NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 3) the more. (cf. Luke 7:42) Jesus uses the verb to love here as a synonym for to be grateful. In this way He shows us wherein lies the essence of the affection man owes to his principal creditor, God. Etymology also helps to throw light on the deep meaning of the Eucharist; *Eucharist* in its derivation is *thanksgiving* for the gift of Love which the Blessed Sacrament itself conveys to us.

We correspond with the love of God when we fight against everything that separates us from Him. We need to struggle every day, if only in little things. We shall always come up against obstacles that stand between us and God: defects of character, selfishness, laziness that would prevent us from finishing our work well...

We love God when our whole life is an unceasing search for Him. It is sometimes said that not only does God not seek us, but can hide Himself from us so that we should seek Him. In fact, we have not far to look. We can find him in our work, in our family, in our joys and our sorrows... He asks us for our affection. He places in our heart the desire to seek Him, and constantly encourages us in our search. If we could only understand how much God loves us! If we could only say with Saint John: So we know and believe the love God has for us! (1 John 4:16) If we could, it would be much simpler and easier for us to love Him as we ought.

Our whole life has to become this constant seeking after Jesus, in good times and in those that seem bad, in our work and in our leisure, in the street and in the bosom of the family. This guest is the only one that can give meaning to our lives. We cannot carry out this task of ours alone. Let us go to Mary and beseech her, Mother, do not leave me! Let me seek your Son, let me find your Son, let me love your Son - with my whole being. Remember me, my Lady, remember me. (J. Escriva, The Forge, 157) Teach me to hold fast to Him as my first Love, He whom I love for Himself, absolutely, above all other loves. What am I to Thee, Lord, that thou should'st command me to

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"God wishes us not to rest upon anything but His Infinite Goodness; do not let us expect anything, hope anything, or desire anything but from Him, and let us put our trust and confidence in Him alone." St. Charles Borromeo

"Courage! God asks of us only our good will; His Grace does the rest. What I am afraid most of, is lest you should be discouraged. The Christian motto is Hope! Hope on! Hope ever! St. Theophane Venard

"That fear is useful which is buoyed up by Hope and is not weighed down by despair." St. Isidore of Seville

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." St. Teresa of Calcutta

"Pray, Hope and do not worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." St. Padre Pio

"We must have confidence in God, who is what He always has been, and we must not be disheartened because things turn out contrary to us." St. Philip Neri

"I plead with you! Never, ever give up on Hope, never doubt, never tire and never become discouraged. Be not afraid!" St. John Paul II CENTEROSKO EKTERTER DE

love Thee; yea, and be angry and threaten to lay huge miseries upon me if I love Thee not? Is it perhaps of itself no great misery if I do not love Thee? (St. Augustine, The Confessions, I, 5, 5)" (From: In Conversation with God by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God grant us the grace of a great desire to know and love Jesus!

In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel



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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

During this 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 is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. This weekend I share with a message centered on the love for God. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

"Love for God: God alone must be loved absolutely and unconditionally. Upright human affections are raised and ennobled when we love God above all other loves.

Over and over again Jesus teaches us that God has to be the principal object of our love. We just love creatures in a secondary, subordinate way. In the Gospel of the Holy Mass (Matt. 10:37-42) He tells us in words that leave no room for doubt: He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And He continues: He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake

God alone is to be loved absolutely and unconditionally. Everyone and everything else is to be loved by us in the measure in which they are loved by God. Our Lord teaches us *true* love. He asks us to love family and neighbor, but not even these loves should we put before the love of God, which must always be given an overriding priority. All other earthly loves are enriched, purified and encouraged to grow when we love God. Our heart expands and our capacity for loving increases. We find ourselves able to overcome all the obstacles and limitations of self-centeredness that are present in all of us creatures. The pure loves of this life are raised and ennobled still more when we love God first and most of all.

To love God the way He wants us to love Him, we have to go so far as to *lose* our own life, that of the *old man*. We have to die to those disordered tendencies which incline and induce us to sin. We must die to that sometimes brutal egocentricity which leads man to seek himself in everything he does. (cf. R. Garrigou-Lagrange, Three Ages of the Interior Life) God wants us to preserve all that is healthy and upright and truly human in our nature, all that is good and humanly characteristic in each unique individual. Nothing genuinely human, of the positive, of the perfectible, will be lost. The life of grace will permeate the whole of man's nature and elevate it. In this way the personality of the Christian who loves God is richly enhanced. The more a man dies to his selfish ego, the more truly human he becomes, and so much the better is he prepared for supernatural life.

The Christian who struggles to deny himself finds he is living a new life, the life of Jesus. Grace respects what is characteristic in each one of us at the same time as it transforms us, so that we come to have the same attitudes and sentiments that Christ Himself has concerning men and events. Seeing things as He does, we begin to imitate His deeds. In this way a new, simple, natural behavior is born in us, encouraging us to be better. We are filled with the same desires as Christ: our one objective becomes that of fulfilling the Will of the Father. That, then, is the real expression of love and its clearest

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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

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Church of Saint Paul - Sunday Confessions at 8:25am, Rosary at 8:20am, Mass

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 at10:30am

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

manifestation. Remaining what he is, by the help of grace, the Christian becomes identified with Jesus in so far, paradoxically, as he divests himself of himself. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, says Saint Paul. (Phil. 1:21-23)

Love of God cannot be taken for granted. If we do not nurture and take care of it, it dies. On the other hand, difficulties set it ablaze and confirm us in it if our will holds steadfastly in God. Love of God is nourished in prayer and in the reception of the Sacraments, in the constant struggle against our defects, in the unceasing effort to maintain a living presence of God throughout the whole of our working day, in our relations with others, in our times of rest. The Eucharist above all must be the spring at which our love of God is perpetually refreshed and strengthened. In a way, to love thus is already to possess Heaven on earth.

There is no limit or measure to the love of God.

The Christian is raised to the order of Grace so that he loves with the love of God Himself, which is given to him as an ineffable gift. (cf. 1 John 4:2) This is the essence of Charity. The Christian receives it first at Baptism. He can prepare himself for its augmentation through prayer, the sacraments and good deeds.

This love of God is infused in the Christian's soul. It should be the rule of all his actions. Just as the objects we make are judged to be finished and perfect insofar as they conform (continued on page 3)



Holy Mass on Friday, July 4: **Independence Day:** 8:30am - Church of St. Michael, Pine Island (Latin)

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be on Sunday, June 29, at 6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael. Fr. Kasel will give a presentation on: *The* Devotion of Consoling the Heart of Jesus. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

Prayer for Government by Archbishop John Carroll "We pray, Thee O Almighty and Eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Thy Glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy Mercy, that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging Faith in the confession of

We pray Thee, who alone art Good and Holy, to endow with heavenly Knowledge, sincere zeal, and sanctity of life, our chief Bishop, Pope Leo XIV, the Vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of His Church; our own Archbishop, Bernard Hebda, all other bishops, prelates, and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise amongst us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct Thy people into the ways of salvation. We pray Thee O God of Might, Wisdom, and Justice! Through Whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy Holy Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for Virtue and Religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in Justice and Mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy Divine Wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by Thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability. We recommend likewise, to Thy unbounded Mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Thy most Holy Law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that Peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are Eternal. Finally, we pray to Thee, O Lord of Mercy, to remember the souls of Thy servants departed who are gone before us with the sign of Faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives, and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased: of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of Divine Worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Prayer taken from the Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, USCCB



†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.

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series: THE FIFTH GOSPEL: A Study of Jesus in Galilee

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Details: Thursday, July 10, 2025

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30pm EST Lecture: 8:00pm EST Instructor: Rev. Hezekias Ĉarnazzo Registration is required. Visit: http://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/the-fifth-gospel-2

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for July: Pasta - elbow macaroni, rotini, spaghetti, etc.

WEEKLY TITHING June 21-22, 2025

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 4,545.00 Plate: 461.00 EFT: 960.00 Total: \$ 5,966.00

Holy Spirit Novena: July 1 to July 9

Peter's Pence Collection: The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be offered in our parishes on the weekend of **July 5-6**.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kevin Winkler (brother of Sennifer Thornwall, parishioner), who passed and it feternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.' May his soul and fitted departed through the Mercy of Jennifer Thornwall, parishioner), who passed away May 15, 2025. God, rest in peace. Amen.'

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Renae Kasel (sister-inlaw of Fr. Kasel), who passed away June 22, 2025. 'Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; and let perpetual light

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shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen.

RECOVER SUNDAY AS A DAY FOR THE LORD AND FAMILY: The 12 themes of how to reclaim Sundays

To kick off Synod Year III—Parents as Primary Educators of Their Children in the Ways of the Faith—the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is pleased to publish 'Reclaiming Sundays: Recover Sunday as a Day for the Lord and Family.' The guide lays out monthly themes and practical suggestions for families to build lasting habits and anchor their week in a joyful, prayerful and restful observance of Sunday. Thank you to members of the Blue Ribbon Commission for their recommendations, including this guide, to help inform and inspire parents to understand and fulfill their responsibility as the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith.

Find the monthly guide at: https://missionsupport.archspm.org/resources/ reclaiming-sundays-monthly-guide-pdf/

Reclaiming Sundays: Sunday is a day which is at the very heart of the Christian life. Let us open our time to Christ, that He may cast light upon it and give it direction. He is the One who knows the secret of time and the secret of eternity, and He gives us "His day" as an ever-new gift of His love. The rediscovery of this day is a grace which we must implore, not only so that we may live the demands of faith to the full, but also so that we may respond concretely to the deepest human yearnings. Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human. (Pope St. John Paul II, Dies Domini, 7)

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

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

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

Friday, July 4, 2025 Independence Day

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

Saturday, July 5, 2025

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, July 6, 2025

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

July 2, 2025	Vietnamese families intentions
July 4, 2025	†Sutton deceased family members
July 5, 2025	†Sarah Murray (Brain & Laurie Murray)
July 6, 2025	Parishioners

July 6, 2025 St. Michael families



CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

(From Father Kasel... from page 1) to the preconceived plans to which we work, so any human action will be upright and virtuous if it conforms to the Divine Rule of Love. If it departs from it, it will not be good or perfect. (St. Thomas, On the Double Precept of Charity, Prologue) All our deeds can be weighed and measured by this rule because the soul in grace does not receive Divine Love as something foreign to it. Charity does not destroy. It brings order, imposing on its recipient that unity of love which is so characteristic of the love of God. Hence it perfects and elevates our will. Charity, with which we love God, and in God we love our neighbor. comes to fruition precisely to the extent that we use it. The more we love, the greater capacity we have for loving. And if it (i.e. love) does not possess completely what it loves, it cannot help being weary, in proportion to the absence of that which is not possessed... Until this possession be achieved, the soul is like an empty vessel waiting to be filled, or like a hungry man craving food, or like a sick person sighing wretchedly for health, or like one suspended in the air with nothing to lean on. (St. John of the Cross, Spiritual Canticle, 9:6)

There is no limit or measure to God's love. He expects us to love Him with all our heart, with all our soul and all our mind. (cf. Matt. 22:37-38)

We can always grow in love of God. He tells His children, each one individually, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you. (Jer. 31:3)

We pray to God to convince us that there is only one Absolute Love, and that this Love is the source of all upright, noble loves. He who loves God will love all of God's creatures more and better. It is easy to love some; with others it is more difficult. We do not find them attractive, they have offended us or have done us wrong. Only if I love God seriously can I love other creatures as His children, and because He has commanded me. Jesus has also established how we are to love our neighbor - not with feelings alone, but with deeds... I was hungry in the person of the least of my brothers. Did you give Me to eat? Did you visit Me when I was sick? (John Paul II, General Audience, 27 September 1978) Did you help Me to carry the burden when it was too heavy for Me to carry it alone? To love our neighbor in God is not to go about by a long and circuitous route in order to love Him. Love of God is a short-cut to our brothers. Only in God can we really understand and love all men, immersed even as they are in their errors and we in ours, and in spite of those things that humanly speaking would tend to separate us from them or lead us to pass them by without a glance in their direction.

How the love of God is shown.

Our love of God is merely a response to His love. He loved us first. (1 John 4:19) Ours is the love God places in our souls so that we too are able to love. That is why we ask Him, Lord, give me the love with which You want me to love You.

We correspond with the love of God when we love others; when we see in them the dignity proper to the human person, made as it has been in the image and likeness of God, created with an immortal soul and called to give glory to God for all eternity. Love is to approach that wounded man we come across on our journey each day; it is to bind up his wounds, restore him to health and take care of him in all things. (cf. Luke 10:30-37) We must exert ourselves on his behalf, making a serious effort in order to bring him to God. Separation from God is always the greatest of evils, and those thus separated from Him are in need of our help and our urgent attention. Apostolate is a wonderful sign of our love for God, and is the way to love Him more.

Love is frequently shown by a response of gratitude. To illustrate this, Our Lord relates the parable of the debtors. Having done so, He asks Simon the Pharisee which of the two debtors He has spoken about would love their generous creditor (continued on page 4)

Help water flowers: The beautiful flowers donated by Pork and Plants will possibly need daily watering. We have Sundays open. Please sign up in the entry of the church if you would like to help. Thank you!

WEEKLY TITHING June 22, 2025

Sunday Envelopes: 505.00 \$ Plate: 923.00 **Total:** \$ 1,428.00

Holy Spirit Novena: July 1 to July 9

Peter's Pence Collection: The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be offered in our parishes on the weekend of **July 5-6**.

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- Among the seven churches, try to visit our two Jubilee co-cathedral churches: the Cathedral of Saint Paul and the Basilica of Saint Mary. Look for the Jubilee Cross in each of them.
- · Perhaps visit our oldest Church of Saint Peter in Mendota and one of our newest churches. Saint Katherine Drexel in Ramsey is just about to be consecrated and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Hastings has just been renovated.
- Try to participate in a Mass that might expand your personal experience of liturgy—perhaps with our Maronite or Byzantine brethren, one of our immigrant communities, one of our Traditional Latin Mass communities, the Catholic deaf community, or with the University students at Saint Lawrence in Dinkytown.

· Join us Sunday, October 12, for one of the morning Masses at the Cathedral and for an Ice Cream Social.

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"The tests which modern society subjects Christians to, in fact, are many, and affect the personal and social life. It is not easy to be faithful to Christian marriage, practice mercy in everyday life, leave space for prayer and inner silence, it is not easy to publicly oppose choices that many take for granted, such as abortion in the event of an unwanted pregnancy, euthanasia in case of serious illness, or the selection of embryos to prevent hereditary diseases. The temptation to set aside one's faith is always present and conversion becomes a response to God which must be confirmed several times throughout one's life." Pope Benedict XVI

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception." "This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2270, 2271)

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

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

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

Thursday, July 3, 2025

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

Sunday, July 6, 2025

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

July 1, 2025 †Marilyn Rogers

July 3, 2025 †Kathy Bucher (Bing Bucher)

July 6, 2025 **Parishioners**