NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) report. What is the evil report? Depart into the everlasting fire, which was prepared for the devil and his angels. Whoever rejoices to hear the good report will not fear the bad. This is equity, this is Truth.

Or do you, because you are unjust, expect the Judge not to be just? Or because you are a liar, will the Truthful One not be True? Rather, if you wish to receive mercy, be merciful before He comes; forgive whatever has been done against you; give of your abundance. Of whose possessions do you give, if not from His? If you were to give of your own, it would be largess; but since you give of His, it is restitution. For what do you have, that you have not re-

These are the sacrifices most pleasing to God: mercy, humility, praise, peace, Charity. Such as these, then, let us bring and, free from fear, we shall await the coming of the Judge who will judge the world in equity and the peoples in His Truth."

Through the intercession of Mary, the Queen of Heaven and earth, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may the loving Heart of Jesus Christ our King reign over all human hearts!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection: November 30—December 1

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2024 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: The liturgical celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be held Dec. 9 this year because Dec. 8 falls on the second Sunday of Advent. People who live or are present in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis on Dec. 9 are dispensed from the obligation to participate in Mass—though they are strongly encouraged to attend, Archbishop Bernard Hebda said in a recent announcement. The dispensation comes as the Holy See clarified that—in contrast to the prevalent understanding in the United State and even as published in the Ordo that gives information about each day's liturgy—the usual obligation to attend Mass on the solemnity applies even when the celebration is transferred to Dec. 9. Archbishop Hebda said he learned that many parishes had already published their Mass schedules and arranged staffing with the understanding that December 9 would not include an obligation to attend Mass. To accommodate that reality, the dispensation was issued, the archbishop said. "All who enjoy the benefit of this dispensation are exhorted to commemorate the Immaculate Conception in another fitting manner, such as by reciting the Liturgy of the Hours or reflecting on the readings for the day, or engaging in prayer either individually, with others, or as a family," the archbishop said. "As we each honor this special day dedicated to our Blessed Mother, the Patroness of the United States of America, let us reflect on her unique role in salvation history and ask her intercession for this nation," the archbishop wrote. (from the Catholic Spirit)

St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer to Obtain Special Graces Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer fifteen times a day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30) until Christmas (December 25) will obtain what is asked. You may also see the St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer as the bulletin insert.

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November 24, 2024 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King and it marks the beginning of the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church. Next Sunday we begin the Season of Advent. I pray that this past year of Grace in the life of our Catholic Church has brought all of us closer in relationship with the merciful Heart of our Lord Jesus! It is truly right and just that we thank and praise Him each day for His exceeding goodness toward us! May we trust Him at all times to lead us on the path of holiness and onward toward Heaven! Regarding today's Solemnity of Christ the King, in Sacred Scripture we can read the doctrinal basis for our celebration of our Lord's kingly authority: "Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:7-11)

This weekend I share with you a sermon by St. Augustine of Hippo: "Then all the trees of the forest will exult before the Face of the Lord, for He has come, He has come to judge the earth.

He has come the first time, and He will come again. At His first coming, His own voice declared in the Gospel: Hereafter you shall see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds. What does He mean by hereafter? Does He not mean that the Lord will come at a future time when all the nations of the earth will be striking their breasts in grief? Previously He came through His preachers, and He filled the whole world. Let us not resist His first coming, so that we may not dread the second.

What then should the Christian do? He ought to use the world, not become its slave. And what does this mean? It means having, as though not having. So says the Apostle: My brethren, the appointed time is short: from now on let those who have wives live as though they had none; and those who mourn as though they were not mourning; and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing; and those who buy as though they had no goods; and those who deal with this world as though they had no dealings with it. For the form of this world is passing away.

But I wish you to be without anxiety. He who is without anxiety waits without fear until his Lord comes. For what sort of love of Christ is it to fear His coming? Brothers, do we not have to blush for shame? We love Him, yet we fear His coming. Are we really certain that we love Him? Or do we love our sins more? Therefore let us hate our sins and love Him who will exact punishment for them. He will come whether we wish it or not. Do not think that because He is not coming just now, He will not come at all. He will come, you know not when; and provided He finds you prepared,

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. VEEKEND 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

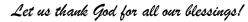
your ignorance of the time of His coming will not be held against you. All the trees of the forest will exult. He has come the first time, and He will come again to judge the earth; He will find those rejoicing who believed in His first coming, for He has come.

He will judge the world with equity and the peoples in His Truth. What are equity and Truth? He will gather together with Him for the judgement His chosen ones, but the others He will set apart; for He will place some on His right, others on His left. What is more equitable, what more true than that they should not themselves expect mercy from the Judge, who themselves were unwilling to show mercy before the Judge's coming.

Those, however, who were willing to show mercy will be judged with mercy. For it will be said to those placed on His right: *Come*, blessed of My Father, take possession of the Kingdom which has been prepared for you from the beginning of the world. And He reckons to their account their works of mercy: For I was hungry and you gave Me food to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink. What is imputed to those placed on His left side? That they refused to show mercy. And where will they go? Depart into the everlasting fire. The hearing of this condemnation will cause much wailing. But what has another psalm said? The just man will be held in everlasting remembrance; he will not fear the evil (continued on page 4)

Holy Masses for Thanksgiving:

8:30am on Thursday, Nov. 28, at St. Paul, Zumbrota 9:30am on Thursday, Nov. 28, at St. Michael, PI (Latin)



Collections for those in need will be taken at both churches.

The next Holy Hour for Women is this Sunday, November 24, at 6pm at the Church of St. Michael. I will offer an opportunity to 'Grill the Priest.' Bring any questions on our Faith, Catholic morals or other possible topics - and I will try to answer them! All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF St. Michael FAITH FORMATION: The next Faith Formation session will be on Wednesday, December 4, at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island.

<u>Topic for December</u>: The Holy Spirit (PreK- Grade 6) & The Sacraments (continued) (Confirmation 1, 2, & Adults)

Below is the schedule:

6:00-6:30pm - Meal

6:35-7:25pm - Children Class/Parent & Adult Session

7:30-7:45pm - Church for Adoration

At 7:30pm all students, parents and teachers gather in the Church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

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

Thank you! Quilting Bee Cause delivered 45 quilts to The Salvation Army and Pine Island Baby Closet. Both organizations expressed great appreciation for the donation. Thank you to all of the ladies that helped assemble the quilts. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies to keep this project going. We will be taking a break over the holidays, but will resume sometime in January. Watch the bulletin for the dates.

Christmas Flowers: This year we will again be collecting Christmas Flower offerings for the purchase of poinsettias for the Christmas Season. You will find a Christmas Flower envelope in your packet. The suggested donation is \$13. Please put your envelope in the collection basket by Sunday, Dec. 15. If you miss this deadline, please drop off donation at the Church office the following week. Any money collected over the cost of the Christmas flowers will be used for flowers in the sanctuary throughout the year. Thank you and God bless you!

Panthers Holiday Helpers Project

Dear Parishioners, Panthers Holiday Helpers Project needs your help! This Christmas project collects gift donations for children in need from Pine Island and Oronoco. You may donate any of the following winter wears: hats, caps, scarves, mittens, snowpants, gloves, and/or face masks. These donations will go to both girls and boys, from birth to 18 years. Please consider making a donation to this worthy project. If you wish to make a monetary donation, someone from the Church of St. Michael will shop for you. Families will be coming to the school to choose the items for their children, so please do NOT wrap them. Please bring donations by **December 1** and place in the box in the entryway.

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"Some, when they find themselves with child through their sin, use drugs to procure abortion, and when, as often happens, they die with their offspring, they enter the lower world laden with the guilt not only of adultery against Christ but also of suicide and child murder." - St. Jerome, Letters 22.13, A.D. 396 "Wherefore I beseech you, flee fornication. . . . Why sow where the ground makes it its care to destroy the fruit?—where there are many efforts at abortion?—where there is murder before the birth? For even the harlot you do not let continue a mere harlot, but make her a murderess also. You see how drunkenness leads to prostitution, prostitution to adultery, adultery to murder; or rather to a something even worse than murder. For I have no name to give it, since it does not take off the thing born, but prevents its being born. Why then do thou abuse the gift of God, and fight with his laws, and follow after what is a curse as if a blessing, and make the chamber of procreation a chamber for murder, and arm the woman that was given for childbearing unto slaughter?" - St. John Chrysostom, Homilies on Romans 24, A.D. 391

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for November: Canned Meats: chicken, tuna, Spam, salmon, etc.

WEEKLY TITHING November 16-17, 2024

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 3,880.00 Plate: 863.28 EFT: 3,780.00 Total: \$ 8,523.28

\$ 1,351.05 All Saints Day Collection: All Souls Day Collection: \$ 860.00



Church of St. Michael 51st Holiday Tea December 7, 2024 9:00 - 11:30am

"And Heaven and Nature Sing"

Baked items, Crafts, & Raffle items are available! **Enjoy our Holiday Tea Table!**

Ladies of the Parish: Please sign up to bring baked goods, and other food, and volunteer to work.

Calling all bookworms!

Join the Catholic Authors Book Study. We rotate between spiritual books, literature and writings of Doctors of the Church. In December, we will be discussing *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. 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.

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series A Year of the Lord's Favor—Celebrating the Jubilee

Wednesday, December 4 @ 8:00 PM ET Instructor: R. Jared Staudt, Ph.D.

God established a regular time of liberation for His people Israel, a great Jubilee every fifty years to free captives and debtors. Jesus situated His own ministry within the proclamation of a definitive Jubilee of salvation for the whole world. The Church has responded to this heritage by instituting her own Jubilee celebrations, which offer us a time of celebration and mercy. Learn about this rich biblical and ecclesial history and its ongoing relevance as an opportunity for conversion and grace in a secular age. Registration is required.

https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/a-year-of-the-lords-favor/

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

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

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

Thursday, November 28, 2024

9:30am Holy Mass

Friday, November 29, 2024

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

Saturday, November 30, 2024

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, December 1, 2024

7:00am Latin Holy Mass 10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

November 27, 2024 Sarah Kasel

November 28, 2024 Colette Drees (Santi & Carolyn Ocariz)

November 29, 2024 Paul Gustine (Delores Archer)

November 30, 2024 †leda Nascimento

December 1, 2024 Dawn & Madeline Berns December 1, 2024



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2024 Holiday Community Collection

We will again be participating in the Zumbrota Holiday community collection for families in need. Suggested items are gift cards (\$20 increments), paper products, hygiene products, winter gear, and laundry detergent. Reminder notes are available on the board in the vestibule. Return items to the office or the vestibule by **December 10.** Thank you for your generosity in sharing God's gifts with those in need. May our gifts show God's love for them this Christmas. Please contact Maggie Eggerichs at 507-951-2316 with any questions.

Congratulations to Nicolaas Welgemoed and Samantha Ruger on the baptism of their son Beau Nicolaas on November 16!



WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"The Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with Him and, therefore, has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion, over all things created." St. Cvril of Alexandria

"We must make our way towards Eternity, never regarding what men think of us, or of our actions, studying only to please God." St. Francis Borgia "He who carries God in his heart bears Heaven with him, wherever he goes." St. Ignatius of Lovola "Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, You know my desires. Possess all that I am - You alone. I am Your sheep; make me worthy to overcome the devil." St. Agatha "It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world." St. Aloysius Gonzaga

"He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things... What does it cost us to say, 'My God help me! Have mercy on me!' Is there anything easier than this? And this little will suffice to save us if we be diligent in doing it." St. Alphonsus Liquori

"How good and pleasant it is to dwell in the Heart of Jesus! Who is there who does not love a heart so wounded? Who can refuse a return of love to a Heart so loving?" St. Bernard of Clairvaux "Nowhere other than looking at himself in the mirror of the Cross can man better understand how much he is worth." St. Anthony of Padua

Prayer to Christ our King

O Lord Jesus Christ, I acknowledge you as universal King. All that has been made has been created for You. Exercise all Your rights over me. I renew my Baptismal Vows, I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works; I promise to live as a faithful and generous

Catholic. In particular, I pledge myself to labor, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Holy Catholic Church. O Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do I offer my poor services, laboring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred Kingship, and that thus the reign of Your Peace.

WEEKLY TITHING November 17, 2024

\$ 2,370.00 Sunday Envelopes: \$ 163.00 Plate: EFT: \$ 1,300.00 \$ 3,833.00 Total:

All Saints Day Collection: \$ 162.47

Thank you to everyone who helped, volunteered, and donated to make the Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale a success!



Catholic Daughters Court St. Mary Peter #1864 will meet Monday, November 25, at Holy Trinity in Goodhue. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. for our light meal and the meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. All women are welcome. Call Jeanette Richardson at 507-251 -7269 with any questions.

Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

(Traditionally prayed on the Feast of Christ the King.) Most Sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before Thine altar. We are Thine, and

Thine we wish to be: but to be more surely united to Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates ourselves today to Thy Most Sacred Heart.

Many indeed have never known Thee; Many too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful children, who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children, who have abandoned Thee; Grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that there may be but one flock and one Shepherd.

Be Thou King of all those who are still involved in the darkness of idolatry or of Islamism, and refuse not to draw them into the light and kingdom of God. Turn Thine eyes of mercy towards the children of the race, once Thy chosen people: of old they called down upon themselves the Blood of the Savior; may it now descend upon them a laver of redemption and of life.

Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry; praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation: To it be glory and honor forever. R. Amen.



†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

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

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

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

Thursday, November 28, 2024

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

Sunday, December 1, 2024

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

November 26, 2024 November 28, 2024

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