

June 13, 2021
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Welcome to the Churches of

St. Paul &

St. Michael



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 8:25am, 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

From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The month of June is dedicated to increased devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us ask our good Lord for the grace to know and understand His personal love for each one of us!

This Sunday I share with you a meditation on Discipleship – following Jesus. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

“**The Mustard Seed - God makes use of little things to act in souls:** *Thus says the Lord God: ‘I Myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it out; I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I Myself will plant it upon a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar; and under it shall dwell all kinds of beasts.’* (Ez. 17:22-24) These beautiful words of the prophet Ezechiel, taken from the *First Reading* of today’s Holy Mass, remind us how God uses what is little to work in the world and in souls. Jesus gives us the same teaching. The Kingdom of God *is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds of the earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.* (Mark 4:31-32)

Our Lord chose a few men to begin the work of evangelization. For the most part they were humble fishermen, unlettered men, with evident defects and few material resources. *He chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.* (1 Cor. 1:27) Looking at things from a purely human point of view, it is impossible to explain how these men could have spread the teaching of Christ to the whole known world in so short a time, with so many obstacles and so much opposition to overcome. In the parable of the grain of mustard seed, writes St. John Chrysostom, Jesus urges His disciples to have Faith and to be confident that the preaching of the Gospel will be carried out in spite of everything. (St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on St. Matthew’s Gospel*, 46)

We too are like that grain of mustard seed in the task given to us by God in the middle of the world. We ought not to forget the disproportion between the means we have, our talents, and the magnitude of the apostolate we have to do. But neither should we forget that we can always count on God’s help. Difficulties will come and we will be more aware of our own nothingness. This should bring us to have more trust in the Master and in the supernatural character of the task we are trying to accomplish. *In the moments of struggle and opposition, when perhaps ‘the good’ fill your way with obstacles, lift up your apostolic heart: listen to Jesus as He speaks of the grain of mustard seed and of the leaven. And say to Him: edissere nobis parabola: explain the parable to me’... And*

you will feel the joy of contemplating the victory to come: the birds of the air will lodge in the branches of your apostolate, now only in its beginnings, and the whole of the meal leavened. (J. Escriva, *The Way*, 695)

If we don’t lose sight of our littleness and the power of grace we will be always strong and faithful in what God asks of us. If we do not keep our eyes fixed on Jesus we will become discouraged and pessimistic and will soon abandon the task. With God we can do all things.

Difficulties ought not to discourage us: The Apostles and first Christians faced a society threatened in its very foundations; a society in which it was well nigh impossible to have ideals. St. Paul describes Roman society and the pagan world as places where the natural light of reason had been darkened in many ways, especially in regard to the dignity of the human person. He goes on to say: *Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the Truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error.*

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, (cont. on pg. 3)

Holy Hour for Men will be on Sunday, June 13, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All men are invited!

SAVE THE DATES!
CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 9-13, 2021 8:30am-12:00noon
at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island

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Lectio Divina

Introductory Prayer

- Humbly recognize the loving Presence of the indwelling Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Praise and thank Him for His Word and this moment of prayer.
- Ask the Holy Spirit for the gift to receive the Word of God as He wills.

Lectio (Reading) **What does the Word of God say?**

- Slowly read the passage a few times with great attentive reverence, aloud if possible.
- Notice the words that strike you in a particular way, positive-ly or negatively.

Meditatio (Meditation) **What does the Word of God say to me?**

- Dialog with God about why those particular words and phrases struck you; how do they apply to you?
- Reflect on your own reactions to the Word; what is God showing you about yourself?
- Write down reflections and insights.

Oratio (Praying) **What do I say to God in response to His Word?**

- Respond sincerely in a conversation with God as with a friend; talk about what is really in your heart.
- Praise, thank, trust Him; ask for forgiveness; intercede, petition for graces.

Contemplatio (Contemplation) **What conversion of heart is God asking of me?**

- Be present with the Word and rest in God.
- Thank Jesus for living this gift of Himself in me.

Concluding Prayer

- Praise and thank God for the graces received.
- Close with an *Our Father*.

LOST ITEM!

One of our parishioners has lost a reliquary Cross containing relics of St. Paul of the Cross and St. Maria Goretti. If you have found it, please return it to the parish office or call 507-356-4280. Thank you!

PRO-LIFE QUOTE:

"The promotion of the culture of life should be the highest priority in our societies...If the right to life is not defended decisively as a condition for all other rights of the person, all other references to human rights remain deceitful and illusory." 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

"...at the origin of every human being there is not something hap-hazard or chance, but a loving plan of God." Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



Natural Family Planning (NFP)

NFP Classes teach couples the Church approved methods on how to achieve or postpone pregnancy while remaining in God's Will for the gift of sexuality. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, visit www.archspm.org/family or call 651-291-4489.

WEEKLY TITHING for June 5-6, 2021

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,897.00
Plate:	\$ 1,439.12
EFT:	\$ 1,417.50
Total:	\$ 6,753.62

Congratulations to the 2021 High School Graduates:



Alexander Bestgen

Peter Bruss

Nicholas Colaiano

Logan Fohrman

Justin Henschel

Tanner Horton

Randall Hubka

Jason Kaiya

Michael Lorentz

Graham Majerus

Jack Swanson

Thomas York

Please join us after the 10:30am Holy Mass on June 13 for a reception to honor the graduates and celebrate God's blessings in their lives. Best wishes for the future!



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.

UNA VOCE Silent Retreat for men with the Extraordinary Form of the Holy Mass - JULY 9-11, 2021

A silent retreat for men will be held July 9 - 11 at the Franciscan Retreat and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake, MN. All Holy Masses will be offered in the Extraordinary Form. For more information, see: <http://unavocemn.org/>.

Pine Island Food Shelf: The items requested for **June: Cereals**

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

9:00am Holy Mass

9:35am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, June 18, 2021

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

Saturday, June 19 2021

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, June 20, 2021

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

June 16, 2021 † Thomasine Slater (Abby Slater)

June 18, 2021 The incarcerated and all those who have no one to pray for them

June 19, 2021 † Helen Kuehlman (Carolyn Ocariz)

June 20, 2021 (EF) † Albert & Mary Kline & deceased descendants (Katie Winkels)

June 20, 2021 Parishioners



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(From *Father Kasel*...from pg. 1) *God gave them up to a base mind and to improper conduct. They were filled with all manner of wickedness, evil, covetousness, malice. Full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity, they were gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.* (Rom. 1:24-31) Working from within society, Christians changed it. There the seed fell, then spread to the whole world. Although it was a small seed it carried a Divine Power, because the seed was Christ's. The first Christians who came to Rome were no different from ourselves, and with God's help were able to do an effective apostolate, working shoulder to shoulder, in the same jobs as everyone else, facing the same problems, obeying the same laws, unless they were directly contrary to the Law of God. Truly the first Christians in Jerusalem, Antioch and Rome were tiny mustard seeds seemingly lost in a huge field.

Although our society seems at times to be like the one described by St. Paul, we ought not to lose heart at meeting obstacles. God counts on us to transform the place where we live and work. Although what we can do may seem small and insignificant, like the grain of mustard seed, let us not neglect to do what we can, because God counts on that contribution. With our prayer and sacrifice He will ensure that there is growth and fruit. That 'little' we can do may be advising a colleague or friend to read a particular book; or being attentive to a client, fellow passenger or workmate; or giving a helping hand when needed; or praying for a sick friend or a neighbor's child, and asking that they pray for us; or helping someone get to Confession. And always living a cheerful, honest life. Everybody should be discreetly, quietly and daringly apostolic. This can be so if we remain united to God, if we reject a comfort-loving existence, if we overcome lukewarmness and discouragement. *The time in which we are called to live demands especially that we feel deeply obliged to be always zealous and enthusiastic. We will be so only if we struggle. Only the person who makes a strenuous effort is suitable for bringing the world peace, the peace of Christ.* (A. del Portillo, *Letter*, 8 December 1976, 4)

The need to overcome false human respect: The spreading of the Gospel, often by friends, colleagues at work or neighbors, brought about in whole families a radical change of life and set them on the road to salvation. For others it was a scandal and for still others foolishness. (cf. 1 Cor. 1:23) St. Paul tells the Christians at Rome that he is not ashamed of the Gospel because *it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has Faith.* (cf. Rom. 1:16) St. John Chrysostom comments: *If someone approaches you and asks: 'do you adore Somebody who has been crucified?' Do not hang your head in shame or blush. Use that reproach as a chance for glory and let your eyes and the look on your face show that you are not ashamed. If they whisper again in your ear: 'What! Do you adore Somebody who has been crucified?' reply: 'Yes, I adore Him!'... I adore and glory in a crucified God Who with His Cross reduced the devils to silence and took away all superstition. For me the Cross is the trophy of God's Love and kindness.* (St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on the Epistle to the Romans*, 2) That is a fine reply. We can use it ourselves.

From the first Christians we must learn not to be inhibited by human respect, not to be afraid of what others will say. Rather must we be concerned to make Christ known no matter where we find ourselves, very much aware of the Treasure we have found (cf. Matt. 13:44), of the precious pearl we have located after much searching. (cf. Matt. 13:45-46) The struggle against (cont. on pg. 4)

WEEKLY TITHING for June 6, 2021

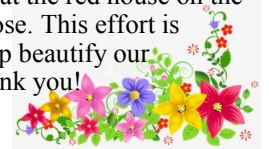
Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 1,055.00
Plate:	\$ 32.00
EFT:	\$ 1,765.00
Total:	\$ 2,852.00

Farewell Reception

We will have a reception immediately after the Sunday Holy Mass on June 27 for Fr. McCabe on the occasion of his leaving the Church of St. Paul, as a thank-you for his wonderful service. Coffee, juice, treats, and a light meal will be served.

Dear Parishioners,

We are seeking volunteers to provide flowers for our church. Please see the sign-up in the entry of church. Volunteers would be responsible for 3 bouquets on the altar for a month. Flowers can be fresh or silk. Also, any flowers in the yard at the red house on the church property may be used for this purpose. This effort is brought forth by our CCW members to help beautify our sanctuary. Please consider signing up! Thank you!
 In Christ through Mary,
 Fr. Kasel



Help for the imprisoned

A collection of clothing items is being organized for a male resident (Dale) of the Red Wing Correctional Facility, who will need clothing items upon his release. There are specific items needed and they do NOT need to be new. Please call or text Maggie Eggerichs at 507-951-2316 if you would like to donate or have questions. Items should be collected by June 27. Thank you for your generosity and please pray for him.

Items Needed:

Jeans—Size 34x34

Fall/ spring Jacket 2 XL

Work boots size 11

T shirts XL. (likes colors blue black, maroon) Dress shirt 16.5 long

Sweatshirts XL, Boxer shorts L, Baseball cap



WORDS TO LIVE BY:



“Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of man, God does nothing without this goal in mind.” *St. Catherine of Siena*

“Love to be real, it must cost - it must hurt - it must empty us of self.” *St. Theresa of Calcutta*

“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.” *St. Augustine*

“You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all.” *St. Therese of Lisieux*

“The nation doesn't simply need what we have. It needs what we are.” *St. Teresa Benedicta*

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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

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

Thursday, June 17, 2021

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

Sunday, June 20, 2021

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass - On 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month
 populam; 2nd & 4th ad Orientem

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

June 15, 2021 Gabriel Tschann (Sara McNamara)

June 17, 2021 †Margaret Theresa Huneke (Maggie Eggerichs)

June 20, 2021 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 3) human respect never ceases, because not infrequently we come across an adverse environment when we are serious about trying to follow Christ closely and trying to live in accordance with our beliefs. Many who call themselves Christians show little courage when they should be witnessing to their Faith. They seem to be more concerned about the opinion of others than about the judgment of Christ. They often allow themselves to be carried along by the current, afraid of saying anything. This attitude betrays superficiality, lack of deep convictions and little love of God. Naturally enough, at times it will be hard to behave in accordance with what we are, Christians who wish to live their Faith at every moment and in every circumstance of life. But these times will also be excellent moments to show Christ our love, forgetting about what others think, and not being swayed by public opinion. *God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control. Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord* (2 Tim. 2:7-8), St. Paul says to Timothy.

This was always the attitude of those who preceded us in the task of evangelization. And even before that, we have the example of Judas Maccabaeus. At a time when *many even from Israel... sacrificed to idols and profaned the Sabbath* (1 Mac. 1:41) he and his brothers, following the example of their father Mattathias, rebelled against that iniquity and for the honor of God *fought gladly for Israel.* (1 Mac. 3:2) As Judas himself said: *It is not on the size of the army that victory in battle depends, but on the strength that comes from Heaven.* (1 Mac. 3:18-19) This is the way it has always been in the things of God, from the beginning of the Church to our own day. God uses what is weak to do His work. We will not lack His help. He will turn the little we can do into a great power for good.

Dear Parishioners,

Next month the Church of St. Michael will be hosting a Schoenstatt Camp for girls from July 19-22.

If you are interested in signing up your girls (age 8 – 14), here is the link for more information/registration for Camp: <https://form.jotform.com/210976033590052>

Please note: There will be no protocols in place!

Let me know if you have any questions.

God bless your day!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

From the Cross of Christ come the power and courage we need. Let us look to Mary. *She did not draw back when the crowd cried out, nor did she leave Our Redeemer alone when each person, anonymous in that crowd, was in his cowardice emboldened to ill-treat Christ. Call upon her with all your strength: 'Virgo fidelis!, Virgin most faithful!', and ask her that those of us who call ourselves God's friends may be truly so at all times.* (J. Escriva, *Furrow*, 51) (From: *In Conversation with God*, by Francis Fernandez) Through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God grant us the grace of a true devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Pure Heart of St. Joseph!

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Fr. Kasel

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