

(from page 3) many saints, have thought that the renewal of the whole created order arises from revelation itself. Now that the day of Our Lord’s Ascension is close, the thought of Heaven should lead us to a more determined and cheerful struggle to get rid of the obstacles which separate us from Christ. It also encourages us to seek in the first place the goods which last instead of craving for those that perish. The thought of Heaven gives great serenity. Nothing here is irreparable, nothing is definitive, all wrongs can be righted. The only definitive defeat would be to miss the door which leads to Life. Our Lady is there too, waiting for us.” (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez) Through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless us with a great desire to have a share in the Eternal love of God in Heaven! In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

**Join the Archdiocesan Synod Journey this Fall**  
How can we as members of the Body of Christ in the Church better pass-on our beautiful Catholic Faith - whether in our homes or in the broader world? The Archdiocesan Synod kicks into high gear this coming fall! Your input is needed to help Archbishop Hebda chart the course for our local Church. We will be forming small groups in order to discuss and give feedback on priorities within each Synod focus area. More details will come this summer! See more about the Synod focus areas at [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod).

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!  
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,  
Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers! May our good Lord bless Mothers this day with consolation and joy!  
The month of May is dedicated to increased devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us ask Jesus and St. Joseph to teach us to practice great love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary! This weekend I share with you a reflection on Heaven. I encourage you to read it through a few times this week!  
“**The Hope of Heaven - We have been created for Heaven. Fostering hope:** During this forty-day period between Easter and the Ascension of Our Lord, the Church asks us to keep our eyes on Heaven, our final dwelling place, to which Our Lord is calling us. This invitation becomes more pressing as we approach the day on which Jesus went up to the right hand of His Father.  
Our Lord had promised His disciples that in a little while He would be with them forever. *Yet a little while, and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me.* (John 14:19-20) Our Lord has kept His promise in this period when He stays close to His loved ones. But this presence will not end when He goes up with His glorious body to His Father, because, by His Passion and Death He has prepared for us a place in His Father’s house, where there are many mansions. (cf. John 14:2) *I will come again*, He tells them, *and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.* (John 14:3) The Apostles, who had been saddened by the prediction of Peter’s denials, are comforted by the hope of Heaven. The return to which Our Lord is referring includes His second coming at the end of the world (cf. 1 Cor. 4:5; 11:26), and the meeting with each soul when it leaves the body. Our death will be just that: a meeting with Christ, Whom we have tried to serve throughout our lifetime. He will bring us to the fullness of glory, the meeting with His Heavenly Father, Who is also our Father. There in Heaven, where we have a place prepared for us, Jesus awaits us, the same Jesus Who is with us, Who awaits us in prayer and with Whom we have often been in intimate friendly conversation.  
From our regular conversations with Our Lord is born the desire to be with Him. Faith sweetens much of the bitterness of death. Our love for Jesus completely changes the meaning of that last moment which comes for everybody. *Those in love try to see each other. People in love have eyes only for their love. That’s logical, isn’t it? The human heart feels this need. I would be lying if I denied my eagerness to contemplate the face of Jesus Christ. ‘Vultum tuum, Domine, requiram!’ I will seek Your countenance, O Lord.* (J. Escriva, quoted in *Newsletter No. 1* for the Cause of his beatification) The thought of Heaven will help us to be detached from the things of this world and to overcome difficult situations. We make God very happy when we foster that theological virtue of Hope, which is united with Faith and Love. There will be times when we need it a lot. *At the time of temptation think of the Love that awaits you in Heaven: foster the virtue of Hope - this is not a lack of generosity.* (*ibid.*, *The Way*, 139) It will be likewise at moments of great sorrow

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 4:00pm 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 4:00pm, 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

and trial, and when we find it very hard to be faithful or persevering in our work or apostolate. The reward is a big one, and it is just around the corner, not long from now. Meditating on Heaven, which is our destination, ought to spur us on to be more generous in our daily struggle, *because hope of the reward comforts the soul unto doing good works.* (St. Cyril of Jerusalem, *Catechesis*, 348, 18, 1)  
The thought of that final meeting of love to which we are called will help us to be on our guard in big things and in little things, giving them the finishing touch, as if each one were to be the last before going to meet our Heavenly Father.  
**What God has revealed about eternal life:** Words are altogether inadequate for describing our life in Heaven, that life which God has promised to His children. The Church reminds us that *we will be with Christ and 'we shall see God'* (cf. 1 John 3:2), *and it is in these promises and marvelous mysteries that our hope essentially consists. Our imagination may be incapable of reaching these heights, but our heart does so, instinctively and completely.* (S.C.D.F., *Letter on Some Questions Concerning Eschatology*, 17 January 1979)  
What we now but poorly discern by revelation, and can barely imagine in our present state, will one day become a joyful reality. In the Old Testament the happiness of Heaven is portrayed by evoking the Promised Land, which is reached after a very long, hard journey through the desert. There, in our new and permanent resting place, are to be found all benefits (cf. Ex. 3:17); there, the exhaustion caused by such a long and difficult pilgrimage will come to an end. Our Lord spoke to us in many ways of the incomparable happiness awaiting those who in this life, love God with deeds. Eternal happiness is one of the truths which our Lord preached with most insistence... *For this is the will of My Father, that* (continued on page 3)

**The next Holy Hour for Women** will be on **Sunday, May 23**, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All women invited!



CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS



**Come, Holy Spirit!**  
*Congratulations to the students of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 1 at the Church of St. Michael:*

*Ohanna Bostrom*  
*Lyric Fuller*  
*John Paul Lorentz*  
*Reighley Sorum*  
*Sara Wellik*

*Theresa Charron*  
*Ashley Galvin*  
*Hannah Schollmeier*  
*Ethan Weis*

*May God bless you!*

- Lectio Divina**
- Introductory Prayer**
- Humbly recognize the loving Presence of the indwelling Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
  - Praise and thank Him for His Word and this moment of prayer.
  - Ask the Holy Spirit for the gift to receive the Word of God as He wills.
- Lectio** (Reading) **What does the Word of God say?**
- Slowly read the passage a few times with great attentive reverence, aloud if possible.
  - Notice the words that strike you in a particular way, positively or negatively.
- Meditatio** (Meditation) **What does the Word of God say to me?**
- Dialog with God about why those particular words and phrases struck you; how do they apply to you?
  - Reflect on your own reactions to the Word; what is God showing you about yourself?
  - Write down reflections and insights.
- Oratio** (Praying) **What do I say to God in response to His Word?**
- Respond sincerely in a conversation with God as with a friend; talk about what is really in your heart.
  - Praise, thank, trust Him; ask for forgiveness; intercede, petition for graces.
- Contemplatio** (Contemplation) **What conversion of heart is God asking of me?**
- Be present with the Word and rest in God.
  - Thank Jesus for living this gift of Himself in me.
- Concluding Prayer**
- Praise and thank God for the graces received.
  - Close with an *Our Father*.

**PRO-LIFE QUOTE:**

“America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has shown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father’s role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts – a child – as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters. And in granting this unconscionable power, it has exposed many women to unjust and selfish demands from their husbands or other sexual partners. Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being’s entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign.”


– St. Mother Teresa

**Pine Island Food Shelf:** The items requested for **May:** Ketchup/ Mustard and Salad Dressings

WEEKLY TITHING for May 1-2, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,943.00
Plate:	\$ 2,268.88
EFT:	\$ 1,377.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 6,589.38</b>

**Cemetery Collection:** The weekend of **May 22-23** there will be a second collection at each parish to support the upkeep of the respective parish cemetery. Please consider donating to honor our beloved dead and keep the parish cemeteries looking beautiful!


**Calling all KC Members:** St. Pio KC Council will meet



**Thank Mom for Life** on Mother’s Day, May 9, with an orchid corsage, mini rose bush, violets, or begonia plant with a “*Thanks Mom for Life*” button attached. They will be available at all weekend Masses with a suggested donation of \$6 for the orchids and violets, \$7 for the begonias, and \$8 for the mini roses. All proceeds benefit Goodhue County Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.


**Church of St. Michael Fall Festival!**

Fr. Kasel and the Fall Festival committee recently met and are happy to announce that plans have started in order to hold our Fall Festival this year. It is scheduled for **Saturday/Sunday, September 18/19**. We are planning for most of the familiar activities will be held on Saturday: Tractor Pull, outside concessions, farmers market, quilt show, craft vendors, bingo, silent auction. For Sunday we are planning: our Beef Dinner, Tractor Show, outside concessions, farmers market, silent auction, quilt show, craft vendors, bingo, Pedal Tractor Pull and kids’ games. All of these events are subject to change. We will need volunteers to make this a success! Please consider helping. There is a sheet in entry of the church for you to sign and make us know you are willing to volunteer. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Fr. Kasel. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact the parish office.



**†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	
<b>Wednesday, May 12, 2021</b>	8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Thursday, May 13, 2021</b>	5:30pm Extraordinary Form Holy Mass for the Ascension
<b>Friday, May 14, 2021</b>	8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
<b>Saturday, May 15, 2021</b>	4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions 5:00pm Holy Mass
<b>Sunday, May 16, 2021</b>	7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass 10:30am Holy Mass
HOLY MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>May 12, 2021</b>	†Ray & †Mavis Stewart (Joan Krause)
<b>May 13, 2021</b>	(EF) In Thanksgiving (AnneRose Wanjiru)
<b>May 14, 2021</b>	†Cole Crooks (Katie Brost)
<b>May 15, 2021</b>	Jason Kaiya (AnneRose Wanjiru)
<b>May 16, 2021</b>	(EF) †Linus & Rita Bodensteiner & family (living & deceased) (Janet Shannon)
<b>May 16, 2021</b>	Parishioners



CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

(from page 1) *everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him should have Eternal Life, and I will raise him up at the last day.* (John 6:40) Later, at the Last Supper, He says: *Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, may be with Me where I am, to behold My glory which Thou hadst given Me in Thy Love for Me before the foundation of the world.* (John 17:24)

Everlasting happiness is compared to a banquet at which all the longings of the human heart for happiness will be unimaginably satisfied. (cf. Luke 13:29; 14:15)

The Apostles often talk to us of that happiness which awaits us. St. Paul teaches that now we see God *in a mirror dimly, but then face to face* (1 Cor. 13:12), and that the happiness which we will enjoy there is indescribable. (1 Cor. 2:9)

The happiness of eternal life lies principally in the direct, immediate vision of God. It involves not only a perfect intellectual knowledge of God, but also a sharing of life with God, One and Triune. To see God is to live with Him, and to be happy with Him. And so, from this loving contemplation of the three divine Persons, an unlimited joy will arise in us. All the hunger for happiness and love of our poor heart will be satisfied unendingly, eternally. *Let us imagine what Heaven will be like. ‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the mind of man to imagine the things that God has prepared for those who love Him’.* Can you imagine what it will be like to arrive there, and meet God, and see that beauty which pours into our hearts and satisfies without satiating our desire? *I ask myself many times a day: what will it be like when all the beauty, all the goodness, all the infinite wonder of God pours into this poor clay vessel that I am, that we are.* And then I understand well why the Apostle wrote: *‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard’...* It is worth every effort, my children, it is indeed worth while. (J. Escriva, quoted in *Newsletter No. 1* for the Cause of his beatification)


**The Resurrection of the Body. Thinking about Heaven should lead us to a determined and cheerful struggle to reach it:** Apart from the immense joy of beholding God and of seeing and living with the risen, glorified Christ, there is also an *accidental* happiness, by means of which we will enjoy those created goods to which we aspire: the company of those blessed who we most loved down here - members of our family and friends; and also the glory of our risen bodies, because our risen body will be identical in all respects to our present body. St. Paul tells us that *this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality.* (1 Cor. 15:53) *This* body, not another one the same, or very similar. The Trent Catechism says *it is of vital importance to be fully convinced that the identical body, which belongs to each one of us during life, shall, though corrupt and dissolved into its original dust, be raised up again to life.* (Catechism of the Council of Trent, I, XI, 7; cf. S.C.D.F., *Declaration Concerning the Translation of the Article ‘Carnis Resurrectionem’ of the Apostles’ Creed*, 14 December 1983) St. Augustine states clearly that *this flesh will rise, the same which was buried...* *The flesh which now falls ill and suffers, this same flesh will rise again.* (St. Augustine, *Sermon* 264, 6) Our personality will continue to be the same, and we will have our own body, but vested with glory and splendor, if we have been faithful. Our body will have the properties characteristic of glorious bodies: agility and subtlety, that is, not subject to the limitations of space and time; impassibility - *He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more* (Apoc. 21:4); and finally, brightness and beauty.

*I believe in the resurrection of the body*, we say in the Apostles’ Creed. Our bodies in Heaven will have characteristics which are different from the present ones, but they will continue being bodies and will occupy a space (cf. M. Schmaus, *Dogmatic Theology*, VII, Madrid), as the glorious body of Christ and Our Lady do now. We do not know where that place is, nor how it comes about. The present earth will have been transformed: *Then I saw a new Heaven and a new earth; for the first Heaven and the first earth had passed away...* *Behold I make all things new.* (cf. Apoc. 21:1ff) Many Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and also (continued on page 4)

WEEKLY TITHING for May 2, 2021	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 335.00
Plate:	\$ 11.00
EFT:	\$ 1,240.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,586.00</b>

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**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*



**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, whom you serve, for the great gift of motherhood. We place our trust in you: 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 Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you! Amen.

HOLY MASS TIMES	
<b>Tuesday, May 11, 2021</b>	8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Thursday, May 13, 2021</b>	8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
<b>Sunday, May 16, 2021</b>	8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions 8:45am Holy Mass - On 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month populum; 2nd & 4th ad Orientem
HOLY MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>May 11, 2021</b>	†Jim Abbott (Lenny & LaVonne Feuling)
<b>May 13, 2021</b>	Lynn Kemmetmueller & family (Karen Hodgman)
<b>May 16, 2021</b>	Parishioners

