May 12, 2024 The Ascension of the Lord

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From Father Kasel

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

This weekend we celebrate a manifestation of our Lord's almighty power in His Ascension into Heaven. This event is a most joyful and inspiring Dogma of our Catholic Faith; for Jesus has preceded us into Heaven to prepare a place for us (cf John 14:2). I share with you this weekend an excerpt from a sermon by St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church:

"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven; let our hearts ascend with Him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as He remained with us even after His Ascension, so we too are already in Heaven with Him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but He still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of His Body, have to bear. He showed this when He cried out from above: Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me? and when He said: I was hungry and you gave Me food. Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with Him in Heaven even now, through the Faith, Hope and Love that unites us to Him? While in Heaven He is also with us; and we while on earth are with Him. He is here with us by His Divinity, His Power and His Love. We cannot be in Heaven, as He is on earth, by Divinity, but in Him, we can be there by Love.

He did not leave Heaven when He came down to us; nor did He withdraw from us when He went up again into Heaven. The fact that He was in Heaven even while He was on earth is borne out by His own statement: No one has ever ascended into Heaven except the One who descended from Heaven, the Son of Man, who is in Heaven. These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for He is our Head and we are His Body. No one ascended into Heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: He is the Son of Man by His union with us, and we by our union with Him are the sons of God. So the Apostle says: Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one

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

body, so is it also with Christ. He too has many members, but one Body.

Out of compassion for us He descended from Heaven, and although He ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in Him by Grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head." Through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven, St. Joseph, St. Paul, and St. Michael, may God bless you, your families and our parishes!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

May God Bless All Our Mothers. Happy Mother's Day!



Dear Mother Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank our Lord Jesus, Whom you love and thank for the great gift of being His Mother, the Mother of God. We ask you to remember: never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by the Grace of the Holy Spirit, your Divine Spouse. On this Mother's Day, we ask you, Mother Mary, to pray

for us who have recourse to you, and to bless all mothers! We ask this favor of you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be **Sunday, May 26**, at 6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

Thank Mom for Life on Mother's Day, May 12, with a mini rose bush, African violet, or begonia plant with a "Thanks Mom for Life" button attached. They will be available at all weekend Holy Masses on May 11 & 12. All proceeds benefit Goodhue County Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.

Cemetery Collection: There will be a second collection on the weekend of May 18/19 to support the upkeep of the parish cemetery. Please consider donating to honor our beloved dead and to keep the parish cemetery looking beautiful!

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima (Feast day: May 13)

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most Holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you: inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Holy Rosary. By meditating on the Mysteries of the Redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the Graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.



Congratulations to the newly confirmed students from our parish. All are invited to attend a reception for them after the 10:30am Holy Mass on Sunday, May 19. May God bless you! Please keep the youth of our parish in your prayers!

You are invited to a School-Year-End Parish Picnic: Sunday June, 2!

Dear Parishioners,

St. Joseph, Pray for us!

You are invited to a picnic at St. Michael for all parishioners and families on Sunday, June 2, beginning at 5pm. We will eat shortly after 5pm. There will be games, a bonfire with the Holy Rosary and a chance to meet fellow parishioners! The parish will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, plates, cups, silverware and water/

You can bring: a dish to pass, a lawn chair or two, soda pop or other beverage! Weather permitting, we will pray the Holy Rosary around a bonfire.

In Christ through Mary, Fr. Kasel

Garden Plots Available!

Need a space to plant a garden? Sign-up for a garden plot at the Church of St. Michael! Plots are 10'x20' in size and free to parishioners on a first come, first served basis. For more information or to claim a spot, talk with Father Kasel or Andy Drees or call or text Andy at (952) 465-9841 or email at dreez28@gmail.com.

Ordination to the Priesthood

Date: Saturday, May 25 **Time:** 10:00-11:30am Location: Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul and via livestream All are welcome to attend the Presbyteral Ordination at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Thirteen Theology IV seminarians from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis are scheduled to be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ! The ordination will be aired courtesy of Town Square Television on Metro Channel 6 and livestreamed at cathedralsaintpaul.org.

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series:

COME, LORD JESUS! Eschatology and Christian Morality The longest journey doesn't begin with a single step. It begins with a destination. A deeper appreciation for the last things—death, judgment, heaven, and hell—deepens our grasp of Christian morality how we should live here and now.

Details: Monday, May 13

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM ET, Lecture: 8:00 PM ET Instructor: Rev. Paul Scalia Registration is required. Visit: https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/come-lord/?

WEEKLY TITHING: May 4-5, 2024

Sunday Envelopes: 3,430.00 952.78 Plate: EFT: 2,600.00 Total: 6,982.78

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Heinowski, (father of Jill Palof, parishioner), who passed away May 6, 2024. '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.'

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Thiem (sister of Paul Sutton, parishioner), who passed away May 7, 2024. 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.

Corpus Christi Sunday will be June 2: We will have a shorter procession of the Holy Eucharist after the Sunday Holy Masses at each parish in honor of our Lord. I especially encourage you to participate in the longer Procession on May 31 from the Church of St. Paul in Zumbrota to the Church of St. Michael in Pine Island!

Memorial Day Holy Mass - Monday, May 27, 2024

8:30am Latin Holy Mass at St. Michael, Pine Island (Prayers at the St. Michael Cemetery at 9:30am) 11:30am at St. Rose, Cherry Grove, (8778 County Highway 11 Blvd., Kenyon, MN 55946)

Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. R. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray:

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,

did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<u>Pine Island Food Shelf:</u> items requested for May: Condiments: Ketchup, mustard, salad dressings, mayo, etc...

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

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

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

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

Saturday, May 18, 2024

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, May 19, 2024

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



May 15, 2024 †Eugene Gergen (Melquist family)

May 17, 2024 Kristina Kaiya May 18, 2024 **Special Graces**

May 19, 2024 Mike McCoy (Bill McCoy)

May 19, 2024 **Parishioners**



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Prayer in Honor of the Ascension of our Lord



Dear Lord Jesus, before You Ascended into Heaven, You told Your Apostles to be Your witnesses to the ends of the earth. May the Holy Spirit inspire me to spread Your Gospel message in word and deed, according to Your Will for me. May I proclaim Your Gospel with Wisdom, Fortitude, Prudence and with Joy. With Your help, guidance, and grace may You be glorified

and consoled with the conversion of many souls to Your Kingdom! As I remember Your glorious Ascension, help me to always seek Heaven, where You are seated at the right hand of God our Father. Amen.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"Out of compassion for us He descended from Heaven and although He ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in Him by Grace." St. Augustine.

"As the prophet says, Ascending on high He led captivity captive; He gave gifts to men. The undoubted meaning of these words is this: that since the devil led the human race captive, our Lord, by wresting it from him, took it captive Himself, and as the prophet tells us, led that very captivity to the heights of Heaven. Both captivities do indeed bear the same name, but they differ one from the other. The devil's captivity means enslavement; Christ's, on the contrary, means restoration to freedom." St. Maximus of Turin "Moses brought out of Egypt a timid nation, and in the space of forty years trained it to be full of valor for the task of conquering the promised land; Christ in forty days trains His Apostles to be bold and patient instead of cowards. They mourned and wept at the beginning of the season, but at the end they are full of courage for the good fight; their spirits mount high with their Lord, and when He is received out of their sight, and their own trial begins, they return to Jerusalem with great joy, and are continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." St. John Henry New-

"We are of such value to God that He came to live among us... and to guide us home. He will go to any length to seek us, even to being lifted high upon the Cross to draw us back to Himself. We can only respond by loving God for His love." St. Catherine of Siena "In the moment of temptation think of the Love that awaits you in Heaven: foster the Virtue of Hope." St. Jose Maria Escriva

"Let us have Charity and Humility, and give alms, for almsgiving cleanses our souls from the filth of sin. At death we lose all that we have in this world, but we take with us Charity and the alms deeds we have done, and for these we shall receive a great reward from God." St. Francis of Assisi "Let us sing Alleluia here on earth, while we still live in anxiety, so that we may sing it one day in Heaven in full security." St. Augustine

Goodhue Citywide garage sale fundraiser

You are invited to attend the Holy Trinity - Goodhue Citywide garage sale fundraiser. Holy Trinity Parish is asking a free-will offering, with a bake sale and food stand to raise money to support a Youth Eucharistic Pilgrimage and the Youth Faith Formation.

When: Thursday, May 16, 8am-4pm

Friday, May 17, 8am-4pm and Saturday, May 18, 8am-noon Where: Holy Trinity community room, 211 4th St. N, Goodhue, MN

Give the gift of an Hour of Adoration for someone. Cards are in the vestibule to send to the recipient.

WEEKLY TITHING: May 5, 2024

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 952.00

 Plate:
 \$ 247.36

 EFT:
 \$ 1,515.00

 Total:
 \$ 2,714.36

Cemetery Collection: There will be a second collection on the weekend of May 19 to support the upkeep of the parish cemetery. Please consider donating to honor our beloved dead and to keep the parish cemetery looking beautiful!

Thank you!

Sincere thank you to the CCW officers, members of the CCW and Fr. Kasel for the nomination for the CCW lay volunteer of the year. Thank you so very much for the delicious reception and lovely gifts in my honor after accepting the award. In gratitude, *Karen*

Thank you to our parishioners who updated the St. Paul office toilet & bathroom and kitchen sink.

May God bless you all for sharing your time and effort. In Christ through Mary, *Fr. Kasel*

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PRO-LIFE QUOTES

"You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion." St. John Paul II, in New York, 1995

"God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes" [nefanda sunt crimina] Vatican Council II, Church in the Modern World #51

"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

†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, May 14, 2024

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

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

Thursday, May 16, 2024

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

Sunday, May 19, 2024

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



May 14, 2024 †

†Sgt. Michael Findley

May 16, 2024 Ron & Renae Kasel

May 19, 2024 Parishioners

NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage: The Marian Route will pass through our parishes at St. Paul, Zumbrota and St. Michael, Pine Island on Friday, May 31! Here is the updated schedule:

- Our Day of Celebration begins at the Church of St. Michael in Pine Island with Holy Mass for the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 8:30am
- The perpetual pilgrims will arrive by vehicle to the Church of St. Paul in Zumbrota at 10am, May 31
- We will have Adoration, pray the Holy Rosary and quiet time for prayer until 11am
- At 11am we will depart for the Church of St. Michael in Pine Island - walking in Procession with the Holy Eucharist. Please see the walking route posted in the entry of our parishes (we will travel south from St. Paul out of Zumbrota; following 180th Avenue to County 11, then into Pine Island, walking along Main Street to 5th Avenue SW to St. Michael)
- We expect to complete the walking Procession in about 3.5 hours, arriving at St. Michael in Pine Island at 2:30pm
- We have Adoration, pray the Holy Rosary, have a sermon and talks by the Perpetual Pilgrims
- Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist will continue on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at 4:15pm, going by vehicle to the next stop in Rochester.

I encourage all our parishioners who are able to participate. We need some volunteers to help with safety during the Procession. Please contact Fr. Kasel if you are able to assist. You are welcome to join in the Procession for all of the walk or for only a portion. This is an historic event! Let us follow our Eucharistic Lord in the beautiful Procession in His honor!

The St. Pio KC Council Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast will be held May 12, at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. We will serve from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Please come and give Mom a morning off! This fundraiser will support our Pro-Life programs (First Choice Clinic) and our Coats for Kids Program.

9 ways you can be guilty for the sins of others

"Sin is a personal act. Moreover, we have a responsibility for the sins committed by others when we cooperate in them..." (CCC 1868)

- 1. By counsel (to give advice, one's opinion or instructions.)
- 2. By command (to demand, to order, such as in the military.)
- 3. By consent (to give permission, to approve, to agree to.)
- 4. By provocation (to dare.)
- 5. By praise or flattery (to cheer, to applaud, to commend.)
- 6. By concealment (to hide the action, to cover-up.)
- 7. By partaking (to take part, to participate.)
- 8. By silence (by playing dumb, by remaining quiet.)
- 9. By defense of the ill done (to justify, to argue in favor.) (Note: To participate in the sins of another person means that one is just as guilty of the sin as the one who committed the sin. For example, if you encourage someone to have an abortion, you are guilty of the sin of abortion.)

Small Groups are now meeting in our Parishes!

Encounter Jesus anew. Expand our parish community, and meet new people through small groups! Check out options and sign up at: https://archspm.groupvitals.com/groupFinder



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