March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

First, I encourage all our parishioners to participate in the Stations of the Cross held each Tuesday of Lent at the Church of St. Paul at 5:30pm and each Friday at the Church of St. Michael at 7:30pm. Second, I want to thank all who sacrificed in any way to help make our St. Patrick's Ham Dinner a wonderful success! I especially thank our Ham Dinner Committee and all our volunteers! May God bless you and all who contributed in any way!

Third, if you have not had a chance to attend one of the St. Michael Men's Club Fish Fries, I encourage you to do so. The Fish Fries have been wonderful!

This coming Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. At that moment in time, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity took to Himself our human nature. The meaning of this Solemnity is part of the very heart of our Catholic Faith. I encourage you, if you are able, to attend Holy Mass this day!

Here is what our Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us about this Dogma of our Faith:

484 The Annunciation to Mary inaugurates "the fullness of time", the time of the fulfillment of God's promises and preparations. Mary was invited to conceive Him in whom the "whole fullness of Deity" would dwell "bodily". The Divine response to her question, "How can this be, since I know not man?", was given by the power of the Spirit: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you."

485 The mission of the Holy Spirit is always conjoined and ordered to that of the Son. The Holy Spirit, "the Lord, the giver of Life", is sent to sanctify the womb of the Virgin Mary and divinely fecundate it, causing her to conceive the eternal Son of the Father in a humanity drawn from her own.

486 The Father's only Son, conceived as man in the womb of the Virgin Mary, is "Christ", that is to say, anointed by the Holy Spirit, from the beginning of His human existence, though the manifestation of this fact takes place only progressively: to the shepherds, to the magi, to John the Baptist, to the disciples. Thus the whole life of Jesus Christ will make manifest "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power."

487 What the Catholic Faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its Faith in Christ.

488 "God sent forth His Son", but to prepare a body for Him, He wanted the free co-operation of a creature. For this, from all eternity God chose for the Mother of His Son a daughter of Israel, a young Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee, "a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary":

The Father of mercies willed that the Incarnation should be preceded by assent on the part of the predestined mother, so that just as a woman had a share in the coming of death, so also should a woman contribute to the coming of life.

489 Throughout the Old Covenant the mission of many holy women *prepared* for that of Mary. At the very beginning there was Eve;

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

despite her disobedience, she receives the promise of a posterity that will be victorious over the evil one, as well as the promise that she will be the mother of all the living. By virtue of this promise, Sarah conceives a son in spite of her old age. Against all human expectation God chooses those who were considered powerless and weak to show forth his faithfulness to his promises: Hannah, the mother of Samuel; Deborah; Ruth; Judith and Esther; and many other women. Mary "stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord, who confidently hope for and receive salvation from him. After a long period of waiting the times are fulfilled in her, the exalted Daughter of Sion, and the new plan of salvation is established."

490 To become the mother of the Savior, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The (Arch)angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "Full of Grace". In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her Faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's Grace.

491 Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "Full of Grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her Conception. That is what the (continued on page 4)



6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on: *What the Catholic Church Teaches on Salvation*. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF St. Michael FAITH FORMATION:

The next Faith Formation session will be on Wednesday,

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40 Days For Life Campaign: All parishioners are invited to join Fr. Kasel to pray for an end to abortion at the Rochester Planned Parenthood (1212 7th St. NW, Rochester, MN 55901) on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 2:00pm. Plan now to give witness to honor and protect the gift of Life!

Youth Group Event! All Youth, Grades 7-12, are invited for a prayer, food, and game night Wed., March 26, 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!

Save the dates! St. Michael Homeschool Co-op for Spring, 2025: The Church of St. Michael is offering an opportunity for children ages 3-14 to participate in a Homeschool Co-op on five (5) Fridays: April 25 and May 2, 9, 16, and 23. More details will be available soon. Contact the Office at 507-356-4280 or stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net.



The Loving Heart of Mary:

"Whenever you feel guilty, even if it is because you have consciously committed a sin, a serious sin, something you have kept doing many, many times, never let the devil deceive you by allowing him to discourage you. Whenever you feel guilty, offer all your guilt to the Immaculata, without analyzing it or examining it, as

something that belongs to her... My beloved, may every fall, even if it is serious and habitual sin,

always become for us a small step toward a higher degree of perfection. In fact, the only reason why the Immaculata permits us to fall is to cure us from our self-conceit, from our pride, to make us humble and thus make us docile to the Divine Graces. The devil, instead, tries to inject in us discouragement and internal depression in those circumstances, which is, in fact, nothing else than our pride surfacing again. If we knew the depth of our poverty, we would not be at all surprised by our falls, but rather astonished, and we would thank God, after sinning, for not allowing us to fall even deeper and still more frequently." St. Maximilian Kolbe

Easter Flower Donations: Help to beautify our sanctuary and remember a loved one through a contribution for Easter Flowers! There is an envelope contribution packet for Easter flowers. The suggested donation is \$13. Please consider making



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a donation and put it in the Sunday collection or return to the office by Sunday, April 13. Thank you!

Invitation to High School Women's Discernment Day:

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is hosting a wonderful Young Women's (High School) Discernment Day on Saturday, March 29. 8:30am-5:30pm at St. Thomas More Newman Center, 1502 Warren St., Mankato, featuring seven different congregations, including the: Dominicans, Missionaries of Charity, Franciscans of the Renewal, Religious Sisters of Mercy, Little Sisters of the Poor, Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, & a Consecrated Virgin. To register, visit: giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/1484fd3e-769c-4361-b738-477da206f6bb

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for March:

Baking Items: baking soda or powder, cornstarch, spices, etc

| WEEKLY | TITHING | | |
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| Sunday Envelopes: | \$ 3,440.00 |
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| Plate: | \$ 779.02 |
| EFT: | \$ 3,630.00 |
| Total: | \$ 7,849.02 |
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Kitui Mission Collection: \$100.00



STATIONS OF THE CROSS Each Friday of Lent at 7:30pm

Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Hanson, (father of Ken Hason, parishioner), who passed away recently. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series: The Seven Deadly Sins: A Lenten Reflection

Fr. Sebastian Walshe is a Norbertine Canon of the Abbey of St. Michael in the Diocese of Orange, California, where he is a professor of philosophy for the seminary program. After completing his studies at Thomas Aquinas College in California, he continued studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., receiving a license in Philosophy. Later, he attended the Pontifical University of St. From 2003-2005, Fr. Sebastian was also a visiting professor in the Philosophy Department at the Angelicum. Details: Monday, March 31 - Wednesday, April 2

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30pm EST Lecture: 8:00pm EST Instructor: Rev. Sebastian Walshe, O. Praem Registration is required. Visit to register: https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/the-seven-deadly-sins-2



†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.

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- 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
- 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Friday, March 28, 2025

8:00am Confessions/8:30am

Saturday, March 29, 2025

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, March 30, 2025 7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

| March 25, 2025 | †Souls in Purgatory | |
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| March 26, 2025 | Julia Hanson (Mary Sutton) | |
| March 28, 2025 | Alana Monosmith | |
| March 29, 2025 | †Rose Marie Phelps | |
| March 30, 2025 | George Lorentz & family (Carolyn C |) Dcariz) |
| March 30, 2025 | Parishioners | |
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Reimagining our Worship Space: This Sunday, March 23, you are invited to join me for another Information and Feedback Session on the Reimagining our Sanctuary Project! This will take place after the Sunday morning Holy Mass in the social hall. I hope you can join us for further discussion on this exciting opportunity for our parish!

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WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"Listen, and let it penetrate your heart, my dear little son; do not be troubled or weighted down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?" Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego

"Are you suffering a great deal? Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Our Lady of Fatima to the shepherd children

"Mary has the authority over the angels and the blessed in Heaven. As a reward for her great humility, God have her the power and mission of assigning to saints the thrones made vacant by the apostate angels who fell away through pride. Such is the will of the almighty God who exalts the humble, that the powers of Heaven, earth, and hell, willingly or unwillingly, must obey the commands of the humble Virgin Mary. For God has made her queen of Heaven and earth, leader of his armies, keeper of his treasure, dispenser of his graces, mediatrix on behalf of men, destroyer of his enemies, and faithful associate in his great works and triumphs." St. Louis Marie de Montfort

"Mary is more blessed because she embraces faith in Christ than because she conceives the flesh of Christ." St. Augustine "Has anyone ever come away from her troubled or saddened or ignorant of the heavenly mysteries? Who has not returned to everyday life gladdened and joyful because his request had been granted by the Mother of God?" St. Amadeus of Lausanne

"Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." St. Francis de Sales "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

WEEKLY TITHING March 16, 2025

| Sunday Envelopes: | \$ 445.00 |
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| Plate: | \$ 393.50 |
| EFT: | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Total: | \$ 1,838.50 |

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Another successful St. Patrick Ham Dinner is in the books. Whatever your role, we are very appreciative for all of your help. You are who made it a success!

Please prayerfully consider stepping up as committee members for next year's dinner. Truly a lot of the directions are written out and you just follow the lead of other years.

Thank you for your help this year!

Ham Dinner Committee: Father Kasel, Mary and Steve Kingsbury, and Donna and Mark Huneke



Stations of the Cross at the Church of St. Paul: Each Tuesday of Lent at 5:30pm

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"The hairsplitting difference between formed and unformed makes no difference to us. Whoever deliberately commits abortion is subject to the penalty for homicide." St. Basil the Great (329-379), Father and Doctor of the Church

"Beautiful is God, the Word with God ... He is beautiful in Heaven, beautiful on earth; beautiful in the womb, beautiful in His parents' arms, beautiful in His miracles, beautiful in His sufferings; beautiful in inviting to life, beautiful in not worrying about death, beautiful in giving up His life and beautiful in taking it up again; He is beautiful on the Cross, beautiful in the tomb, beautiful in heaven. Listen to the song with understanding, and let not the weakness of the flesh distract your eyes from the splendor of His beauty." St. Augustine of Hippo

Church cleaning:

All are welcome to join us for a spring church cleaning party on Wednesday, April 9, at 9:30am (after Holy Mass) at the Church of St. Paul. We will be washing the pews, some windows and walls, and vacuuming. We will have buckets, rags and cleaning solutions. Please bring gloves if you prefer. Thank you in advance for agreeing to help with this. Any questions contact Mary Kingsbury or the parish office.

Catholic Services Appeal for 2025: Giving is Faith in Action! It is such a great reminder of what the Lord has done and calls us to do. Your continued generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal and your faith in our ministries are proof that by offering the Lord what we can, He will provide what we need. The way the Lord gave of Himself for us is a great reminder that we are united as one Church that when we come together and support our ministries we can do so much good. Each of us has benefited from our ministries.

GIVE ON-LINE: https://www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 (Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord) 8:00am Confessions/8:30am

9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday, March 27, 2025

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

Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions 8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

| March 25, 2025 | †Herb Merten |
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| March 27, 2025 | Vietnamese families' intentions |
| March 30, 2025 | Parishioners |



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) Dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her Conception, by a singular Grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

492 The "splendor of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her Conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son". The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every Spiritual Blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before Him in love".

493 The Fathers of the Eastern tradition call the Mother of God "the All-Holy" (*Panagia*), and celebrate her as "free from any stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature". By the Grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long.

494 At the announcement that she would give birth to "the Son of the Most High" without knowing man, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary responded with the obedience of Faith, certain that "with God nothing will be impossible": "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be [done] to me according to your word." Thus, giving her consent to God's Word, Mary becomes the Mother of Jesus. Espousing the Divine Will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with Him and dependent on Him, by God's Grace: As St. Irenaeus says, "Being obedient she became the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race." Hence not a few of the early Fathers gladly assert...: "The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by

Kitui Living Water Program- Lent 2025 Give change... change lives: Here we are at another season of Lent! Water bottles are again available to support



our brothers and sisters in Kitui, Kenya through the Partnership of Kitui program. The people in the vicinity of Kitui regularly experience rain and water shortages. This collection is a way for us to help them! Questions regarding the Kitui Partnership may be directed to the parish office. Thank you, ahead of time, for any contributions you are able to make!

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome with Bishop Barron:

Bishop Barron invites young adults (ages 18-39) to join him from July 28-August 4 in Rome, Italy, for the canonization of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and a special jubilee year pilgrimage. The cost is \$3,599.00/person, double occupancy (airfare not included). To register and for more information, please visit https://www.ctscentral.net/travel -tours/diocese-of-winona-rochester-jubilee-of-young-people-pilgrimage. A first deposit of \$1,000 is needed by March 17. April 29 is the official final date to register (full balance is due). For questions, contact Zach Rawson in the Youth Ministry & Faith Formation Office, Diocese of Winona-Rochester

Mary's obedience: what the virgin Eve bound through her disbelief, Mary loosened by her Faith." Comparing her with Eve, they call Mary "the Mother of the living" and frequently claim: "Death through Eve, Life through Mary."

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may the fire of the Holy Spirit grant us true devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and renew within us a profound love for God and His Divine Will! In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

