August 31, 2025 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ Jesus,

The greatest blessing we have in the Catholic Church is the True Presence of Jesus, truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus manifests Himself to us during each Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and continuously waits for us to visit Him Truly Present in the tabernacle or during our times of Adoration offered in our churches.

I sometimes hear the comment: "Mass is boring" or "I do not get anything out of Mass". I understand these comments come up for many reasons and I admit that I feel some sadness when I hear them. These comments tell me that the greatest need in our hearts is not being satisfied. The greatest need in every heart is to know and experience God's personal love.

It is a holy spiritual practice to open oneself to our Lord's personal love each day, especially through the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. This openness to the Love of God will lead to new inner experiences of God's merciful Love when we are in the Real Presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

The following ideas on the Love of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist are from a wonderful book entitled: *How to Get More Out of Holy Communion*, by St. Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868). St. Peter founded two religious orders whose work is to promote devotion to and adoration of the Holy Eucharist. His writings on the Holy Eucharist present our Lord's Presence in the Eucharist in a beautiful way: the source of all peace, love, joy, strength and courage for all who will seek Him in the Holy Eucharist. So, what if you are among those who come to Holy Mass, but sometimes leave thinking 'I did not get anything out of Mass today'? Let us look to St. Peter and his book, *How to Get More Out of Holy Communion*, for his first suggestion to remedy this experience. St. Peter's first suggestion is to "develop the spirit of Communion" with Jesus.

St. Peter writes: "The Love of Jesus Christ reaches its highest perfection and produces the richest harvest of Graces in the ineffable union He contracts with the soul in Holy Communion. Therefore, by every desire for goodness, holiness, and perfection that piety, the virtues, and love can inspire in us, we are bound to direct our course toward this union, toward frequent and even daily Communion."

Thus, St. Peter's first recommendation is to increase the number of times we receive Jesus in Holy Communion. This practice will have the effect of increasing the soul's love for Jesus through the power of the One who alone can do that: Jesus. Furthermore, Jesus reveals our true self to us. We need frequent interaction with Jesus through the Sacraments and prayer in order to know ourselves and have some understanding of our great, personal need for Him.

St. Peter writes that the trap we often fall into is lukewarmness. This trap is one whereby we feel indifference to the True Presence

Welcome to the Churches of



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

of Jesus. This is spiritually very dangerous. The remedy, St. Peter writes, is: "That is (referring to lukewarmness) but one more reason why you should plunge again and again into this burning furnace. Repulsive? Oh, never, to this good Shepherd, this tender Father, fatherly above all fathers, motherly above all mothers! The more weak and ill you are, the more you need His help. Is not bread the sustenance of both the strong and the weak"? St. Peter makes clear for us that Jesus is the only way to healing and peace. Not only that, Jesus strongly desires us to approach Him for the healing and strength we need.

What if the soul is aware of sins on one's conscience? Are the sins venial or is there guilt for a mortal sin? If the sins are venial, one should have no fear to approach Jesus. If there is awareness of guilt for a mortal sin, then the soul must approach the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation first, and then approach Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. All the Sacraments of the Church are true interactions with Jesus, Himself. Each time we receive a Sacrament our Lord Jesus desires to share His profound Love and Mercy! The greatest of all the gifts of God's Love is the Holy Eucharist! St. Peter writes: "This is what gives Communion its highest power: it is a second and perpetual incarnation of Jesus Christ. Between Jesus Christ and man, it forms a union of Life and Love. In a word, it is a second life for Jesus Christ."

Through the intercession of St. Michael, St. Paul, and St. Peter Julian Eymard, may God bless you, your families, and our parishes! In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

The next Holy Hour and Social for Men: Sunday, September 14, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All men are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

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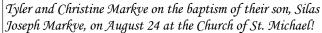
Our program is open for all of our parishioners to attend and it will benefit all ages!

Holy Spirit Novena: September 1 to September 9

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Congratulations to:

Keith and Megan Warnke on the baptism of their daughter, Josephine Mary Warnke, on August 24 at the Church of St. Michael!



Pew Missal: If you are interested to have an extra copy of the Pew Missal for personal use, please contact the Parish office 507-356-4280. The price is \$10 each.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"If you put all the love of the mothers into one heart it still would not equal the love of the Heart of Mary for her children." St. Louis de Montfort

"The Immaculate alone has from God the promise of victory over Satan. She seeks souls that will consecrate themselves entirely to her, that will become in her hands forceful instruments for the defeat of Satan and the spread of God's Kingdom." St. Maximilian

"Tell everybody that God grants Graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary" St. Jacinta

"Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of Love and Humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and Love Him as you Love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor." St. Teresa of Calcutta

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series:

The Apocalypse of St. John: Understanding the Book of Revelation The Book of Revelation is the Bible's most mysterious and challenging text. Filled with prophetic signs and symbols unknown to most modern Christians, it often seems like an enigmatic puzzle. Join us as we learn to read the symbols, signs, and literary techniques of this book the way the early Christians understood them and, thereby, rediscover the beautiful and consoling message of salvation intended to be heard by its original author, two millennia ago, but still so relevant today! The last day to apply is Friday, September 5.

Note: If you are unable to attend the live classes you can still register. Lecture recordings will be available following each class.

Details: Tuesdays, Sept. 9 - Nov. 18 from 8:00 PM - 9:15 PM ET Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30pm EST Lecture: 8:00pm EST Instructor: Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, Ph.D. Registration is required. Visit: https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/apocalypse

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for September: Cerealsincluding oatmeal

WEEKLY TITHING August 23-24, 2025

Sunday Envelopes: 2,240.00 Plate: 590.66 EFT: 960.00 Total: 3,790.66

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection: \$ 722.51



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FALL FESTIVAL at the Church of St. Michael October 3 - 5, 2025

Baskets/Items for the Fall Festival Silent Auction:

Calling all parishioners! We are looking for silent auction baskets and items for our silent auction fundraiser. Please make up any type of "basket" that you like or any individual items, including religious items, gift certificates, gift cards, homemade items or purchased items. Please drop off any items at the parish office. Thank you!

Dear Parishioners:

Mums will be available for sale starting the weekend of September 13 - 14. Prices will be: \$20 for a solid color and \$25 for a tri-color mum.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser and our Fall Festival! In Christ through Mary,

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Calling all bookworms! Join the Catholic Authors Book Study. We rotate between spiritual books, literature and writings of Doctors of the Church. On September 23, we will begin discussing Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper by Brant Pitre. We meet every 2 - 3 weeks, usually on Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 pm in Rochester.

Archdiocesan Passport Adventure: We are 175 years strong! Choose your own Passport Adventure!

There are so many ways to join in the Archdiocesan Passport Adventure! Just a few ideas:

- · Attend a parish festival: the catholic spirit.com/festivals
- · Find a time for Holy Mass, Confession or Adoration: archspm.org/parishes
- Attend a retreat or social: archspm.org/events

While you are there, be sure to grab a photo and share your adventures on social media by tagging @ArchdioceseSPM and using #175passport in your posts! Get started: archspm.org/passport

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

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

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

Friday, September 5, 2025

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

6:30pm Latin First Friday Holy Mass

Saturday, September 6, 2025

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, September 7, 2025

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

September 3, 2025 † John & Mary Brumm

September 5, 2025 † Darleen Burdick (Ralph & Jane Burdick)

September 5, 2025 † Philip Bestgen (Rob & Sue Bestgen)

September 6, 2025 †Sarah Murray (Brian & Laurie Murray)

September 7, 2025 **Parishioners**

September 7, 2025 Rachel Macdonald (Kay Foht)



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The Conversion of St. Augustine

"Urged to reflect upon myself, I entered under your guidance into the inmost depth of my soul. I was able to do so because you were my helper. On entering into myself I saw, as it were with the eye of the soul, what was beyond the eye of the soul, beyond my spirit: your immutable light. It was not the ordinary light percepti-

ble to all flesh, nor was it merely something of greater magnitude but still essentially akin, shining more clearly and diffusing itself everywhere by its intensity. No it was something entirely distinct, something altogether different from all these things: and it did not rest above my mind as oil on the surface of water, nor was it above me as Heaven is above the Earth. This light was above me because it has made me; I was below it because I was created by it. He who has come to know the truth knows this light.

O Eternal truth, true love and beloved eternity. You are my God. To you do I sigh day and night. When I first came to know you, you drew me to yourself so that I might see that there were things for me to see, but that I myself was not yet ready to see them. Meanwhile you overcame the weakness of my vision, sending forth most strongly the beams of your light, and I trembled at once with love and dread. I learned that I was in a region unlike yours and far distant from you, and I thought I heard your voice from on high: "I am the food of grown men; grow then, and you will feed on me. Nor will you change me into yourself like bodily food, but you will be changed into me."

I sought a way to gain the strength which I needed to enjoy you. But I did not find it until I embraced the mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who is above all, God blessed for ever. He was calling me and saying: I am the way of truth, I am the life. He was offering the food which I lacked the strength to take, the food he had mingled with our flesh. For the Word became flesh, that your wisdom, by which you created all things, might provide milk for us children.

Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would not have been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace". (From the Confessions of St Augustine)

Give the gift of an Hour of Adoration for someone. Cards are in the vestibule to send to the recipient.

WEEKLY TITHING August 17, 2025

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 1,615.00

 Plate:
 \$ 479.00

 Total:
 \$ 2,094.00

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection: \$ 125.00

Holy Spirit Novena: September 1 to September 9

Pew Missal: If you are interested to have an extra copy of the Pew Missal for personal use, please contact the Parish office 507-732-5324. The price is \$10 each.

CDA Annual Rummage Sale: Catholic Daughters will hold their annual rummage sale to coincide with Zumbrota's All City rummage sale.

Dates & times to drop off donations

Tuesday, September 9: 9 am – 5 pm Wednesday, September 10: 3 pm – 7 pm Thursday, September 11: 9 am – 12 pm

Dates & times of Rummage Sale

Thursday, September 11: 1 pm – 6 pm Friday, September 12: 9 am – 5 pm Saturday, September 13: 9 am – 12 pm

A free will offering will be asked, unless otherwise marked. Clothing will be accepted if up to date, clean, and in good condition.



†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.

Healing from the Heart of Christ – Curatio Apostolate Retreat Weekend for healthcare workers: Friday–Sunday, September 26-28, in Buffalo, MN.

Father Michael O'Connor, the "POD Apostle", will be your Retreat Master to reflect on *Living a Life of Virtue and Self-Knowledge in Healthcare*. Opportunities for silence and networking provided. Retreat options, weekend itinerary, complimentary tickets, and pricing can be found at CuratioApostolate.com. Register by September 15. For more information email curatioevent@gmail.com.

Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep Your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the Priesthood. Let Your holy Love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

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

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

Thursday, September 4, 2025

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

Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

September 2, 2025 † Kathy Bucher (Bing Bucher)

September 4, 2025 † Lea Frame September 7, 2025 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

(Devotion for the month of August) O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of God our Father, You are the most beloved Heavenly treasure: the New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body; preserved from Original Sin and all sin

by the Divine Favor of your Holy Spouse, the Holy Spirit, you are the spiritual Mother of the Children of God.

O Most Pure Virgin, Full of Grace, your whole being, body and soul, was raised Heaven, to be elevated above all the Angels within the Kingdom of God. O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, the Immaculate Heart of Mary! Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, you who continuously intercede on our behalf, please present my need before your loving Son Jesus (make your request here). O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you unfailingly presents my needs to Jesus, for you have never turned away those in who call upon you! Dearest Mother, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine Will of our Heavenly Father, for all glory belongs to Him forever and ever. Amen.

CHERT BETT BETT BETTER 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/

Special appeal for relief in Gaza – August 30-31, 2025

Archbishop Hebda is asking all parishes of the archdiocese to join in a nationwide special appeal for humanitarian relief and pastoral support in Gaza on the weekend of August 30-31. "The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States," said Archbishop Timothy Broglio, president of the USCCB. "Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions." Please be generous! Watch the video for more info: https://www.archspm.org/special-appeal-for-relief-in-gaza-august-30-31/

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"For you deal here above all with human life, and human life is sacred; no one may dare make an attempt upon it. Respect for life, even with regard to the great problem of the birth rate, must find here in your Assembly its highest affirmation and its most rational defense. Your task is to ensure that there is enough bread on the tables of mankind, and not to encourage an artificial control of births, which would be irrational, in order to diminish the number of guests at the banquet of life." Pope John Paul II to the UN Gen. Assembly, Oct. 4, 1965 "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

Respect for life and for the dignity of the human personal also extends to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God. St. John Paul II



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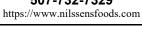
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Serving Zumbrota & Surrounding Communities

Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Sara McNamara St. Michael: 507-356-4280 stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net St. Paul: 507-732-5324 stpauls@hcinet.net

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