

August 10, 2025 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This coming Friday, August 15, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. This Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning that all Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass either at the vigil (night before) or on the day of the Solemnity. Please see the Holy Mass schedule for the Solemnity in this bulletin.

Also, I encourage you to plan to participate in our annual procession in honor the Blessed Virgin Mary next Sunday, August 17. The procession will begin at the Church of St. Michael after the 10:30am Holy Mass.

Here is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches us about the Dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

'Since the Virgin Mary's role in the mystery of Christ and the Spirit has been treated, it is fitting now to consider her place in the mystery of the Church. 'The Virgin Mary . . . is acknowledged and honored as being truly the Mother of God and of the Redeemer. . . She is 'clearly the Mother of the members of Christ' . . . since she has by her Charity joined in bringing about the birth of believers in the Church, who are members of its Head.' (Lumen Gentium 53) 'Mary, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church.' (Paul VI, Discourse, November 21, 1964)

Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. 'This union of the Mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to His death'; (Lumen Gentium 57) it is made manifest above all at the hour of His Passion:

Thus the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of Faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the Cross. There she stood, in keeping with the Divine Plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of His suffering, joining herself with His sacrifice in her Mother's heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this Victim, born of her: to be given, by the same Christ Jesus dying on the Cross, as a Mother to His disciple, with these words: 'Woman, behold your son.' (Lumen Gentium 58; see John 19:26-27)

After her Son's Ascension, Mary 'aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers.' (Lumen Gentium 69) In her association with the apostles and several women, 'we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the Gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation.' (Lumen Gentium 59)

'Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of Original Sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly Glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death.' (LG 59; see Pius XII, Munificentissimus Deus (1950); see Revelation 19:16) The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did

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 8:20am, 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

not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death. (Byzantine Liturgy, Troparion, Feast of the Dormition, August 15th)

By her complete adherence to the Father's Will, to His Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of Faith and Charity. Thus she is a 'preeminent and . . . wholly unique member of the Church'; indeed, she is the 'exemplary realization' (typus) (Lumen Gentium 53, 63) of the Church.

Her role in relation to the Church and to all humanity goes still further. 'In a wholly singular way she cooperated by her Obedience, Faith, Hope, and burning Charity in the (continued on page 4)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation - August 15, 2025

The Solemnity of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Holy Mass times to honor our Blessed Mother:

Thursday, August 14, (Vigil) at 6:00pm at Church of St. Paul

Friday, August 15, at 8:30am at the Church of St. Michael

Friday, August 15, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael

Friday, August 15, at 7:30pm (Latin) at the Church of St. Michael

Join us for a Rosary procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sunday, August 17 - 11:30am, after the Holy Mass at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Hospitality will follow the procession.

The next Holy Hour and Social for Men: Sunday, August 10, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on: *Artificial Intelligence and you: issues emerging with AI.* All men are invited!



CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

Save the Dates!

Youth Discipleship Week—August 27, 28, 29 8:30 am to Noon at the Church of St. Michael

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CHURCH OF St. Michael FAITH FORMATION:

Faith Formation classes/sessions will start on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Registration form and calendar will be available soon.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"O how wondrous is the dignity of the glorious Virgin! She merited to become the mother of Him who is the strength and beauty of the Angels and the grandeur of all the Saints. Mary was the seat of our sanctification, that is to say, the dwelling place of the Son Who sacrificed Himself for us. 'And I shall glorify the place where My feet have stood.' The feet of the Savior signify His human nature. The place where the feet of the Savior stood was the Blessed Mary, who gave Him His human nature. Today the Lord glorifies that place, since He has exalted Mary above the choirs of the Angels. That is to say, the Blessed Virgin, who was the dwelling of the Savior, has been assumed bodily into Heaven." *St. Anthony of Padua*

"In her, assumed into Heaven, we are shown the eternal destiny that awaits us beyond the mystery of death: a destiny of total happiness in Divine Glory. This Supernatural Vision sustains our daily pilgrimage." *St. John Paul II*

"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." *St. Francis de Sales*

"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*



†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:

WITNESSES IN BLOOD: *African Martyrs of the Modern World*

When you hear the word "martyr," is your first mental image the Roman Colosseum and ferocious beasts? Many of us are familiar with the deaths of Saints Peter and Paul, St. Ignatius of Antioch, and St. Polycarp of Smyrna, and although we know that there are many contemporary martyrs, often the reality of their sacrifice is remote for us. Join the ICC to hear the compelling stories of the modern martyrs of Africa, Egypt, and the Middle East, and be inspired in our own lives by their heroic witness of faith.

Details: Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30pm EST Lecture: 8:00pm EST

Instructor: Rev. David Anderson Registration is required.

Visit: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/witnesses-in-blood>

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for August: **Paper Products:** toilet paper, kleenex, paper towels

WEEKLY TITHING August 2-3, 2025

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,545.00
Plate:	\$ 1,603.33
EFT:	\$ 3,895.00
Total:	\$ 8,043.33

Seminary Information Night

Thursday, August 14, 5-8 p.m.,

St. John Vianney College Seminary, St. Paul
Catholic junior and senior high school men and their parents are invited to learn more about St. John Vianney College Seminary. The event, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis Office of Vocations, held on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will begin with 5pm Holy Mass, followed by dinner, an informational program and a seminary tour. RSVP is required before Friday, August 8, at <https://www.10000 vocations.org/assumption.html>.

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*

"...while there are many issues the Catholic must consider in forming moral judgments, 'Abortion is different. It is always intrinsically evil. There are no circumstances that justify abortion. Its victims are innocent and defenseless, and number in the millions. Abortion is the fallacious foundation upon which the culture of death builds its ugly edifice.'"

Bishop Thomas Tobin, Bishop of the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." - *Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270*

Calling all bookworms! Join the Catholic Authors Book Study. We rotate between spiritual books, literature and writings of Doctors of the Church. On August 12, we will begin discussing ***On the Providence of God***, by Doctor of the Church, St. John Chrysostom.

We meet every 2 - 3 weeks, usually on Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 pm in Rochester. Join us! See <https://archspm.groupvitals.com/groupfinder/profile/72459> or contact the parish office.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

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

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

Friday, August 15, 2025 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

6:30pm Holy Mass

7:30pm Latin Holy Mass

Saturday, August 16, 2025

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, August 17, 2025

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

August 13, 2025 † Darleen Burdick (Ralph & Jane Burdick)

August 15, 2025 Janet Bauch

August 15, 2025 Parishioners

August 15, 2025 Fr. Kasel

August 16, 2025 † Jim Bauch

August 17, 2025 Parishioners

August 17, 2025 St. Michael families



From the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*

(by Venerable Pius XII, pope)

"In their homilies and sermons on this feast the holy fathers and the great doctors spoke of the Assumption of the Mother of God as something already familiar and accepted by the faithful. They gave it greater clarity in their preaching and used more profound arguments in setting out its nature and meaning. Above all, they brought out more clearly the fact that what is commemorated in this feast is not simply the total absence of corruption from the dead body of the Blessed Virgin Mary but also her triumph over death and her glorification in Heaven, after the pattern set by her only Son, Jesus Christ.

Thus Saint John Damascene, preeminent as the great preacher of this truth of tradition, speaks with powerful eloquence when he relates the bodily Assumption of the loving Mother of God to her other gifts and privileges: "It was necessary that she who preserved her virginity inviolate in childbirth should also have her body kept free from corruption after death. It was necessary that she who carried the Creator as a child on her breast should dwell in the tabernacles of God. It was necessary that the bride espoused by the Father should make her home in the bridal chambers of Heaven. It was necessary that she, who had gazed on her crucified Son and been pierced in the heart by the sword of sorrow which she had escaped in giving him birth, should contemplate Him seated with the Father. It was necessary that the Mother of God should share the possessions of her Son, and be venerated by every creature as the Mother and handmaid of God." Saint Germanus of Constantinople considered that it was in keeping not only with her divine motherhood but also with the unique sanctity of her virginal birth that it was incorrupt and carried up to Heaven: "In the words of Scripture, you appear *in beauty*. Your virginal body is entirely holy, entirely chaste, entirely the house of God, so that for this reason also it is henceforth a stranger to decay: a body changed, because a human body, to a preeminent life of incorruptibility, but still a living body, a body inviolate and sharing in the perfection of life."

Another early author declares: "Therefore, as the most glorious Mother of Christ, our God and Savior, the giver of life and immortality, she is enlivened by Him to share an eternal incorruptibility of body with Him who raised her from the tomb and took her to Himself in a way He alone can tell."

All these reasonings and considerations of the holy Fathers rest on Scripture as their ultimate foundation. Scripture portrays the loving Mother of God, almost before our very eyes, as most intimately united with her Divine Son and always sharing in His destiny. Above all, it must be noted that from the second century the holy Fathers present the Virgin Mary as the new Eve, most closely associated with the new Adam, though subject to Him in the struggle against the enemy from the nether world. This struggle, as the first promise of a Redeemer implies, was to end in perfect victory over sin and death, always linked together in the writings of the Apostle of the Gentiles. Therefore just as the glorious Resurrection of Christ was an essential part of this victory and its final trophy, so the struggle shared by the Blessed Virgin and her Son was to end in the glorification of her virginal body. As the same Apostle says: *When this mortal body has clothed itself in immortality, then will be fulfilled the word of Scripture: Death is swallowed up in victory.*

Hence, the august Mother of God, mysteriously united from all eternity with Jesus Christ in one and the same decree of predestination, Immaculate in her Conception, a virgin inviolate in her divine motherhood, the wholehearted companion of the Divine Redeemer who won complete victory over sin and its consequences, gained, at last the supreme crown of her privileges - to be preserved immune from the corruption of the tomb, and, like her Son, when death had been conquered, to be carried up body and soul to the exalted glory of Heaven, there to sit in splendor at the right hand of her Son, the immortal King of the ages."

WEEKLY TITHING August 3, 2025

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 395.00
Plate:	\$ 413.71
EFT:	\$ 1,415.00
Total:	\$ 2,223.71

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St. Paul Seminary Catechetical Institute is coming to our area!

The Church of St. Joseph in Red Wing will be a virtual host site for the Catechetical Institute Pillars Program, starting in Fall 2025. All adults are encouraged to participate. This is a great opportunity for adult faith formation! Go to <http://www.cistudent.com/> for more details and to register.

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- Attend a retreat or social: archspm.org/events

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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, and helps 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/>

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

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

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

Thursday, August 14, 2025

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

6:00pm Holy Mass (Vigil) for the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

August 12, 2025	Betty Stromback
August 14, 2025	†Lea Frame
August 14, 2025	Parishioners
August 17, 2025	Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) Savior's work of restoring Supernatural Life to souls. For this reason she is a Mother to us in the Order of Grace.' (Lumen Gentium 61)

'This Motherhood of Mary in the Order of Grace continues uninterruptedly from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the Cross, until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. Taken up to Heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of Eternal Salvation . . . Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix.' (Lumen Gentium 62)

'Mary's function as mother of men in no way obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows its power. But the Blessed Virgin's salutary influence on men . . . flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on His mediation, depends entirely on it, and draws all its power from it.' (Lumen Gentium 60) 'No creature could ever be counted along with the Incarnate Word and Redeemer; but just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in various ways both by His ministers and the faithful, and as the one goodness of God is radiated in different ways among His creatures, so also the unique mediation of the Redeemer does not exclude but rather gives rise to a manifold cooperation which is but a sharing in this one source.' (Lumen Gentium 62)

'All generations will call me blessed': 'The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship.' (See Luke 1:48; Paul VI, *Marialis cultus* 56) The Church rightly honors 'the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God,' to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs. . . . This very special devotion . . . differs essentially from the adoration which is

The next **St. Pio Knights of Columbus Council** membership meeting will be Wednesday, August 13, at 7:00pm at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota.

Queen of the Angels Prayer:

Remedy Against the Spirits of Darkness

August Queen of the Heavens, Heavenly Sovereign of the Angels, thou who from the beginning received from God the power and the mission to crush the head of Satan, we humbly beseech thee, to send the Holy Legions so that, under thy command and through thy power, they may pursue the demons, combat them everywhere, suppress their boldness, and drive them back into the abyss.

Who is like unto God?

O good and tender Mother, thou shalt always be our love and our hope!

O Divine Mother, send thy holy Angels to defend us and drive far away from us the cruel enemy.

Holy Angels and Archangels, defend us and guard us. Amen.



given to the Incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration.' (Lumen Gentium 66) The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the Rosary, an 'epitome of the whole Gospel,' express this devotion to the Virgin Mary. (See Paul VI, *Marialis cultus* 42; *Sacrosanctum concilium* 103)" (CCC 963-973) Through the intercession of the Our Blessed Mother Mary, Assumed into Heaven Body and Soul, St. Joseph, and our patrons, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless you, your families and our parishes! In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

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