# NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) 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 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

ELSE ELSE ELSE ELSE Prayer to the Virgin Mary: My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my entire self without reserve. As I am your own, my good Mother, guard me and defend me as your property and possession. Amen.

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.

**Retirement Fund for Religious Collection: November 30-December 1:** Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies-often for little or no pay. Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

#### **AN INVITATION FROM JESUS**

Do you have no regular commitments during weekday mornings? Are you interested in growing in love with

the One who loves you most - Jesus? Consider coming to Holy Mass on weekdays! Holy Mass, Confession and the Holy Rosary are offered Tuesday through Friday at our parishes.



Come to sanctify your weekdays with Jesus - He is waiting for you!

Want to grow in our Catholic Faith? You can learn about our Catholic Faith online at any time through FORMED! You will have access to thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, & books instantly on FORMED when you sign up through our parishes. There is no cost for you! Just follow these easy steps: 1. Visit: signup.formed.org 2. Enter your parish zip code or name (St.

Michael 55963 or St. Paul 55992) 3. Grow in our Catholic Faith!



### November 17. 2024 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,

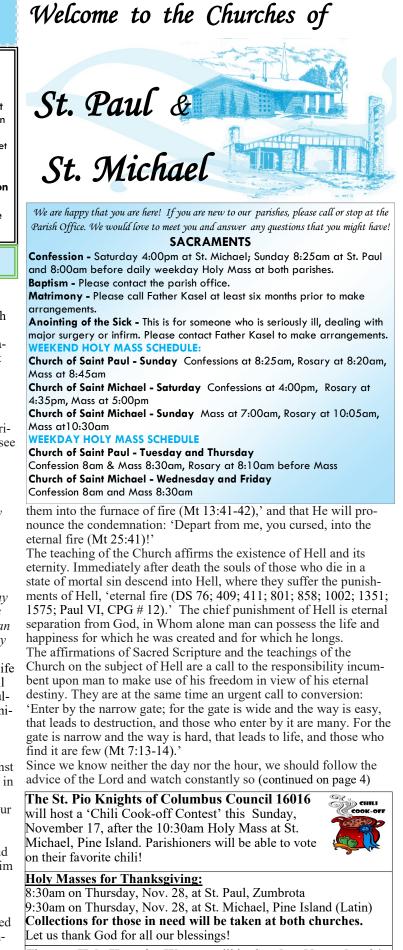
During these last few weeks of our liturgical year, which ends with the Solemnity of Christ, the King, on November 24, our Church looks to the end of all things - the end of time on earth. This is traditionally a good time to reflect on the last four things we all must deal with: death, judgment, Heaven and Hell. The following is a continuation from the bulletin article from last week. I encourage you to take some time for personal meditation:

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 holv *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 Holv 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 selfexclusion 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



The next Holy Hour for Women will be Sunday, November 24, at 6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, PI. All women are invited

### CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

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Youth Group Event! All Youth, Grades 7-12, are invited for a prayer, food, and game night Wednesday, November 20, 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!

St. Michael Cemetery Collection: There will be a second collection on November 16-17 to provide for the upkeep of the St. Michael Cemetery. Please be generous in remembering our beloved departed in prayer and alms.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of LaVerne Schettl, (a longtime parishioner), who passed away November 7. 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.

#### **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:**

"Find the courage to proclaim Christ,... and the unchanging truths which have their foundation in Him. These are the truths that set us free! They are the truths which alone can guarantee respect for the inalienable dignity and rights of each man, woman and child in our world - including the most defenseless of all human beings, the unborn child in the mother's womb. Pope Benedict XVI, at Yankee Stadium, April 20, 2008

I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself." St. Teresa of Calcutta "Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!" St. John Paul II "Give us the grace – When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life." St. John Paul II

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

WEEKLY TITHING November 9-10, 20
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Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,475.00
Plate:	\$ 1,162.81
EFT:	\$ 960.00
Total:	\$ 5,597.81

World Mission Sunday Collection: \$347.01



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.

**Dear Parishioners:** For our Holiday Tea raffle we are looking to provide a "made by our parishioners" basket. So - we need your help! We would like to offer a basket showing the talents of our parishioners. Please consider donating some item for this basket. It can be sewn, crocheted, knitted, drawn, painted, or crafted. It can be cloth, wooden, plastic, or metal - or some other option. If you would like to donate an item, please leave it at the office by November 20, so we can fit the items in a basket. If we have extra donated items, we will add whatever would fit into our craft table for the Holiday Tea. Thank you in advance for your donation! St. Gianna Guild Holiday Tea Coordinators

#### and the second -----Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series: Wisdom and Worship: Philo of Alexandria

Philo of Alexandria, a Jewish philosopher living in Egypt in the mid to late first century B.C., wrote biblical commentaries that sought to interpret the meaning of the Jewish religion when regular worship at the Temple was impossible. In so doing, he profoundly reinterpreted both the life of study and the life of worship. One of the distinctive elements of Philo's theology was his meditation on how the worship rituals and liturgical calendar of the ancient Jewish temple were imbued with cosmic and moral meaning. In studying Philo, then, we appreciate a key theological root of the Church Fathers' spiritual exegesis of the Old Testament, and are invited to see the unity of the life of study and worship.

#### Details: Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM ET, Lecture: 8:00 PM ET Instructor: Kyle Washut, S.T.L., S.T.M. Registration is required. https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/wisdom-and-worship

#### HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday, November 22, 2024 8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass Saturday, November 23, 2024

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, November 24, 2024 7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

#### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

November 20, 2024 Salvacion Alpichi & Isabel Solis (J. Meyer) November 22, 2024 Daniel Winkels (Mike & Kathy Winkels) November 23, 2024 †Sarah Murray (CDA) November 24, 2024 Parishioners November 24, 2024 Ron & Renae Kasel

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## WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"Praying for the Souls in Purgatory is the highest act of Supernatural Charity." Pope St. John Paul II

"The blessed Souls in Purgatory are the Lord's eternal spouses, and most grateful are they to those who obtain their deliverance from prison, or even a mitigation of their torments. When, therefore, they arrive in Heaven, they will be sure to remember all who have prayed for them." St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

"We must empty Purgatory with our prayers." St. Pio of Pietrelcina "If it were but known how great is the power of the good Souls in Purgatory with the Heart of God, and if we knew all the Graces we can obtain through their intercession, they would not be so much forgotten. We must, therefore, pray much for them, that they may pray much for us." St. John Vianney

"The practice of recommending to God the Souls in Purgatory, that He may mitigate the great pains which they suffer, and that He may soon bring them to His Glory, is most pleasing to the Lord and most profitable to us. For these blessed souls are His eternal spouses, and most grateful are they to those who obtain their deliverance from prison, or even a mitigation of their torments. When, therefore, they arrive in Heaven, they will be sure to remember all who have prayed for them." St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori "I saw my Guardian Angel, who ordered me to follow him. In a moment I was in a misty place full of fire in which there was a great crowd of suffering souls. They were praying fervently, but to no avail, for themselves; only we can come to their aid. I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God. I saw Our Lady visiting the Souls in Purgatory. The souls call her "The Star of the Sea." She brings them refreshment. I wanted to talk with them some more, but my Guardian Angel beckoned me to leave. We went out of that prison of suffering. [I heard an interior voice] which said, My Mercy does not want this, but Justice demands it. Since that time, I am in closer communion with the Suffering Souls. (Diary, 20)" St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

"The more one longs for a thing, the more painful does deprivation of it become. And because after this life, the desire for God, the Supreme Good, is intense in the souls of the just, the soul suffers enormously from the delay." St. Thomas Aquinas

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

### WEEKLY TITHING November 10, 2024

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,840.00
Plate:	\$ 178.00
Total:	\$ 2,018.00

Hurricane Relief Collection (additional): \$ 300.00 World Mission Sunday Collection: \$627.00

St. Paul Cemetery Collection: There will be a second collection on November 17 to provide for the upkeep of the St. Paul Cemetery. Please be generous in remembering our beloved departed in prayer and alms.

#### Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of your Divine Son Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, sinners in the Universal Church those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

#### All for the Love of God

"Once I was summoned to the judgment [seat] of God. I stood alone before the Lord. Jesus appeared such as we know Him during His Passion. After a moment, His wounds disappeared except for five, those in His hands, His feet and His side. Suddenly I saw the complete condition of my soul as God sees it. I could clearly see all that is displeasing to God. I did not know that even the smallest transgressions will have to be accounted for. What a moment! Who can describe it? To stand before the Thrice-Holy God! Jesus asked me, Who are you? I answered, "I am Your servant, Lord." You are guilty of one day of fire in Purgatory. I wanted to throw myself immediately into the flames of Purgatory, but Jesus stopped me and said, Which do you prefer, suffer now for one day in Purgatory or for a short while on earth? I replied, "Jesus, I want to suffer in Purgatory, and I want to suffer also the greatest pains on earth, even if it were until the end of the world." Jesus said, One [of the two] is enough; you will go back to earth, and there you will suffer much, but not for long; you will accomplish My Will and My Desires, and a faithful servant of Mine will help you to do this. Now, rest your head on My bosom, on My heart, and draw from it strength and power for these sufferings because you will find neither relief, nor help, nor comfort anywhere else. Know that you will have much, much to suffer, but don't let this frighten you; I am with you." (St. Maria Faustina Kowalska: Diary, 36)



**†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 Confession/8:30am Holy Mass
Sunday, November 24, 2024
8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions
8:45am Holy Mass

#### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

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	November 24, 2024	Parishioners

