# February 23, 2025 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### From Father Kasel

St. Augustine.

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

In the Gospel for this Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 6:27-38), our good Lord Jesus instructs us to "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Luke 6:27-28) How can a soul do this? First the soul is called by the Holy Spirit to be willing through repentance. Then, with the help of God's Grace, the soul can choose to cooperate with God's Grace - so that His gift of Divine Life may enable the soul to put His Will into action! This is how a soul can grow to love an enemy and do good deeds for someone who is uncharitable in return. This process and practice ought to be part of our own personal desires in the service of our good Lord. This week I share with you a portion of a tractate on the First Letter of St. John composed by the great

"We have been promised that 'we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is'. By these words, the tongue has done its best; now we must apply the meditation of the heart. Although they are the words of St. John, what are they in comparison with the Divine Reality?

And how can we, so greatly inferior to John in merit, add anything of our own? Yet we have received, as John has told us, an Anointing by the Holy One, which teaches us inwardly more than our tongue can speak. Let us turn to this Source of Knowledge, and because at present you cannot see, make it your business to desire the Divine Vision.

The entire life of a good Christian is in fact an exercise of Holy Desire. You do not yet see what you long for, but the very act of desiring prepares you, so that when He comes you may see and be utterly satisfied.

Suppose you are going to fill some holder or container, and you know you will be given a large amount. Then you set about stretching your sack or wineskin or whatever it is. Why? Because you know the quantity you will have to put in it and your eyes tell you there is not enough room.

By stretching it, therefore, you increase the capacity of the sack, and this is how God deals with us. Simply by making us wait He increases our desire, which in turn enlarges the capacity of our soul, making it able to receive what is to be given to us. So, my brethren, let us continue to desire, for we shall be filled.

So, my brethren, let us continue to desire, for we shall be filled. Take note of St. Paul stretching as it were his ability to receive what is to come: 'Not that I have already obtained this,' he said, 'or am made perfect. Brethren, I do not consider that I have already obtained it.' We might ask him, 'If you have not yet obtained it, what are you doing in this life?'

'This one thing I do', answers Paul, 'forgetting what lies behind, and stretching forward to what lies ahead, (continued on page 4)

# 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



### Holy Mass in Honor of the Most Holy Face of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Disfigured in His Passion -

**Tuesday, March 4**: All are invited to join in prayer at Holy Masses to offer reparation to our Lord Jesus for the many blasphemous sins and insults He has endured to the present time. Holy Mass will be offered at 8:30am at St.

Paul in Zumbrota and at 5:30pm(Latin) at St. Michael in Pine Island, on Tuesday, March 4. The Holy Rosary will be offered before each Holy Mass. The Chaplet of the Holy Face will be offered after 8:30am Holy Mass and before the 5:30pm Holy Mass.

Holy Face of Jesus Feast and Social: The Padre Pio Knights of Columbus Council 16016 will host a Social Event for the parishioners of St. Michael and St. Paul on Mardi Gras Day -Tuesday, March 4, at the Church of St. Michael. (more details on page 4)

## Ash Wednesday Holy Masses, March 5, 2025



Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence 8:30am at St. Michael, Pine Island 12:00pm at St. Paul, Zumbrota

6:00pm at St. Michael, Pine Island

7:30pm at St. Michael, Pine Island (Latin)

The Church of St. Michael Men's Club Fish Fries begin Friday, March 7, from 4:30-7:00pm and run each Friday of Lent. STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

Each Tuesday of Lent at 5:30pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL Each Friday of Lent at 7:30pm

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be on Sunday, February 23, at 6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on

current events in the Church. All women are invited!

The next **Holy Hour for Men** will be held Sunday, March 9, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael. All men are invited!

### CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

### **CHURCH OF St. Michael FAITH FORMATION:**

The next **Faith Formation session** will be on Wednesday, **February 26**, at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island.

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### Holy Spirit Novena: March 1 to March 9

**Universal Prayer for Holiness** – attributed to Pope Clement XI (b. 1649 - d. 1721)

I believe, O Lord, but may I believe more firmly; I hope, but may I hope more securely; I love, but may I love more ardently; I sorrow, but may I sorrow more deeply.

I adore You as my first beginning; I long for You as my last end; I praise You as my constant benefactor; I invoke You as my gracious defender.

By Your Wisdom direct me, by Your righteousness restrain me, by Your clemency console me, by Your Power protect me.

I offer You, Lord, my thoughts as toward You, my words, as about You, my deeds, as following You, my trials, as for Your sake. I will whatever You Will, I will it because You Will, I will it in the

way You Will, I will it so long as You Will.

I pray, Lord, enlighten my Understanding, inflame my will, cleanse my heart, sanctify my soul.

May I weep for sins past, repel temptations to come, correct evil leanings, nurture fit virtues.

Give me, good God, Love for You, hatred for myself, zeal for my neighbor, contempt for the world.

May I strive to obey those above me, to aid those dependent on me, to have care for my friends, to have forgiveness for my enemies. May I conquer sensuality by austerity, avarice by generosity, anger by gentleness, lukewarmness by fervor.

Render me prudent in planning, steadfast in dangers, patient in adversity, humble in prosperity.

Make me, O Lord, attentive at prayer, moderate at meals, diligent at work, firm in purpose.

May I be careful to maintain inward innocence, outward modesty, exemplary behavior, a well-governed life.

May I be always watchful in subduing nature, fostering Grace, observing Your Law, winning salvation.

May I learn from you how precarious is the earthly, how great the Divine, how fleeting is time, how lasting the Eternal.

Grant that I may prepare for death, fear judgment, flee hell, gain Paradise. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Young Adult Retreat:** Rochester Catholic Young Adult Group is having a retreat March 7-9 at the Alverna Center in Winona for adults aged 18-early 30's. The retreat is for Lent, and the topic is *prayer*! For more information, see the flyer in the church entry or contact 507-218-5676, or email abbyeslater@gmail.com.

### **Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series:**

An ICC Lenten Retreat: Returning to the Heart

**Details:** Monday - Wednesday, March 3 - 5

"...our heart is the ultimate judge, not of what we show or hide from others, but of who we truly are. It is the basis for any sound life project; nothing worthwhile can be undertaken apart from the heart." *Dilexit Nos* In this retreat, Fr. Boniface Hicks will guide us through the recent encyclical letter *Dilexit Nos*, exploring how authentic spiritual renewal flows from a heart-to-heart encounter with Christ's love.

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30pm EST Lecture: 8:00pm EST Instructor: Rev. Boniface Hicks, O.S.B. Registration is required. https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/returning-to-the-heart/

### **WEEKLY TITHING February 15-16, 2025**

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 3,410.00

 Plate:
 \$ 2,409.00

 EFT:
 \$ 3,630.00

 Total:
 \$ 9,449.00

 Kitui Mission Collection:
 \$ 532.00

# COME AND JOIN US!

The Church of St. Michael Men's Club Fish Fries

Serving each Friday of Lent from 4:30-7:00pm (March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11)

\*\*\*Both baked & fried fish will be offered!\*\*\*
Take out Available!

Prices: Adults \$15.00, Children 5-12 \$6.00, Family maximum \$45.00 Hosted by: The Church of St. Michael Men's Club

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:30pm on Friday

# PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"If the bringing of children into the world is today an economic burden, it is because the social system is inadequate; and not because God's law is wrong. Therefore the State should remove the causes of that burden. The human must not be limited and controlled to fit the economic, but the economic must be expanded to fit the human." — *Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen* 

You are invited to the Mardi Gras! Bring your family and friends to celebrate *Mardi Gras* at the Goodhue Lions Building (105 Broadway St, Goodhue, MN) on Sunday, February 23, from noon to 3:00pm. This is a great Fun family event to celebrate Mardi Gras – Fat Tuesday, a Catholic tradition to mark the last day before starting Lent. (Okay, we are a little early as Ash Wednesday is March 5). Free-will offering for Mardi Gras themed food with American cuisine options. Take out available. Fun Mardi Gras- themed games and activities for the family and take a chance at winning in corn hole too! Sponsored by Holy Trinity Parish (the Churches of St. Mary, St. Columbkill and Holy Trinity). Proceeds go to Youth and Family Ministry, Faith Formation and First Choice Clinic in Red Wing. We hope you will join us for this FUN event! If questions, contact Ann Buck at 651-764-3087.

Women are invited to a **Miles Christi Silent Retreat**, at the Franciscan Retreat Center on March 21-23, 2025 at Prior Lake, MN. Spend a peaceful weekend with our Lord in silence, contemplation, and prayer with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. For more retreat dates, locations and registration visit mileschristi.org/spiritual-exercises or call 248-596-9677.

<u>Pine Island Food Shelf</u>: items requested for February: Soups of any kind

### **HOLY MASS TIMES**

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

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

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

Friday, February 28, 2025

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

Saturday, March 1, 2025

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, March 2, 2025

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

### **HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**



February 26, 2025 Ren Tescher (Carolyn Ocariz)

February 28, 2025 Vietnamese families intentions

March 1, 2025 †Sarah Murray (Brian & Laurie Murray)

March 2, 2025 Parishioners

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

### Jesus' Rule of Love:

"O Sacred Heart of Jesus, Fountain of Eternal Life, Your Heart is a glowing furnace of Love. You are my refuge and my sanctuary. O my adorable and loving Savior, consume my heart with the burning Fire with which Yours is aflamed. Pour down on my soul those Graces which flow from Your Love. Let my heart be united with Yours. Let my will be conformed to Yours in all things. May Your Will be the rule of all my desires and actions. Amen." St. Gertrude the Great

### WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"There is more joy in Heaven over a converted sinner than over a righteous person standing firm. A leader in battle has more love for a soldier who returns after fleeing and who valiantly pursues the enemy, than for one who never turned back but who never acted valiantly either. A farmer has greater love for land which bears fruitfully, after he has cleared it of thorns, than for land which never had thorns but which never yielded a fruitful harvest." St. Pope Gregory the Great

"The Sun of our lives is the Eucharist." St. Luigi Guanella "A Saint is not someone who never sins, but one who sins less and less frequently and gets up more and more quickly." St. Bernard of Clairvaux

"Then, overcome by joy, I cried, 'Jesus, my Love. At last I have found my vocation. My vocation is Love. In the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be Love, and then I will be all things." *St. Thérèse de Lisieux* 

"Do not be afraid, then, when Love makes demands. Do not be afraid when Love requires sacrifice." St. Pope John Paul II "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." St. Augustine "Mihi mori lucrum - For me to die is a gain. To die, murdered by the haters of Jesus Christ, would be my gain. All my fervent desires have always been to die in a hospital as a poor man, or on the scaffold as a martyr, murdered by enemies because of the most holy Religion that we profess and preach. I should like to seal with my blood the Virtues and Truths which I have preached and taught." St. Anthony Mary Claret

### Join First Choice Clinic for their Second annual Pickleball

**Tournament!** Come out and have some fun while supporting this life-affirming ministry. All levels of experience are welcome. When: Sat., Mar. 8, 9:30am walk-in registration and 10:00am start time Where: Goodhue School (510 3rd Ave, Goodhue)

Prizes: First Place: \$100, Second Place: \$50, Third Place: \$25. Double Elimination! \$50 entry fee per team. Text 651-301-5239 for registration. All Proceeds support First choice clinic.

### **WEEKLY TITHING February 16, 2025**

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 5,775.00

 Plate:
 \$ 50.00

 EFT:
 \$ 1,000.00

 Total:
 \$ 6,825.00

# 54th Annual St. Patrick's Ham Dinner and SILENT AUCTION

at Zumbrota VFW on Sunday, March 16, 2025 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Available for Dine-In & Take Out Prices:

Adults -- \$16.00 Children 6-12--\$6.00, Under 6 -- free

Please sign up to give donations and also to volunteer your time for the event. The sign-up board is at the entrance of the Church. You may also email at <a href="mailto:stpauls@hcinet.net">stpauls@hcinet.net</a> or call the parish office at 732-5324 to sign up. Thank you in advance for your willingness to make this endeavor a success!

### Reimagining our Worship Space

This **Sunday**, **February 23**, you are invited to join me for an 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 to hear about our project and to share your thoughts or questions on this exciting opportunity for our parish!

# Baskets/Items for St. Patrick's Ham Dinner **SILENG AUCGION**

Calling all parishioners! We are looking for silent auction baskets and items for this fundraiser held during

St. Patrick's Ham Dinner. Any type of themed basket or items including religious items, gift cards/certificates, homemade or purchased items will be appreciated! If you have any questions, contact Josefina or Sara in the parish office. Please drop off any items at the office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Catholic Daughters** Court St. Mary Peter #1864 will meet Monday, February 24, at Holy Trinity in Goodhue. We will gather at 6:30pm for a light meal and the meeting will follow at 7pm. All are welcome. Call Jeanette at 507-251-7269 with any questions.

**2025 Men's Conference: Men of Christ** – Strengthened by His Real Presence on Saturday, March 22, 8:00am-12:30pm, at The Church of the Epiphany, Coon Rapids (1900 111th Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433). This year's Catholic Watchmen Conference will begin with Mass with Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Kenney at 8:00am. Dr. Edward Sri will be the keynote speaker. Find more information and registration at archspm.org/2025-mens-conference-menof-christ-strengthened-by-his-real-presence.

### **HOLY MASS TIMES**

### Tuesday, February 25, 2025

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

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

### Thursday, February 27, 2025

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

### Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

### **HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

February 25, 2025 †Bonnie May

February 27, 2025 Vietnamese families intentions

March 2, 2025 Parishioners



## NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) *I press on toward the prize to which I am called in* the life above'. Not only did Paul say he stretched forward, but he also declared that he pressed on toward a chosen goal. He realized in fact that he was still short of receiving what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived.

Such is our Christian life. By desiring Heaven we exercise the powers of our soul. Now this exercise will be effective only to the extent that we free ourselves from desires leading to infatuation with this world. Let me return to the example I have already used, of filling an empty container.

God means to fill each of you with what is good; so cast out what is bad! If He wishes to fill you with honey and you are full of sour wine, where is the honey to go? The vessel must be emptied of its contents and then be cleansed. Yes, it must be cleansed even if you have to work hard and scour it. It must be made fit for the new thing, whatever it may be.

We may go on speaking figuratively of honey, gold or wine - but whatever we say we cannot express the reality we are to receive. The Name of that reality is God. But who will claim that in that one syllable we utter the full expanse of our heart's desire? Therefore, whatever we say is necessarily less than the full Truth.

We must extend ourselves toward the measure of Christ so that when He comes He may fill us with His presence. Then we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless us with the graces of peace and love for the will of God!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

Holy Face of Jesus Feast and Social: The Padre Pio Knights of Columbus Council 16016 will host a Social Event for the parishioners of St. Michael and St. Paul on Mardi Gras Day - Tuesday, March 4, at the Church of St. Michael. Holy Mass will be offered, starting at 5:30pm, celebrating the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus. The Knights will serve Gumbo, rice and beans, cornbread and cake with ice cream after the evening Holy Mass. Please bring Mardi Gras enthusiasm and an appetite as we celebrate one day before Lent begins! Households are requested to consider a nonperishable food item donation for our food shelves. Thank you!

### KC Food Drive to benefit our Food Shelves:

Our St. Pio KC Council is sponsoring a non-perishable food drive for the weekend of March 1/2 through Tuesday, March 4. We ask households to consider some donation of food as we prepare for the Season of Lent. Please bring any donations to the lower level of either church for easy collection.

### **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.

Giving is Faith in Action. Give to the Catholic Services Appeal today. GIVE ON-LINE: https://www.archspm.org/catholic-services-appeal



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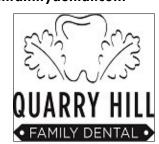
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Brother Knights of our Council invite you to join us. Contact the Parish Office visit: www.kofc.org/join

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.

**Residential & Light Commercial** 

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

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