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Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

During this month of August, the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us ask of our good Lord to give us a true devotion to the Immaculate Heart of His Mother, Mary! This Sunday is the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. This weekend I share with you a reflection on the Cross of our Lord Jesus in our lives. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

The Cross in our Lives - There is no love without sacrifice. The Cross and mortification are unavoidable.

The Gospel of the Holy Mass (Mt. 16:21-27) describes the events that take place immediately after Peter's confession of Christ's Divinity at Caesarea Philippi. First we hear Our Lord's words of praise for His disciple: *Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in Heaven.* (Mt. 16:17) Jesus goes on to say that Peter is to be the foundation of His Church, but then begins to explain to His followers that He has to go up to Jerusalem and there suffer many things at the hands of the Jews, and finally die in order to rise on the third day.

The Apostles didn't understand this sort of talk at all, because they still thought of the Kingdom of God in political terms only. *And Peter took Him and began to rebuke Him saying, 'God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to You.'* Carried away by his great love for his Master, Simon tried to dissuade Jesus from the way of the Cross, not yet understanding the immense benefit it was to be for mankind and how it would be the supreme sign of God's love for us. *Peter reasoned in a human fashion,* says St. John Chrysostom, *and concluded that all Christ's talk of His Passion and Death were demeaning and unbecoming for Him.* (St. John Chrysostom *Homilies on St. Matthew's Gospel*, 54, 4) Peter views Christ's earthly mission far too humanly, and so fails to realize that it was manifestly the Will of God that the Redemption would be wrought through the Cross, and that *there was no more suitable way to rescue us from our misery.* (St. Augustine, *De Trinitate*, 12, 1-5) Our Lord answers His disciple with great vehemence, just as He did the tempter in the desert: *Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to Me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men.*

In Caesarea Peter had spoken under the impulse of the Holy Spirit; he now speaks from a totally materialistic perspective. The notion that the Cross, mortification, sacrifice, are in some way good and a means of salvation, will always strike a discordant note with people who, like St. Peter on this occasion, view things from a worldly point of view. St. Paul had to warn the early Christians about people who *live as enemies of the Cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.* (Phil. 3:18-19)

If we reason only in materialistic terms it is difficult for us to

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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 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

appreciate that pain and suffering, or indeed anything that requires an effort, can be worthwhile. On the one hand, we know by experience that the difficulties we encounter on our way can serve to purify and strengthen us and make us better. And yet it is clear that our nature of itself abhors suffering: we all aspire to happiness.

The fear of pain, above all if it is severe or persistent, is a deeply rooted instinct in us, and our first reaction in the face of something hard or difficult is to run away. That is why we find the Christian practice of penance difficult: we never find it easy, and no matter how hard we work at it we never manage to get accustomed to it.

(cf. R. M. de Balbin, *Sacrifice and Joy*, Madrid)

Faith enables us to see and realize that without sacrifice the soul encounters no true love, no genuine joy, no lasting purification and no possession of God. The path to holiness passes through the Cross, and all apostolate is based upon it. It is the *living book in which we learn definitively who we are and how we ought to behave. This book is always open before us.* (St. John Paul II, *Address*, 1 April 1980) Every day we have to approach and read it. And in it we learn who Christ is, the greatness of His love for us, and how we are to follow Him. Anyone who looks for God without sacrifice, without the Cross, will never find Him.

Modern paganism and the search for material well-being at all costs. The fear of suffering.

...for you are not on the side of God, but of men. Peter will later come to understand profoundly the meaning of pain and sacrifice; along with the other Apostles, he will consider himself fortunate *that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name.* (cf. Acts 5:41) As Christians we know that our salvation and the path to heaven is to be found in the loving acceptance of pain and sacrifice. Is there any such thing as a fruitful life that doesn't contain suffering? *Are married couples sure of their love until they have suffered together? Is friendship not strengthened by hardships shared,* (cont. on pg. 3)

Holy Hour for Women will be on Sunday, August 30, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

Reflection from a homily by St. John Chrysostom, Bishop

"Would you like me to list also the paths of repentance? They are numerous and quite varied, and all lead to Heaven.

A first path of repentance is the condemnation of your own sins: *Be the first to admit your sins and you will be justified.* For this reason, too, the prophet wrote: *I said: I will accuse myself of my sins to the Lord, and You forgave the wickedness of my heart.* Therefore, you too should condemn your own sins; that will be enough reason for the Lord to forgive you, for a man who condemns his own sins is slower to commit them again. Rouse your conscience to accuse you within your own house, lest it become your accuser before the judgment seat of the Lord.

That, then, is one very good path of repentance. Another and no less valuable one is to put out of our minds the harm done us by our enemies, in order to master our anger, and to forgive our fellow servants' sins against us. Then our own sins against the Lord will be forgiven us. Thus you have another way to atone for sin: *For if you forgive your debtors, your Heavenly Father will forgive you.*

Do you want to know of a third path? It consists of prayer that is fervent, careful and comes from the heart.

If you want to hear of a fourth, I will mention almsgiving, whose power is great and far-reaching.

If, moreover, a man lives a modest, humble life, that, no less than the other things I have mentioned, takes sin away. Proof of this is the tax-collector who had no good deeds to mention, but offered his humility instead and was relieved of a heavy burden of sins.

Thus I have shown you five paths of repentance; condemnation of your own sins, forgiveness of our neighbor's sins against us, prayer, almsgiving and humility.

Do not be idle, then, but walk daily in all these paths; they are easy, and you cannot plead your poverty. For, though you live out your life amid great need, you can always set aside your wrath, be humble, pray diligently and condemn your own sins; poverty is no hindrance. Poverty is not an obstacle to our carrying out the Lord's bidding, even when it comes to that path of repentance which involves giving money (almsgiving, I mean). The widow proved that when she put her two mites into the box!

Now that we have learned how to heal these wounds of ours, let us apply the cures. Then, when we have regained genuine health, we can approach the Holy Table with confidence, go gloriously to meet Christ, the King of Glory, and attain the eternal blessings through the grace, mercy and kindness of Jesus Christ, our Lord."

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 **Billings Ovulation Method** classes will be held on:

Tuesday, September 1 at St. Michael, St. Michael, MN
Call 320.248.5892 to register

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

Wednesday, September 16 at Our Lady of Grace, Edina
Saturday, September 22 - Online
Wednesday, September 30, St. Michael, Stillwater
Register online at www.tcnfp.org

The **Marquette Model Ovulation-Sympto Hormonal Method** classes will be held on:

Thursday, September 10 - Online,
Sunday, September 27 - Online

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/109396756644>

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

Española Class Wednesday, September 9 at Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Paul, Register at ariasv@archspm.org
Sunday, September 13 Live and Online
Register at www.ccli.org

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

WEEKLY TITHING for August 22-23, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 1,930.00
Plate:	\$ 303.00
EFT:	\$ 482.50
Total:	\$ 2,715.50

Holy Spirit Novena for September: Begins September 1 and concludes September 9.

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.



PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"Not even one abortion per week is acceptable. Not one per month. Not one per year. Not one in our lifetime...The dignity of the human person begins at the moment of conception, not at birth. The dignity, as recognized by the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is bestowed by the Creator, and no one has the right to destroy innocent unborn life."

Archbishop Samuel Aquila

"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

"God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes." [nefanda sunt crimina] Vatican Council II, Church in the Modern World #51

Pine Island Food Shelf: The items requested for **SEPTEMBER**

Boxed Potatoes & Stuffing Mixes.

Garden Produce: Pine Island Sharing Shelves gladly accept **garden produce**, just drop it off at the food shelf during open hours (every Wednesday 9-11 am and 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00pm).

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

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

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

Friday, September 4, 2020

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

6:30pm (EF) First Friday Holy Mass

Saturday, September 5, 2020

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, September 6, 2020

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



September 2, 2020	†Thomas Jeanson (Family)
September 4, 2020	†Loella Munson (Nelson Family)
September 4, 2020	Shannon Monosmith
September 5, 2020	†Francis Kelly (Doug & Peggy Andrist)
September 6, 2020	(EF) Consecration to St. Joseph
September 6, 2020	Parishioners

CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

(*From Father Kasel...from pg. 1*) or simply by having borne together the heat of the day or the fatigue and danger of an ascent? (J. Leclercq, *Thirty Meditations on the Christian Life*, pp. 217-218) If we want to rise with Christ we have to accompany Him on His journey to the Cross: we do this by accepting life's trials and tribulations with calmness and serenity. Being generous in voluntary self-denial, which purifies us interiorly, helps us understand the transcendent meaning of life and affirms the soul's mastery over the body. Just like in Apostolic times, we have to bear in mind that the Cross Jesus preaches is a scandal to some and utter foolishness to others. (cf. 1 Cor. 1:23)

Nowadays too there are many people who *are not on the side of God, but of men*. They have their gaze fixed on things here below, on material well-being, and chase after it as if it were the only thing that really counted. Mankind is suffering from a wave of materialism that is permeating everything and trying to take our civilization over completely. *This contemporary paganism is characterized by the search for material well-being at any cost, and by the corresponding disregard (or, to put it more accurately, fear, genuine panic) of anything that could cause suffering. With this outlook, words, such as God, sin, cross, mortification, eternal life..., become incomprehensible to a great number of people, who are ignorant of their meaning and content.* (A. del Portillo, *Pastoral Letter*, 25 December 1985, 4)

The pleasure-seeking mentality which makes enjoyment the supreme purpose of existence, has greatly affected customs and habits in the more developed countries in particular, but, as St. John Paul II reminds us, it is also *the life-style of increasing groups inside the poorer countries*. (St. John Paul II, *Homily in Yankee Stadium*, 2 October 1979, 6) This radical materialism is suffocating the religious sense of nations and individuals, and is directly opposed to the Doctrine of Christ, whom we hear once more in the Holy Mass inviting us to take up our Cross as a necessary condition of following Him: *If any man would come after Me, He tells us, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.*

Our Lord makes use of pain, of voluntary sacrifice, of poverty, of unheralded sickness, all of which, far from separating us from God, can unite us more closely with Him. If we go to Jesus in the Tabernacle and offer Him everything we find hard and difficult, we discover that *it is through Christ, and in Christ, that light is thrown on the riddle of suffering and death*. (Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes*, 22) This is the only way to lose the fear of suffering which will accompany us all the days of our life. We will manage to accept it with joy if we discover in it God's lovable will: *The great Christian revolution has been to convert pain into fruitful suffering and so to turn a bad thing into something good. We have deprived the devil of this weapon; and with it we can conquer Eternity.* (J. Escriva, *Furrow* 887)

What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?

In our apostolate we have to tell everybody, by word and example, not to fill their hearts with the things of this world, because everything in this life is impermanent, it grows old and lasts but a moment. *Omnes ut vestimentum veterascent* (Heb. 1:11), they will all grow old like a garment. Only the soul that fights to retain its sense of Divine awareness will remain forever young until the moment of the definitive encounter with its Maker. Everything else passes away, and quickly too. What a great pity it is to see so many people risking their Eternal Salvation, and indeed even their earthly happiness, for a few worthless trifles! *'What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?' What use to man are all the things of the earth, all that our intelligence and will can aspire to? What is the point of all that, if it is all to come to an end and sink out of sight; if all the riches of this world are mere theatre props and scenery, and if after this there is Eternity forever, and ever, and ever?* (J. Escriva, *Friends of God*, 200) The world and its riches can never be man's ultimate end. (cont. on pg.4)

WEEKLY TITHING for August 23, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 1,245.00
Plate:	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 1,255.00

Holy Spirit Novena for September: Begins September 1 and concludes September 9.



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.*

The **Catholic Daughters** will hold their **annual garage sale** in Zumbrota on Sept. 11-12. We will accept donations on Wednesday and Thursday (Sept. 9-10) from 4-8 p.m. and on Friday from 9-noon at the Tschann house (300 Jefferson Drive, Zumbrota). We appreciate your donations and support of the Catholic Daughters. Questions: Call Monica 507-990-4577.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"Why did You suffer for me, dear Jesus? For love! The Nails...the Crown...the Cross...all for the love of me!"

St. Gemma Galgani

"The more deeply the Cross penetrates, the better; the more deprived of consolation that your suffering is, the purer it will be; the more creatures oppose us, the more closely shall we be united to God." *St. Paul of the Cross*

"It is not the finest wood that feeds the fire of Divine Love, but the wood of the Cross." *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

"When we are overcome by sadness, fear, or suffering; when the pains of loss overwhelm us; when evil seems to have taken power; let us look to the Cross and be filled with peace, knowing that Christ has walked this road and walks it now with us and with all our brothers and sisters." *St. Teresa of Avila*

"The Cross is the School of Love." *St. Maximilian Kolbe*

†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.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

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

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

Thursday, September 3, 2020

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

Sunday, September 6, 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

September 1, 2020 Special Intention (Louise Gerken)

September 3, 2020 †Scott Mason (Lenny & LaVanne Feuling)

September 6, 2020 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 3) Even man's temporal end, which we Christians have the obligation of working for, does not consist strictly speaking in material accomplishments (the achievements of technology, science and industry), but in man's human dimension, in the perfecting of his faculties, social relationships and cultural values through the medium of work and material goods, which should always be at the service of the dignity of the human person.

Only a truly disinterested love, purified and moderated by temperance, can give its proper meaning to the legitimate striving after earthly goods. If God is really the centre of our life, then it will have many practical consequences for everyday living: marriage will be capable of overcoming all obstacles to achieve its primary end, which is to beget children for God and educate them for Him; and family life will be a mutual and generous self-giving between spouses. Only if God is present, will art and public entertainment be worthy of man and a genuine expression of the richness of the human spirit. Only in God can the objective foundation of morality be properly understood, and the laws of nations be a faithful reflection of the Divine Law. Only here can man overcome all fear; only in the inevitability of suffering will he find a source of purification and of co-redemption with Christ. In a word, only the love that is rooted in generosity and sacrifice will enable the human person to obtain his Eternal Destiny in Heaven.

(From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, the Queen of Heaven and earth, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God grant us the grace to offer all our sufferings as an offering of love back to Him!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

September 5/6 Collection for Lebanon suffering from August 4 Explosion

The ammonium nitrate explosion at the Beirut sea port on August 4, killed over 200, injured more than 6,000 and displaced over 350,000. "Lebanon is bleeding," says, Chorbishop Maroun. Many neighborhoods are flattened at a time when the nation is dealing with the COVID pandemic and political unrest. They need our help with even the basics for survival, including shelter, food, medicine, and hygiene kits. Archbishop Hebda has requested that parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis take up an emergency collection for Catholic Relief Services – the U.S. Bishops international humanitarian aid organization for poor and most vulnerable - and their lifesaving support in Lebanon. On the weekend of September 5 and 6, we will take up this much needed emergency collection for those suffering in Lebanon. The Center for Mission will forward financial donations to Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able: many are counting on our help.

Rosary Rallies: Please join us in public prayer for our state and country's elections, conversion, and peace on the Sundays leading up to the elections. These rallies will be held on Sundays near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of **4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE** at **3pm**, the Divine Mercy Hour. The next rally will be this Sunday, **August 30th**. We encourage all to step out in faith and courage to publicly pray for our state and country. Bring your families and friends. If you are ever unable to join us physically, please consider joining us spiritually by praying a Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet from wherever you are. May our united prayers through Mary find the Heart of Jesus. **Questions:** Contact Mary at mamiot@hotmail.com or 507-287-6481/ Janela at daveandjanela@gmail.com or 507-282-6090.

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