

January 1, 2017  
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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### From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Happy New Year! This Sunday I want to share with you the Urbi et Orbi (Latin for 'to the city-referring to Rome-and to the world) message given to us and all men and women of good will by our Holy Father, Pope Francis on Christmas Day, December 25, 2016:

*"Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Christmas!*

Today the Church once more experiences the wonder of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and the shepherds of Bethlehem, as they contemplate the newborn Child laid in a manger: Jesus, the Savior.

On this day full of light, the prophetic proclamation resounds:

"For to us a Child is born, To us a Son is given. And the government will be upon His shoulder; and His name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Is 9:6) The power of this Child, Son of God and Son of Mary, is not the power of this world, based on might and wealth; it is the power of love. It is the power that created the heavens and the earth, and gives life to all creation: to minerals, plants and animals. It is the force that attracts man and woman, and makes them one flesh, one single existence. It is the power that gives new birth, forgives sin, reconciles enemies, and transforms evil into good. It is the power of God. This power of love led Jesus Christ to strip Himself of His glory and become man; it led Him to give His life on the cross and to rise from the dead. It is the power of service, which inaugurates in our world the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of justice and peace.

For this reason, the birth of Jesus was accompanied by the angels' song as they proclaimed:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased!" (Lk 2:14).

Today this message goes out to the ends of the earth to reach all peoples, especially those scarred by war and harsh conflicts that seem stronger than the yearning for peace.

Peace to men and women in the war-torn land of Syria, where far too much blood has been spilled. Particularly in Aleppo, the site of horrendous fighting in recent weeks, it is most urgent that, in respect for humanitarian law, assistance and support be guaranteed to the sorely tried civilian population, who continue to live in desperate straits and immense suffering and need. It is time for weapons to be still forever, and the international community to seek actively a negotiated solution, so that civil coexistence can be restored in the country.

Peace to the women and men of the beloved Holy Land, the land chosen and favoured by God. May Israelis and Palestinians have the courage and determination to write a new page of history, where hate and revenge give way to the will to build together a future of mutual understanding and harmony. May Iraq, Libya and Yemen – whose peoples suffer war and the brutality of terrorism – be able once again to find unity and concord.

Peace to the men and women in various parts of Africa, especially in Nigeria, where fundamentalist terrorism exploits even children in order to perpetrate horror and death. Peace in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, so that divisions may be healed

# 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 8:00am 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 in advance to make arrangements.

**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 8:00am, 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

and all people of good will may strive to undertake the path of development and sharing, preferring the culture of dialogue to the mindset of conflict.

Peace to women and men who to this day suffer the consequences of the conflict in Eastern Ukraine, where there is urgent need for a common desire to bring relief to the civil population and to put into practice the commitments which have been assumed.

We implore harmony for the dear people of Colombia, which seeks to embark on a new and courageous path of dialogue and reconciliation. May such courage also motivate the beloved country of Venezuela to undertake the necessary steps to put an end to current tensions, and build together a future of hope for the whole population.

Peace to all who, in different areas, are enduring sufferings due to constant dangers and persistent injustice. (cont. on page 4)

**Happy New Year!** Fr. Kasel, Fr. Zabinski, and the staff of Churches of St. Paul & St. Michael wish you a Happy New Year for 2017! *May our good Lord grant you many blessings in the year ahead!*

### Holy Hour and Social for Men

**\*\*\*Note special start time\*\*\*: Sunday, January 8th at 6:30pm** at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. We will welcome a special guest speaker, **Colonel Melvin (Buzz) Kriesel**. He will speak on: **"Know Thy Enemy: Defeating the Islamic Jihad - Our Lady and Islam"**

Our speaker has an extensive record of military service overseas including the Canal Zone in Panama, Vietnam and India. He has commanded many different types of units, including Army Airborne, Special Forces, Military Intelligence, and Psychological Operations. He has served as an attaché to various embassies, & as military advisor to Ambassador Daniel P. Moynihan & Ambassador William B. Saxbe. Plan now to attend this dynamic and inspiring presentation!

# CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

## CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

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## THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all who made special contributions to our parish!

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May God bless and reward you!

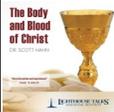
*Fr. Kasel & Fr. Zabinski*

**Looking for the 'just right' gift? Try a Catholic Faith CD! We have several great talks available in our Lighthouse Media Display.**

### Featured CD from our Lighthouse Media Display:

#### *The Body and Blood of Christ* by Dr. Scott Hahn

In this informative presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn, a former Presbyterian minister, provides the biblical basis for the Church's teaching on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the significance of the Feast of Corpus Christi, and gives us a greater understanding of our vocation to be the living presence of Christ in the world.



**Pine Island Food Shelf:** The item requested for the month of January 2017 is: Hamburger, Tuna, or Chicken Helper.

**January 1st - Mary Mother of God:** The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. By the 7th century, January 1st was observed as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast, as we know it today, was made a solemnity 1974 and is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's "yes" to God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her.

**In the home:** Try things to bring more emphasis on Mary in your home. 1) Purchase a picture or statue of Mary and put it in a place of prominence. 2) Start saying a decade of the Rosary every day. 3) Sing a Marian hymn such as Immaculate Mary or Hail Holy Queen every day during the month of January.

## WEEKLY TITHING for December 24-25, 2016

Envelopes:	\$ 1,309.00
Plate:	\$ 2.02
EFT:	\$ 7.50
<b>Total :</b>	<b>\$ 1,318.52</b>

**Christmas Collection: \$ 2,928.00**

## Congratulations to:

*Adam Mulhern and Autumn McGee on the baptism of their daughter, Charlotte Lyn Mulhern, on December 26, 2016!*



## CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have a prayer intention? Please contact Fr. Kasel or the parish office at 356-4280 or stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net.

## HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, January 4, 2017

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

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

11:00am Holy Mass at Nursing Home

### Friday, January 6, 2017

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

7:00pm Extraordinary Form First Friday Holy Mass

### Saturday, January 7, 2017

4:00pm First Saturday devotions

5:00pm Holy Mass - On 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays of the month Holy Mass will be ad Orientem; 2nd & 4th versus populum

**Lector:** Fred Majerus

**EM:** Jon Lenn

**Server:** Jack Swanson

**Usher:** Bob McCutcheon

**Greeter:** Char Lenn

### Sunday, January 8, 2017

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

**Lector:** Ren Tescher

**EM:** Kathy Jeanson, Ron Breid, Chris Kneeland

**Servers:** Charles Nelson, Gavin Twaddle

**Ushers:** Arlie Benika, Vince Fangman

**Greeter:** Carol Berns

## UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### Friday, January 6, 2017

7:00pm Extraordinary Form First Friday Holy Mass

### Sunday, January 8, 2017

6:30pm Holy Hour and Social for Men at St. Michael, PI

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### Saturday January 14, 2017

8:00am St. Pio KOC Council meeting at St. Paul, Zumbrota

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



**January 4, 2017** †Sonia Maria Nassaralla (Claudia Nassaralla)

**January 4, 2017** †Fr. Paul Ardolf

**January 6, 2017** Special Intention SMBW

**January 6, 2017 (EF)** †Harry & Dorothy Munson (Carol Nelson)

**January 7, 2017** Parishioners

**January 8, 2017 (EF)** †Reginald Lipp (Robert & Susan Bestgen)

**January 8, 2017** Bill & Shirley Jennewein (Christine Grabow)

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### Pro Life Quote

"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." *Second Vatican Council, Church in the Modern World, #51*

**Zumbrotta Area Food Shelf:** The items requested for the month of January is laundry soap.

**Prayer Vigil for Hope, Healing and Mercy:** Sat. January 21, 7-11pm at St. Mary's Chapel at The Saint Paul Seminary  
For over forty years, legalized abortion has left many men and women empty, confused and longing to be whole again. This vigil is open to all and is a special invitation to those who have been hurt by abortion to pray for hope and healing. Archbishop Hebda will celebrate Mass at 7 p.m. Find more details, including full evening schedule, at [archspm.org/events](http://archspm.org/events). For more information, contact Sonya Flomo at 651-291-4515.

**Natural Family Planning (NFP):** A series of Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes will begin soon in your community or a community near you. This Church approved method is scientific and marriage building. The classes teach couples how to achieve or postpone pregnancy, while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality.

A series of classes taught by a qualified instructor will begin on:

Thursday, January 5, 2017 at Our Lady of Grace, Edina

Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Minnesota Birth Center, Minneapolis

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Minneapolis

Thursday, January 26, 2017 at Mary Queen of Peace, Rogers

**Register at [www.tcnfp.org](http://www.tcnfp.org) or for more information; please call the**

**Twin Cities FertilityCare at (651) 232-3088**

Friday, January 13, 2017 at St. Paul, Ham Lake

Tuesday January 24, 2017 at Epiphany, Coon Rapids

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at Woodwinds Hospital, Woodbury

**Register at [twincities.ccli.org](http://twincities.ccli.org) or for more information; please call the**

**Couple to Couple League at (612) 721-3791**

## WEEKLY TITHING for December 25, 2016

Envelopes: \$ 2,159.00

Plate: \$ 30.00

Total : \$ 2,189.00

**Christmas Collection: \$ 1,797.25**

**"Meal in a Bucket"** The *Catholic Daughters* will be having a "Meal in a Bucket" sale for the next three weeks. Pre-order slips are in the back of Church. Available meals are: BBQ and buns, Chili, Potato soup, Portage soup, buns and cinnamon Rolls. Your support is truly appreciated.

## PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Lord Jesus, Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. May we take the time to get to know You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word. May we also see and love you in all the people we meet, so that in turn, they can see You in us. We know that all human relationships take time if they are to become stronger. This is also true of our relationship with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit, which You desire to have grow throughout our lives. In this new year, grant us the grace to realize that every action of ours, no matter how small or great enables us to grow in friendship with You. Help us accept You into our lives, as the Way, that shows we loyal friends to You; as the Truth, to be courageously shared; as the Life, to be lived as a sign to the world; as the Light, to expel the darkness of our world; as the Love, to open the hearts of others; as the Joy, that consoles and strengthens our souls; as the Peace, that the world cannot give and only You can; as the Sacrifice, to be offered our of love for You, our relatives, friends, neighbors and all people. Amen.

## HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, January 3, 2017

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

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

### Thursday, January 5, 2017

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

### Sunday, January 8, 2017

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*

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**EM:** Shirley Gregory, Loretta Froyum, Anne Varner, Maggie Eggerichs, Karen Hodgman

**Server:** Gunner Mancilman

**Ushers:** Lenny Feuling, Mark Hinrichs

**Nursing Home Minister:** Maggie Eggerichs

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**January 5, 2017** Special Intention

**January 8, 2017** Parishioners



# NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 1) May Myanmar consolidate its efforts to promote peaceful coexistence and, with the assistance of the international community, provide necessary protection and humanitarian assistance to all those so gravely and urgently in need of it. May the Korean peninsula see the tensions it is experiencing overcome in a renewed spirit of collaboration.

Peace to all who have been injured or have suffered the loss of a loved one due to the brutal acts of terrorism that have sown fear and death in the heart of many countries and cities. Peace – not merely the word, but real and concrete peace – to our abandoned and excluded brothers and sisters, to those who suffer hunger and to all the victims of violence. Peace to exiles, migrants and refugees, to all those who in our day are subject to human trafficking. Peace to the peoples who suffer because of the economic ambitions of a few, because of sheer greed and the idolatry of money, which leads to slavery. Peace to those affected by social and economic unrest, and to those who endure the consequences of earthquakes or other natural catastrophes.

And peace to the children, on this special day on which God became a child, above all those deprived of the joys of childhood because of hunger, wars or the selfishness of adults.

Peace on earth to men and women of goodwill, who work quietly and patiently each day, in their families and in society, to build a more humane and just world, sustained by the conviction that only with peace is there the possibility of a more prosperous future for all.

Dear brothers and sisters,

“For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given”: He is the “Prince of peace”. Let us welcome Him!

**Christmas Greetings of the Holy Father (after the *Urbi et Orbi* Blessing)**

**St. Pio Knights of Columbus Council 16016** next meeting is on Saturday January 14, 2017 at 8:00 (AM) St Paul's Church in Zumbrota. We will have a breakfast at 8:00 (AM) and meeting.

## *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*



*Prayer: O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.* <https://www.catholicculture.org>

To you, dear brothers and sisters, who have gathered in this Square from every part of the world, and to those in various countries who are linked to us by radio, television and other means of communication, I offer my greeting.

On this day of joy, we are all called to contemplate the Child Jesus, who gives hope once again to every person on the face of the earth. By His grace, let us with our voices and our actions give witness to solidarity and peace. Merry Christmas to all!”

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may our Lord grant us His Peace and Joy in this New Year!

In Christ through Mary, *Fr. Kasel*

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