

February 16, 2025  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to the Churches of

St. Paul &

St. Michael



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### From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This coming Saturday, February 22, we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. This Feast is one that ‘anchors’ us in our Catholic identity. This is an ancient Feast in our Church – known to have been celebrated with much solemnity as early as the 5<sup>th</sup> century. I offer for your meditation the second reading from the Office of Readings in the Liturgy of the Hours. It is a sermon given by Pope St. Leo the Great (birth: circa 400 – death: November 10, 461).

**From a sermon by St. Leo the Great, Pope**

(Sermo 4 de natali ipsius, 2-3: PL 54, 149-151)

*The Church of Christ rises on the firm foundation of Peter’s faith*

“Out of the whole world one man, Peter, is chosen to preside at the calling of all nations, and to be set over all the apostles and all the fathers of the Church. Though there are in God’s people many shepherds, Peter is thus appointed to rule in his own person those whom Christ also rules as the original ruler. Beloved, how great and wonderful is this sharing of his power that God in His goodness has given to this man. Whatever Christ has willed to be shared in common by Peter and the other leaders of the Church, it is only through Peter that He has given to others what He has not refused to bestow on them.

The Lord now asks the Apostles as a whole what men think of Him. As long as they are recounting the uncertainty born of human ignorance, their reply is always the same.

But when He presses the disciples to say what they think themselves, the first to confess his Faith in the Lord is the one who is first in rank among the Apostles.

Peter says: *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.* Jesus replies: *Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona, for flesh and blood has not revealed it to you, but My Father who is in Heaven.* You are blessed, He means, because My Father has taught you. You have not been deceived by earthly opinion, but have been enlightened by inspiration from Heaven. It was not flesh and blood that pointed Me out to you, but the One whose only-begotten Son I am.

He continues: *And I say to you.* In other words, as my Father has revealed to you My Godhead, so I in My turn make known to you your pre-eminence. *You are Peter:* though I am the inviolable Rock, the cornerstone that makes both one, the foundation apart from which no one can lay any other, yet you also are a Rock, for you are given solidity by My strength, so that which is My very own because of My power is common between us through your participation.

*And upon this Rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* On this strong foundation, He says, I will build an everlasting temple. The great height of My Church,

*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

which is to penetrate the heavens, shall rise on the firm foundation of this Faith.

The gates of hell shall not silence this confession of Faith; the chains of death shall not bind it. Its words are the words of life. As they lift up to Heaven those who profess them, so they send down to hell those who contradict them.

Blessed Peter is therefore told: *To you I will give the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you bind on earth is also bound in Heaven. Whatever you lose on earth shall be loosed also in Heaven.*

The authority vested in this power passed also to the other apostles, and the institution established by this decree has been continued in all the leaders of the Church. But it is not without good reason that what is bestowed on all is entrusted to one. For Peter received it separately in trust because he is the prototype set before all the rulers of the Church.”

Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and our patrons, St. Michael, St. Paul and St. Peter, may the blessing of God, our Father in Heaven, Jesus Christ, our Head and Savior, God the Holy Spirit, our life and peace, bless our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the whole Church and all our parishes!

In Christ through Mary,  
Fr. Kasel

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:

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

**Youth Group Event!** All Youth, Grades 7-12, are invited for a prayer, food, and game night on Wednesday, **February 19**, 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.



*Dear Parishioners,*

Join us starting Monday, February 17, as we begin the 30-Day Prayer to St. Joseph for any Special Intention. **The Solemnity of St. Joseph is on March 19.** The 30-Day Prayer to St. Joseph is included in the Bulletin this weekend.

### **Congratulations to:**

**Brandon and Katie Casselius** on the baptism of their daughter, **Braylyn Ann Casselius**, on January 18, 2025, at the Church of St. Michael.



**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](http://10000vocations.org).

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](http://mileschristi.org/spiritual-exercises) or call 248-596-9677.

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

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

**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/>

**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.  
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## WEEKLY TITHING February 8-9, 2025

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,795.00
Plate:	\$ 3,465.05
EFT:	\$ 960.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 8,220.05</b>



## COME AND JOIN US!

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

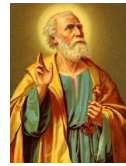
Serving each Friday of Lent from 4:30-7:00pm

(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



### **Petition to St. Peter for Aid**

O holy St. Peter, you acknowledge before our Lord that you were a weak and sinful man, but our Lord Jesus chose to entrust you with great responsibility, despite your unworthiness. On this Truth, I ask you: please pray for me, that despite my unworthiness, I may be open to all that our Lord and King, Jesus Christ, wishes to give me and that I may use all His Graces and blessed gifts for His greater glory and the salvation of souls.

O Holy St. Peter, and all your holy successors in Heaven, pray for me! Mary, Mother of the God, Mother of the Church and Queen of Apostles, pray for me! Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me!

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a font of Mercy for us, I trust in You! Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.

**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. Columbkil 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.

**Pine Island Food Shelf:** items requested for **February:** Soups of any kind

## HOLY MASS TIMES

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

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**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

**February 19, 2025** †LaVerne Zabel (Sue Muffit & Molly Garvey)

**February 21, 2025** †Tim Molko (Paul & Mary Sutton)

**February 22, 2025** †Jim Clemens (Betty Clemens & family)

**February 23, 2025** Clare Taylor (T & J Meyer)

**February 23, 2025** Parishioners



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## 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!*



## WEEKLY TITHING February 9, 2025

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 400.00
Plate:	\$ 140.36
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 540.36</b>

## 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 [stpauls@hcinet.net](mailto: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!*

## Reimagining our Worship Space

Next **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!

## 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!*



## PRO-LIFE QUOTES:

"As far as abortion is concerned, it's part of the fifth, not the sixth, commandment: 'Thou shalt not kill!' We have to presume this is obvious and always stress that the human person begins in the mother's womb and remains a human person until his or her last breath. The human person must always be respected as a human person." *Pope Benedict XV*

"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." *Second Vatican Council, Church in the Modern World, #51*

"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*

"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." *Blessed Mother Teresa*



## †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.

**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: 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.

**Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, February 16, at 8am -12pm, at Stary-Yerka VFW Post 5727, 25 East First Street, Zumbrota Join them for pancakes, sausage patties, scrambles eggs, & beverages! FREE WILL DONATION! All proceeds go to the Zumbrota swimming pool fund. Sponsored by American Legion Post 183.

**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-men-of-christ-strengthened-by-his-real-presence](http://archspm.org/2025-mens-conference-men-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.**

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

**Thursday, February 20, 2025**

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

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

- 8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions
- 8:45am Holy Mass

## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

**February 18, 2025** †Ted Kasel

**February 20, 2025** †Carl Patros (Gary & Louise Gerken)

**February 23, 2025** Parishioners



# NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

## WORDS TO LIVE BY:

“If someone does not hold fast to this unity of Peter, can he imagine that he still holds the faith? If he [should] desert the chair of Peter upon whom the Church was built, can he still be confident that he is in the Church?” *St. Cyprian*

“I follow no leader but Christ and join in communion with none but your blessedness [Pope Damasus I], that is, with the Chair of Peter. I know that this is the Rock on which the Church has been built. Whoever eats the Lamb outside this house is profane. Anyone who is not in the ark of Noah will perish when the flood prevails.” *St. Jerome*

“There are many other things which rightly keep me in the bosom of the Catholic Church. The consent of the people and nations keeps me, her authority keeps me, inaugurated by miracles, nourished in hope, enlarged by love, and established by age. The succession of priests keep me, from the very seat of the Apostle Peter (to whom the Lord after His Resurrection gave charge to feed His sheep) down to the present episcopate [of Pope Siricius].” *St. Augustine*

“Yes, the Apostle chosen to be His co-worker, merited to share the same Name as Christ. They built the same Building together - Peter does the planting, the Lord gives the increase and it is the Lord, too, Who sends those, who will do the watering (cf 1 Cor 3:6f).” *St. Augustine*

“[Jesus said:] ‘Simon, My follower, I have made you the foundation of the holy Church. I called you Peter, because you will support all its buildings. You are the inspector of those who will build on earth a Church for Me. If they should wish to build what is false, you, the foundation, will condemn them. You are the head of the fountain from which My teaching flows; you are the Chief of my Disciples’” *St. Ephraim the Syrian*



**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.

## 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.**

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**Parish Safe Environment Coordinator:** Sara McNamara  
**St. Michael:** 507-356-4280  
[stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net](mailto:stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net)  
**St. Paul:** 507-732-5324  
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**St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese Victim Assistance Program Hotline:**  
(651) 291-4475

**For Plot Information**  
Call the Parish Office  
**Church of St. Michael Cemetery**  
507-356-4280  
**Church of St. Paul Cemetery**  
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