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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Let us ask the Holy Family for the grace of renewed love for God and one another within families throughout the world! This Sunday we celebrate the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. I share with you a reflection on our mission to share the Truth of Jesus with others. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

“Spreading the Truth - The urgency and responsibility of taking

Christ’s doctrine to all environments: As on so many occasions, Jesus rose early in the morning and went outside to the city to pray. The apostles found Him there and said to Him, *Everyone is searching for You*. And Our Lord answered them, *Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.* (Mark 1:29-39)

Christ’s mission is that of spreading the Gospel, of taking the Good News to the very ends of the earth, through the Apostles (Mark 3:14) and Christians of all times. This is the mission of the Church, which thus carries out Our Lord’s command: *Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole of creation.* (cf. Matt. 18:19-20) The *Acts of the Apostles* give many details of that first evangelization. On the day of Pentecost itself, St. Peter preaches the divinity of Jesus Christ, His redeeming Death, and His glorious Resurrection. (cf. Acts 2:38) St. Paul, quoting the Prophet Isaiah, exclaims enthusiastically, *How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Good News!* (Rom. 10:15; Is. 52:7) The *Second Reading* of the Holy Mass tells us of the joyful responsibility of announcing the Truth that saves: *If I preach the Gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!* (1 Cor. 9:16)

Using the words of St. Peter, the Church has often reminded the faithful that God calls them to make use of every opportunity to spread Christ’s doctrine everywhere. (cf. Second Vatican Council, *Apostolicam Actuositatem*, 6)

St. John Chrysostom anticipated all the possible excuses for not carrying out this most gratifying obligation. *There is, he wrote, nothing colder than a Christian who is unconcerned about the salvation of others... Do not say ‘I am unable to help them’, for if you are truly a Christian it is impossible for you to make such an admission. The properties of natural things cannot be denied them: the same thing happens with this affirmation, for it is in the nature of a Christian to act in this way... It is easier for the sun to fail to give its light or its heat than for a Christian to cease to give light and warmth; it would be easier for light to be darkness. Do not say that the thing is impossible; what is impossible is the opposite... if we order our conduct aright, everything else will follow as a natural consequence. The light of Christians cannot be hidden; a light that shines so brightly cannot be concealed.* (St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on the Acts of the Apostles*, 20)

Let us ask ourselves whether, in our own environment, in the place where we live and work, we are being true transmitters of the Faith; whether we bring our friends to receive the Sacraments more frequently. Let us examine ourselves as to whether we feel the urgency of the apostolate as one of the demands of our vocation; whether we feel the same responsibility as those first Christians did, because the need today is no less great... *For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!*

Apostolate and proselytism stem from our conviction that we possess the Truth - the only Truth that can save: The apostolate and the proselytism that we carry out, and that attract people to the Faith or to a greater dedication to God, stem from the conviction that we possess Truth and Love. We possess the Truth that saves and the only Love that can assuage the anxieties of the heart, which ever remains unsatisfied. When this certainty is lost, we can see no point in spreading the Faith. Then, even if we were in a Christian environment, we might start doubting whether we could exert any influence. We might despair of non-Christians ever giving their support to a just law, a law that happens to be in accord with God’s Will. We would also fail to see any sense in taking Christ’s teaching to other lands where the Faith has not yet become firmly rooted. In any case, the apostolic mission would become merely *social action* favoring the material advancement of those countries. We would be forgetting the most valuable treasure we can possibly give them - Faith in Jesus Christ and the life of grace... We would be Christians whose Faith had grown weak, and we would have (cont. on pg. 3)

The next **Holy Hour for Men** will be on Sunday, February 21, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, PI. All men are invited!

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, March 3, at 6:30-7:45pm

TOPIC for March: Written On Stone, Chiseled

In Your Heart

(The Ten Commandments)

The Truth of the Cross:

“The Catholic Church glories in every deed of Christ.

Her supreme glory, however, is the Cross. Well aware of this, Paul says: *God forbid that I glory in anything but the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!*

At Siloam, there was a sense of wonder, and rightly so: a man born blind recovered his sight. But of what importance is this, when there are so many blind people in the world? Lazarus rose from the dead, but even this affected only Lazarus: what of those countless numbers who have died because of their sins? Those miraculous loaves fed five thousand people; yet this is a small number compared to those all over the world who were starved by ignorance. After eighteen years a woman was freed from the bondage of Satan; but are we not all shackled by the chains of our own sins?

For us all, however, the Cross is the crown of victory. It has brought light to those blinded by ignorance. It has released those enslaved by sin. Indeed, it has redeemed the whole of mankind! Do not, then, be ashamed of the Cross of Christ; rather, glory in it. Although it is a stumbling block to the Jews and folly to the Gentiles, the message of the Cross is our salvation. Of course it is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it was not a mere man who died for us, but the Son of God, God made man.

In the Mosaic law a sacrificial lamb banished the destroyer. But now it is the *Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*. Will He not free us from our sins even more? The blood of an animal, a sheep, brought salvation. Will not the Blood of the only-begotten Son bring us greater salvation?

He was not killed by violence, He was not forced to give up His life: His was a willing sacrifice. Listen to His own words: *I have the power to lay down my life and take it up again*. Yes, He willingly submitted to His own passion. He took joy in His achievement; in His crown of victory He was glad and in the salvation of man He rejoiced. He did not blush at the Cross, for by it He was to save the world. No, it was not a lowly man who suffered, but God incarnate. He entered the contest for the reward He would win by His patient endurance.

Certainly in times of tranquility the Cross should give you joy. But maintain the same Faith in times of persecution. Otherwise you will be a friend of Jesus in times of peace and His enemy during war. Now you receive the forgiveness of your sins and the generous gift of grace from your King. When war comes, fight courageously for Him.

Jesus never sinned; yet He was crucified for you. Will you refuse to be crucified for Him, who for your sake was nailed to the Cross? You are not the one who gives the favor; you have received one first. For your sake He was crucified on Golgotha. Now you are returning His favor: you are fulfilling your debt to Him.” St. Cyril of Jerusalem (From the *Instructions to Catechumens*)



WEEKLY TITHING for January 30-31, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 2,194.00
Plate:	\$ 1,203.25
EFT:	\$ 507.50
Total:	\$ 3,904.75

Dear Parishioners,

After consulting the Parish Trustees and other leaders of the Parish, due to extenuating circumstances, it is deemed to cancel the Fish Fries for this Lent. If you have questions, please contact me or the Parish office.

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph

Dear Parishioners,

Join us starting Monday, February 15th, as we begin a 33-day preparation for the **Consecration to St. Joseph** at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. The consecration Holy Mass will be on March 19, 2021.



WORDS TO LIVE BY:

“Anyone who seeks Truth seeks God, whether or not he realizes it.” *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

“It is easy to find Truth, though it is hard to face It, and harder still to follow It.” *Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

“The greatest kindness one can render to any man is leading him to Truth.” *St. Augustine*

“The Truth is the Truth even if no one believes it, and a lie is a lie even if everyone believes it.” *Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

“If you want peace, work for justice. If you want justice, defend life. If you want life, embrace the Truth - the Truth revealed by God.” *St. John Paul II*

Rochester Rosary Rallies: Our country continues to need fervent prayer. The next **Rosary rally will be at 3pm on February 7** near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE.

Pine Island Food Shelf: The items requested for **February:**
Shampoo and Toothpaste

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)
9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, February 12, 2021

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

Saturday, February 13, 2021

4:00-4:50pm Individual Confession
5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, February 14, 2021

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass
10:30am Holy Mass (also live-streamed)

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

- February 10, 2021** †Cole Crooks (Katie Brost)
- February 12, 2021** †John Freeman (Carolyn Ocariz)
- February 13, 2021** Manahan Family
- February 14, 2021** (EF)†Jerry Bodensteiner (Janet Shannon)
- February 14, 2021** Parishioners



PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

“Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity.”
Blessed Mother Teresa

"Find the courage to proclaim Christ, ... and the unchanging truths which have their foundation in Him. These are the truths that set us free! They are the truths which alone can guarantee respect for the inalienable dignity and rights of each man, woman and child in our world - including the most defenseless of all human beings, the unborn child in the mother's womb. - Pope Benedict XVI, at Yankee Stadium, April 20, 2008

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Session: Wednesday, March 3, at 6:30-7:45pm

**TOPIC for March: Written On Stone, Chiseled
In Your Heart
(The Ten Commandments)**

(From *Father Kasel*...from pg. 1) forgotten, perhaps, that Truth is all of a piece; we would have failed to remember that it makes men and nations more human, that it opens up the way to Heaven.

It is important that the Faith should lead us to propose social works, but *the world cannot be satisfied simply with social reformers. It needs saints. Holiness is not the privilege of a few; it is a gift offered to all... If we doubt this it means we do not fully understand Christ's intentions.* (St. John Paul II, *Address to Catholic Educators*, 12 November 1987) It means that we are leaving out the essential part of His message.

Faith is Truth, and gives light to our reason and preserves it from error. It heals the wounds of original sin and allays the propensity to stray from the way which that primal catastrophe bestowed upon us. It is from this that the certainty of the Christian comes, not only in what refers strictly to the Faith, but to all those matters connected with it – the origin of the world and of life, the unquestionable dignity of the human person, the importance of the family... Faith is the light which enlightens a man's path. This leads us, St. Paul VI teaches, to have a *dogmatic attitude, certainly, which means it is not founded on our own knowledge, but on the Word of God... This attitude of ours does not fill us with pride because we are the fortunate and exclusive possessors of the Truth, but it makes us strong and gives us the courage to defend it. It make us love to spread it. St. Augustine reminds us of this: 'sine superbia de Veritate praesumite' - without conceit be proud of the Truth.* (St. Paul VI, *Address*, 4 August 1965)

It is an immense gift to have received the true Faith, but at the same time it is a huge responsibility. The apostolic zeal of the Christian who is aware of the treasure he has received is not fanaticism. It is love for Truth; a manifestation of living Faith; consistency between one's thoughts and one's life. *Proselytism* in the noble and true sense of the word does not in any way mean attracting people through deceit or violence, but is the effort of an apostle to make Christ known, along with His call to all men. It is to want souls to recognize the richness that God has revealed, and for them to be saved. It is to want them to receive the vocation to a full dedication to God, if this is God's Will. This proselytism is one of the noblest tasks that God has entrusted to us.

Fidelity to the teaching we have to transmit: In this endeavor of ours to spread the Faith, whilst we treat everybody with respect and consideration, it is useless to transmit mere half-truths for fear that the fullness of Truth and the demands of an authentic Christian life may clash with ways of thinking currently in fashion, and with the easy-going attitude of so many people. There can be no half-measures where Truth is concerned, and Love which is prepared to make sacrifices cannot admit of settling for less or be the object of compromise. The condition for all apostolate is *fidelity to doctrine*, even though in some cases it may be difficult to fulfill this condition and even call for behavior which is heroic or at least filled with fortitude. We cannot omit themes such as generosity when it comes to having a large family, or the demands of social justice, or a full dedication to God when He calls someone to follow Him... We cannot expect to please everybody by diluting the claims of the Gospel so as to satisfy conventional wisdom... *We speak*, St. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, *not to please men, but to please God.* (1 Thess. 2:3-4) Claiming to make the Gospel easy, keeping quiet about (or watering down) the mysteries we are to believe and the norms of conduct by which we are to live, is not the way to go about obeying Christ's command. No one has (cont. on pg. 4)

WEEKLY TITHING for January 31, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 500.00
Plate:	\$ 38.00
Total:	\$ 538.00



Congratulations to:

Aaron & Chantel Bye on the baptism of their son – James Edwin Bye on January 30, 2021.

Church of St. Paul's Council of Catholic Women will be meeting on Tuesday, February 25th. Holy Mass will start at 6:00pm, followed by the meeting. All women are invited to join us.

Meal in a Bucket Do not be left out in the Cold order your "Meal in a Bucket" today. Pre-order slips are in the back of Church. Available meals are BBQ with buns, Chili, Potato soup, Portage soup, and cinnamon Rolls. Pickup following Mass on February 21st All COVID-19 food prep safety protocols will be followed when food is prepared. Thank you for your support.

ACCW Leadership Day Via Zoom

Saturday, March 6, 2021 9am-12noon
Leadership, Training & Development

Contact the ACCW office to Register before February 24th. There is **no cost** for this wonderful morning of information from NCCW.

Archdiocesan World Day of the Sick Mass

Date: Saturday, February 13

Time: 10-11am

Location: Virtual Event, Livestreamed by St. Agnes, St. Paul Please join virtually in the Archdiocesan World Day of the Sick Mass, with Archbishop Hebda as celebrant.

Watch online: <https://churchofsaintagnes.org/livestream>

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Registration is required to participate live.

Tuesday, February 9 from 7:00-8:30pm. The Priesthood (Both Baptized and Ordained), presented by Sister Esther Mary Nickel **Register online to participate and submit your questions! Zoom links will be sent to registrants prior to each event. Registration is limited to 500 participants per event.**



HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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

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

Thursday, February 11, 2021

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

Sunday, February 14, 2021

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

February 9, 2021 Gregory Hilbert (Louise Gerken)

February 11, 2021 Gary Murray (Char Murray)

February 14, 2021 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 3) preached, or ever will preach the Gospel with greater credibility, energy or attractiveness than Jesus, and even then there were those who did not follow Him faithfully. Neither can we forget that today, as always, we preach *Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God.* (1 Cor. 1:23-24) Nevertheless, we must always make an effort to adapt ourselves to the capacity and circumstances of the person we want to take to Christ, just as He taught us throughout the Gospels that He made accessible to everyone.

Fidelity to Christ leads us to transmit faithfully and effectively what we have received. Today, just as in the days of the first Christians, when the evangelization of Europe and of the whole world was beginning, we must announce to our friends and acquaintance, to our colleagues... the Good News of Divine Mercy, the joy of following Christ very closely in the midst of our daily occupations. That announcement brings with it the need to change one's life, to do penance, to renounce self, to be detached from material things, to be chaste, to seek God's forgiveness with humility, to correspond with what He has wanted from each of us from all eternity.

Our concern that many should follow Christ should encourage us to live charity better with everyone, to find more ways of bringing them as soon as possible to God Who is waiting for them. *For the love of Christ urges us on* (2 Cor. 5:14). This was the moving force of St. Paul's untiring apostolic activity, and it will be what moves us also. Love for God will lead us to feel the urgency of the apostolate, and not to waste any opportunity that arises. Moreover, in many circumstances we will be the ones to provoke those opportunities which would never occur otherwise. *Everyone is searching for You...* The world hungers and thirsts for God. So, as well as charity,

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hope. Our friends and acquaintances, including those who are furthest away, also need and want God, although often they do not show this. More importantly still, *God is searching for them.* Let us ask Our Lady to give us the same concern for the apostolate and proselytism as the Apostles and the first Christians had." (From: *In Conversation with God* by Francis Fernandez)

Through the intercession of Mary, Virgin most Powerful, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul may we grow in the practice of lovingly sharing our Catholic Faith with others!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

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