good thief did, no matter what the circumstances.

What joy to have Christ so close to us! What joy to see Him, to love Him and to serve Him! He listens to us when in the intimacy of our prayer we say to Him: 'Lord, remember me, from Heaven and from that nearest Tabernacle where you are also really present'. So that we can fill the emptiness left by our sins whilst we are still in this life, He moves us to greater penance and to greater love for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He moves us to accept the sorrows and shortcomings of life in a spirit of reparation. He helps us to look

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.

for those little mortifications that enable us to overcome our own selfishness and to help others - mortifications that enable us to carry out our daily tasks with greater perfection.

If we are faithful to these graces, on the last day of our life here on earth, which is perhaps not so very far off, we will hear Jesus saying to us 'Today you shall be with me in Paradise'. Then we will see Him and will love Him with a joy that has no end.

As we come to the end of our prayer, we say to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: Ave verum Corpus natum ex Maria Virgine ... Hail true Body, born of the Virgin Mary... Let us taste of you at the moment of

We ask our Guardian Angel to remind us of Christ's closeness to us, so that we may never pass Him by without stopping. If we have recourse to her, to Mary who is our Mother, she will increase our Faith and will teach us to treat her Son with greater delicacy and with far more love." (From: In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez) Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God grant us the grace of greater love for Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist! In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel



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do updates.