## November 13, 2022 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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#### From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary! Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

During these last few weeks of our liturgical year, which ends with the Solemnity of Christ, the King, on November 20, our Church looks to the end of all things - the end of time on earth. This is traditionally a good time to reflect on the last four things we all must deal with: death, judgment, Heaven and Hell. The following is a brief presentation on each of these topics that may help you in a personal meditation.

**Death:** it is certain that each of us will experience physical death. At the time of death the soul or the basic source of life that animates each human person separates from the body. This separation was intended by our Creator when He made our first parents. Rather, death is the consequence of Original Sin. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us:

""It is in regard to death that man's condition is most shrouded in doubt (Gaudium et Spes 18)." In a sense bodily death is natural, but for Faith it is in fact "the wages of sin" (Rom 6:23; Gen 2:17). For those who die in Christ's grace it is a participation in the death of the Lord, so that they can also share his Resurrection (Rom 6:3-9; Phil 3:10-11).

Death is the end of earthly life. Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and, as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life. That aspect of death lends urgency to our lives: remembering our mortality helps us realize that we have only a limited time in which to bring our lives to fulfillment:

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, . . . before the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. (Eccl 12:1, 7)

Death is a consequence of sin. The Church's Magisterium, as authentic interpreter of the affirmations of Scripture and Tradition, teaches that death entered the world on account of man's sin. (Gen 2:17; 3:3; 3:19; Wis 1:13; Rom 5:12; 6:23;) Even though man's nature is mortal God had destined him not to die. Death was therefore contrary to the plans of God the Creator and entered the world as a consequence of sin. (Wis 2:23-24) "Bodily death, from which man would have been immune had he not sinned" is thus "the last enemy" of man left to be conquered. (Gaudium et Spes 18; 1 Cor 15:26)

Death is transformed by Christ. Jesus, the Son of God, also himself suffered the death that is part of the human condition. Yet, despite his anguish as he faced death, he accepted it in an act of complete and free submission to his Father's will. (Mk 14:33-34; Heb 5:7-

8) The obedience of Jesus has transformed the curse of death into a blessing. (Rom 5:19-21)

Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Phil 1:21) "The saying is sure: if we have died with Him, we will also live with Him. (2 Tim 2:11) What is essentially new about Christian death is this: through Baptism, the Christian has already "died with Christ" sacramentally, in order to live a new life; and if we die in Christ's Grace, physical

## 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

death completes this "dying with Christ" and so completes our incorporation into Him in His redeeming act:

It is better for me to die in Christ Jesus than to reign over the ends of the earth. Him it is I seek - Who died for us. Him it is I desire - Who rose for us. I am on the point of giving birth ... Let me receive pure Light; when I shall have arrived there, then shall I be a man. (St. Ignatius of Antioch, Ad Rom., 6, 1-2)

In death, God calls man to Himself. Therefore the Christian can experience a desire for death like St. Paul's: "My desire is to depart and be with Christ." (Phil 1:23) He can transform his own death into an act of obedience and love towards the Father, (continued on page 3)

## Church of St. Paul Men's Club Pancake Breakfast & the St. Paul CCW Annual Bake Sale:

Sunday, November 13, from 8:00am -12:30pm at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota. All are invited!

**Bi** – Parish Mission Talk: Plan now to attend Bi-Parish Mission talks on "*Put on the Whole Armor of God*" by Fr. David Gunter, MIC, on the evenings of November 14-16, 2022.

Fr. Gunter will also speak at all the Holy Masses on November 12 and 13. **Schedule of Events:** 

Monday, November 14 – 7:00pm Presentation- Topic: End of an Age Tuesday, November 15 – 7:00pm Presentation- Topic: Armor of God Wednesday, November 16 – 7:00pm Adoration with Divine Mercy Prayers for Healing

This program, "Put on the Whole Armor of God" brings to light our troubled times and how to strengthen our faith as the world awaits the coming triumph.

The next Holy Hour and Social for Men will be on Sunday, November 13, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. We welcome Dave Swenson, a veteran of the Marine Corps. Dave will share about serving our Country, and particularly, the loss of his son, Curtis, killed in action in 2010. All men are invited!

#### CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

#### CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith Formation class/session will be Wednesday, December 7, at the Church of St. Michael.

Topic for December: The Virtue of Prayerfulness or Piety 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.

Youth Group Event! All Youth, Grades 7-12, are invited for a prayer, food, and game night Wednesday, November 30, from 6:30-8:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk. All high school students and confirmation candidates are invited to this youth event. Please RSVP to our parish offices! God bless you! 

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Ruth T. Hanson, (mother of Ken Hanson, parishioner), who passed away Wednesday, Nov. 9. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light 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.

Ouilting Bee Cause Display November 12 & 13: Quilting Bee Cause will display quilts after the Holy Masses on Saturday & Sunday, November 12 & 13. The quilts have been made entirely of donated fabrics. All the quilts will be taken to **Sharing and Caring Hands**. Thanks to all who donated fabrics and to those who helped sew and tie the quilts.

#### Dear Parishioners.

Panthers Holiday Helpers Project needs your help! This Christmas project collects gift donations for children in need from Pine Island. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and place in the box in the entryway.

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**Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture: SWORDS AND SERPENTS:** A Study of Salvation History by: Rev. Hezekias Carnazzo

Trying to read the Bible for the first time can be a frustrating and confusing experience for those seeking insight and guidance for their personal spiritual life. In this salvation history lecture series, you will be guided on a journey through the Scriptures and be given the tools needed to read them as a coherent whole. Following the major figures and events of the Bible, you will build bridges through the confusing and lesser known parts of Sacred Scripture so as to "connect the dots" from Adam to the coming of the Messiah. Event Details: Mondays, November 28, December 5, & 12. Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM EST, Lecture: 8:00 PM EST. Registration is required at: https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/swords -and-serpents-regular-lecture-series

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

#### WEEKLY TITHING November 5-6, 2022

Sunday Envelopes: 3.247.00 615.00 Plate: EFT: 2,027.50 Total: 5,889.50



#### HOLIDAY TEA

### Peace on Earth to People of Goodwill

Saturday, December 3, from 9:00am-11:00am at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island

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

#### Pancake Breakfast! November 20:

St. Pio Knights of Columbus Council 16016 will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 20, from 8:00am-12:30pm at the Church of St. Michael.

**Cemetery Collection:** There will be a second collection November 19-20 to provide for the upkeep of the St. Michael Cemetery. Please be generous in remembering our beloved departed in prayer and alms.

#### WORDS TO LIVE BY:

Words of Jesus to St. Faustina (as found in the Diary of St. Faustina): "(My daughter) Speak to the world about My Mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable Mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the Day of Justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My Mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them." Diary, 848 (cf., John 19:34: "one soldier thrust his lance into His side, and immediately Blood and Water flowed out.")

"Write: before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My Mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My Mercy must pass through the door of My Justice..." Diary, 1146 (cf., John 10:7: "I am the Gate for the sheep...")

"...I am prolonging the time of Mercy for the sake of sinners. But woe to them if they do not recognize this time of My visitation. My daughter, secretary of My Mercy, your duty is not only to write about and proclaim My Mercy, but also to beg for this Grace for them, so that they too may glorify My Mercy." Diary, 1160

Words of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, to St. Faustina: ...you have to speak to the world about His great mercy and prepare the world for the Second Coming of Him Who will come, not as a merciful Savior, but as a just Judge. Oh, how terrible is that day! Determined is the day of Justice, the Day of Divine Wrath. The Angels tremble before it. Speak to souls about this great Mercy while it is still the time for granting Mercy." Diary, 635

#### **HOLY MASS TIMES**

#### Wednesday, November 16, 2022

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

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

Friday, November 18, 2022

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

Saturday, November 19, 2022

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, November 20, 2022

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

#### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



November 16, 2022 Unbaptized babies

November 18, 2022 †John York

November 19, 2022 Msgr. Thomas Cook (Mary Hines)

November 20, 2022 †Isabel Solis & Salvacion Alpichi (T.&J. Meyer)

November 20, 2022 Parishioners

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(from page 1) after the example of Christ... (Lk 23:46) (CCC 1006-

Judgment: after death each of us will undergo what is called the particular judgment. Our Catechism teaches us:

"Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the Divine Grace manifested in Christ (2 Tim 1:9-10). The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in His second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and Faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the Cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul - a destiny which can be different for some and for others (Lk 16:22; 23:43; Mt 16:26; 2 Cor 5:8; Phil 1:23; Heb 9:27; 12:23). Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of Heaven - through a purification (Council of Lyons II - 1274; Council of Florence - 1439; Council of Trent -1563) or immediately (Benedict XII, Benedictus Deus - 1336; John XXII, Ne super his – 1334) - or immediate and everlasting damnation (Benedict XII, Benedictus Deus – 1336). "At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love" (St. John of the Cross). (CCC 1021-1022)

**Heaven:** this is part of what our Catechism states about Heaven: "Those who die in God's Grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live for ever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they "see Him as He is," face to face (Jn 3:2; 1 Cor 13:12; Rev 22:4): By virtue of our apostolic authority, we define the following: According to the general disposition of God, the souls of all the saints... and other faithful who died after receiving Christ's holy Baptism (provided they were not in need of purification when they died,... or, if they then did need or will need some purification, when they have been purified after death,...) already before they take up their bodies again and before the general judgment - and this since the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into Heaven - have been, are and will be in Heaven, in the heavenly Kingdom and celestial Paradise with Christ, joined to the company of the Holy Angels. Since the Passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, these souls have seen and do see the Divine Essence with an intuitive vision, and even face to face, without the mediation of any creature" (Pope Benedict XII - 1336).

This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity - this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the Angels and all the blessed - is called "Heaven." Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness. (CCC 1023 - 1024)

Hell: here is what our Catechism teaches on Hell:

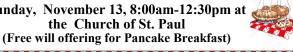
"We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love Him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against Him, against our neighbor or against ourselves: "He who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him (1 Jn 3:14-15)." Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from Him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are His brethren (Mt 25:31-46). To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from Him forever by our own free choice. This state of definitive (continued on page 4)

#### WEEKLY TITHING November 6, 2022

Sunday Envelopes: 1,780.00 Plate: 28.00 EFT: ,765.00 Total: 3,573.00

Church of St. Paul Men's Club Pancake Breakfast and the St. Paul CCW Annual Bake Sale

Pancake Sunday, November 13, 8:00am-12:30pm at the Church of St. Paul



**St. Paul CCW** will next meet on Tuesday, November 29, at the Church of St. Paul. There will be a Holy Mass at 6pm followed by the meeting. All ladies are invited!

**Appalachian Mission project**: A big thank you for all who made the Appalachian Mission project the most successful we've had in many years. With the shutdown of coal mines and the serious flooding, Kentucky has suffered; the need was great. What a beautiful way to fulfill the charity the Lord asks of us, especially for the Christmas season.

**Cemetery Collection:** There will be a second collection November 20 to provide for the upkeep of the St. Paul Cemetery. Please be generous in remembering our beloved departed in prayer and alms.

**Christmas Sharing Collection:** We will again be collecting items for those in our community that are need this Christmas - through the Community Connections Event. This is the same collection as in the past, however no need to pick an ornament from the tree. Choose whatever requested item you wish and return to the vestibule or church office by **December 4**. Items requested are: Household products such as paper products, laundry detergent, soap, shampoo, toothpaste. Gift cards are also welcome. You could donate local cards preferably \$20 increments so that all are the same value. Reminder tag are available on the board. Thank you for your generosity in sharing God's gifts with those in need. Please contact Maggie Eggerichs at 507-951-2316 with questions.

#### Activity packets for children at St. Paul

Dear Parents: There are activity packets and books for young children to use during Holy Mass in the Church entry. If helpful, you are welcome to use them. Be sure to take the packet along home to display and enjoy!

#### PRO LIFE QUOTE:

"America you are beautiful...and blessed.... The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life." St. John Paul II

"Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers." St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

#### **HOLY MASS TIMES**

#### Tuesday, November 15, 2022

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

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

#### Thursday, November 17, 2022

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

#### Sunday, November 20, 2022

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

#### **HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

November 15, 2022 †John Jorge Nassaralla November 17, 2022 †Roy & Gloria Bradley

November 20, 2022 Parishioners



#### NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 3) self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "Hell."

Jesus often speaks of "Gehenna" of "the unquenchable fire" reserved for those who to the end of their lives refuse to believe and be converted, where both soul and body can be lost (Mt 5:22, 29; 10:28; 13:42, 50; Mk 9:43-48). Jesus solemnly proclaims that He "will send His Angels, and they will gather... all evil doers, and throw them into the furnace of fire (Mt 13:41-42)," and that He will pronounce the condemnation: "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire (Mt 25:41)!"

The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of Hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into Hell, where they suffer the punishments of Hell, "eternal fire (DS 76; 409; 411; 801; 858; 1002; 1351; 1575; Paul VI, CPG # 12)." The chief punishment of Hell is eternal separation from God, in Whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.

The affirmations of Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church on the subject of Hell are a call to the responsibility incumbent upon man to make use of his freedom in view of his eternal destiny. They are at the same time an urgent call to conversion: "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few (Mt 7:13-14)."

Since we know neither the day nor the hour, we should follow the advice of the Lord and watch constantly so that, when the single course of our earthly life is completed, we may merit to enter with Him into the marriage feast and be numbered among the blessed, and not, like the wicked and slothful servants, be ordered to depart into

### Archbishop Hebda is about to do something big.

Our local Synod process involved three years of listening, preparation and engagement with laity, consecrated women and men, and clergy across the archdiocese. Soon, on the Feast of Christ the King (November 19-20), Archbishop Hebda will release his pastoral letter outlining his vision and Synod Priorities. The pastoral letter will be available to read online, listen to via podcast, and may be sent to you directly via email. Our parish will also have resources available the weekend of November 19-20. Sign up to receive the pastoral letter and other Synod updates via email at archspm.org/synodupdates.

CHEKOLEKOLEKOLEKOLEKOLEKOLEK the eternal fire, into the outer darkness where "men will weep and gnash their teeth (Lumen Gentium 48; Mt 22:13; Heb 9:27; Mt 25:13, 26, 30, 31 46)."

God predestines no one to go to Hell (Council of Orange II -529: Council of Trent -1547); for this, a willful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it until the end. In the Eucharistic liturgy and in the daily prayers of her faithful, the Church implores the Mercy of God, who does not want "any to perish, but all to come to repentance" (2 Pet 3:9): Father, accept this offering from Your whole family, Grant us Your Peace in this life, save us from final damnation, and count us among those You have chosen" (From Eucharistic Prayer I). (CCC 1033-1037)

Let us take time pray with our Lord Jesus on these realities and make every effort through the Sacraments to befriend Him, especially through Confession and the Holy Eucharist.

Through the intercession of the Mary, Queen of Heaven, St. Joseph, St. Paul, and St. Michael, may the Holy Spirit prepare us for Eternal Life! In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel



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For Plot Information Call the Parish Office 507-356-4280

# Cemetery

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"Remember To Pray For Our Beloved Departed."

Safe Environment: The Archdiocese of St. Paul/ Minneapolis requires all volunteers who interact with minors or vulnerable adults to complete the Essential 3 (background check, Code of Conduct, and VIRTUS training) before beginning their service, and to renew every three years while serving. Please contact the Safe Environment Coordinator for details on how to register for a VIRTUS class, complete the Essential 3, or do updates.