February 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This month of February is dedicated to increasing our devotion to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and to imitating their practice of everyday holiness. May the Holy Family help us each day to strive to be Saints in the service of our good Lord Jesus and His Kingdom!

This Sunday, February 9, we celebrate World Marriage Day. The Sacrament of Matrimony in our good Lord's plan is a beautiful gift to the human family and human society! This special day in honor marriage between one man and one woman is an opportunity for us to show support for married couples and families. I encourage you to grow in knowledge of the great gift of marriage and the place it has in our Heavenly Father's plan.

Furthermore, this month of February is dedicated to increasing our devotion to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. God the Father has given us the Holy Family to show us the way to love His Divine Will and to be a model for us to imitate in all aspects of family life. The love and devotion present in the Holy Family has been a source of inspiration for generations of Christians throughout the world! Let us also grow in our devotion to the Holy Family this month!

Here is some of what our Catechism (#2201-2206) teaches about Christian family life: "The conjugal community is established upon the consent of the spouses. Marriage and the family are ordered to the good of the spouses and to the procreation and education of children. The love of the spouses and the begetting of children create among members of the same family personal relationships and primordial responsibilities.

A man and a woman united in marriage, together with their children, form a family. This institution is prior to any recognition by public authority, which has an obligation to recognize it. It should be considered the normal reference point by which the different forms of family relationship are to be evaluated. In creating man and woman, God instituted the human family and endowed it with its fundamental constitution. Its members are persons equal in dignity. For the common good of its members and of society, the family necessarily has manifold responsibilities, rights, and duties.

"The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason it can and should be called a domestic church." It is a community of faith, hope, and charity; it assumes singular importance in the Church, as is evident in the New Testament.

The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy

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

Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father's work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthen it in charity. The Christian family has an evangelizing and missionary task.

The relationships within the family bring an affinity of feelings, affections and interests, arising above all from the members' respect for one another. The family is a privileged community called to achieve a "sharing of thought and common deliberation by the spouses as well as their eager cooperation as parents in the children's upbringing."

Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and St. Michael and St. Paul, may our Heavenly Father bless us with the strength of the Holy Spirit to live according to the example of the Holy Family!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

Pancake

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The St Pio Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser after the 7:00am and 10:30am Holy Masses on Sunday, February 9, at the

Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. This fundraiser will support the Charitable Works of the Council, including the local Food Shelf.

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be Sunday, February 23, at 6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael. All women 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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6:00-6:30pm - Meal

6:35-7:25pm - Children Class/Parent & Adult Session

7:30-7:45pm - Church for Adoration

At 7:30pm all students, parents and teachers gather in the Church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Our program is open for all of our parishioners to attend and it will benefit all ages!

Homeschool Bowling Party and Valentine Exchange

Friday, February 14, 1:00-3:00pm at Bowlocity Entertainment Center in Rochester, MN

Cost is \$3.50 per child/hour plus \$1.50/shoe rental This is open to all homeschool children and teens! For more information, contact Sarah Bauer: teddyandsarah@gmail.com or (507) 288-2371.

If you want to just come and bowl, please RSVP anytime before the day of the party.

I am the Immaculate Conception - Lourdes

"On 25th March 1858, on the Feast of the Annunciation, during the 16th apparition, Bernadette asked the Lady three times for her name, "Madam, would you be kind as to tell me who you are, please?"

The Lady extended her hands towards the ground then she joined them again at chest height, raised her eyes to Heaven and said with infinite gentleness, "Que soy era Immaculada Concepciou", (I am the Immaculate Conception).

Bernadette did not understand the meaning of these words. She had to repeat them all the way back to the rectory where she shouted them at the priest, Father Peyramale. Overcome by emotion, he immediately sent her home. He was now sure of the Lady's identity. Indeed, the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception had been promulgated in 1854. It says, unlike all of us, Mary was conceived without sin, and had never sinned. The Apparition was the Virgin Mary!" (https://www.lourdes-france.org/en)

Vianney Visit – Thursday, February 13-Saturday, February 15, Saint John Vianney College Seminary, St. Paul. Men in high school or college (age 16-24) who do not have a college degree are invited to get a closer look at college seminary life with this Vianney Visit. There will be testimonies from current seminarians, spiritual conferences with SJV priests, prayer with the community, and a tour of the University of St. Thomas. There may also be the option to meet individually with priests on staff or the rector. Space is limited. Find more information and registration at sjvseminary.org/visit-the-seminary.

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series:

To Will What You Command: St. Augustine on Divine Grace and Human Freedom

The modern view of the human person sees freedom as sovereign acts of the will, evident in mantras like 'my body, my choice' and debates over biological reality. Yet this problem isn't new. In this two-part lecture series, we will explore Augustine's teaching on free will and his debate with Pelagius over grace. Are we free when we choose independently, or only when cooperating with God? Augustine's answers reveal that our souls, our families, and our society need God to be truly free.

Details: Thursdays, February 20 & 27

Pre-Class Discussion:7:45pm EST, Lecture: 8:00pm EST Instructor: Chad Pecknold, Ph.D. Registration is required. https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/grant-what-you-command?

WEEKLY TITHING February 1-2, 2025

 Sunday Envelopes:
 \$ 4,170.00

 Plate:
 \$ 1,788.95

 EFT:
 \$ 2,945.00

 Total:
 \$ 8,903.95

COME AND JOIN US!

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

Serving each Friday of Lent from 4:30-7:00pm on Fridays of Lent (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

St. James Coffee's Annual Fundraiser

Join us for St. James Coffee's **Brew Ha Ha**, our highly anticipated annual fundraiser, on **Friday**, **February 14**, **2025** at the **Empire Event Center at Best Western Apache**.

Doors open at 4:30 PM - What's Brewing at the Brew Ha Ha?

- Wine and Spirits Tasting: Sip and savor a variety of exquisite beverages while enjoying music that'll lift your spirits.
- Silent and Live Auction: Bid on unique items and experiences, adding a touch of excitement to the evening.
- Dinner and Program: Indulge in a delectable dinner while enjoying a program designed to entertain and enlighten. This year's inspiring speaker, Susan Windley-Daoust. We would love to have you join us for an evening of a whole latte of fun and fellowship as we raise funds to support the mission of St. James Coffee. Get your tickets now! Available at St. James Coffee or online at www.stjamescoffee.com.

Andrew Dinner – Tuesday, February 25, 6-8 p.m., Archdiocesan Catholic Center, St. Paul. The Andrew Dinner is an opportunity for men, ages 16 - 50, who are interested in learning more about the priesthood. The dinner is hosted by Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Father Mark Pavlak, vocation director. The evening includes prayer, dinner and conversation with vocations testimonies on priesthood and religious life. It is typical for a pastor, deacon, religious or youth minister to accompany each discerning guest. Registration deadline is Friday, February 21. More information and registration at 10000vocations.org.

†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.

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

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

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

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

Friday, February 14, 2025

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

Saturday, February 15, 2025

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, February 16, 2025

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



February 12, 2025 †Keith Price

February 14, 2025 †Corey Boettcher (Paul & Mary Sutton)

February 15, 2025 †Richard Krause (Joan Krause)

February 16, 2025 Parishioners

February 16, 2025 †Bernard Herrmann (Carolyn Ocariz)

CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

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St. Paul CCW will have their next meeting on Tuesday, February 11, with Holy Mass at 6 pm, followed by the meeting. All ladies are invited and needed. Please plan to attend.

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes - Feast Day: February 11



O, Mary, the Immaculate Conception, and ever Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the Afflicted, you know my needs, my troubles, and my sufferings. You revealed your heart to St. Bernadette when you said: *I am the Immaculate* Conception. Through the Grace of your union with the Holy Spirit, I beg of you to look upon me with mercy.

You chose to make the Grotto of Lourdes a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. Therefore, I lift my heart to you now with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, I ask of you to obtain my request: (name your request). In return for hearing my prayer, I will strive to imitate your virtues, especially your Love for God, so that I may one day share your company in Heaven and bless you in eternity. Amen.

You are invited! 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.

PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign." St. Teresa of Calcutta

"The difference between the way of life and the way of death is great. Therefore, do not murder a child by abortion or kill a newborn infant." from the Didache, a collection of apostolic moral teachings compiled at the end of the first century A.D.

Join First Choice Clinic for their 2nd annual Pickleball Tournament! Come out and have some fun while supporting this lifeaffirming ministry. All levels of experience are welcome.

When: Saturday, March 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 2, 2025

Sunday Envelopes: \$ 1,290.00 Plate: 346.90 EFT: .315.00 Total: 2,951.90

54th Annual St. Patrick's Ham Dinner

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 stpauls@hcinet.net or call the parish office at 732-5324 to sign up.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to make this endeavor a success!

Baskets/Items for St. Patrick's Ham Dinner SILENT AUCTION

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!

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.

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-conferencemen-of-christ-strengthened-by-his-real-presence.

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

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

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

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

6:00pm St. Paul CCW Holy Mass

Thursday, February 13, 2025

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

Sunday, February 16, 2025

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



February 11, 2025 †Todd Shelton (Karen Hodgman)

February 11, 2025 Lenny & LaVonne Feuling & family

(St. Paul CCW)

February 13, 2025 †Deceased Ancestors of the Banga & Kolla families

February 16, 2025 **Parishioners**

NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"Love between man and woman cannot be built without sacrifices and self-denial." Karol Wojtyla (St. John Paul II)

"When a man loves a woman, he has to become worthy of her. The higher her virtue, the more noble her character, the more devoted she is to truth, justice, goodness, the more a man has to aspire to be worthy of her. The history of civilization could actually be written in terms of the level of its women." Venerable Fulton Sheen

"The Charity which burned in the household at Nazareth should be an inspiration for every family. All the Christian virtues should flourish in the family, unity should thrive, and the example of its virtuous living should shine brightly." St. John XXIII

"When a husband and wife are united in marriage they no longer seem like something earthly, but rather like the Image of God Himself." St. John Chrysostom

"Marriage is to help married people sanctify themselves and others. For this reason they receive a special Grace in the Sacrament which Jesus instituted. Those who are called to the married state will, with the Grace of God, find within their state everything they need to be holy." St. Josemmaria Escriva

"The greater the friendship, the more solid and long-lasting the marriage will be, as we are united not only in flesh but in domestic activity." St. Thomas Aquinas

"It takes three to make Love, not two: you, your spouse, and God. Without God, people only succeed in bringing out the worst in one another. Lovers who have nothing else to do but love each other soon find there is nothing else. Without a central loyalty life is unfinished." Venerable Fulton Sheen



The St Pio Knights of Columbus membership meeting will be held Wednesday, February 12, at 7pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. All members are encouraged to attend!

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.

Catholic Services Appeal is focused on four major ministry areas that touch on important areas of our Catholic life:

Educate in Faith: An essential component of the Church's ministry is the education of the next generation of disciples, as well as the continuing formation of all its members.

Help Those in Need: The Church is called to make the love of Jesus real and tangible in the world today, especially to the poor, the vulnerable and those on the peripheries.

Faith Formation: At the heart of the Church's ministry is facilitating for its members an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. Central to what it means to be Catholic is the development of a friendship with Jesus through prayer and reflection.

Respect for Life: Knowing that every human person has God-given dignity.

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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VIRTUS class, complete the Essential 3, or do updates.



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