## January 30, 2022 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## From Father Kasel

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

The month of January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus: let us reverently pray His Holy Name and make reparation to our good Lord for the many times that His name is spoken with irreverence! This weekend I share with you a reflection on the Virtue of Charity. I encourage you to reflect over this message a few times this week:

"The Virtue of Charity: The essence of charity: The Second Reading of the Holy Mass reminds us of the so-called hymn of Charity, one of the most beautiful of St. Paul's Letters (1 Cor. 12:31-13:13). Through the Apostle, the Holy Spirit speaks to us today about a relationship between us and our fellow-men; of a kind that is completely unknown in the pagan world since it has an entirely new foundation. This is love for Christ. As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me. (Matt. 25:40) With the help of Grace a Christian discovers God in his neighbor: he knows that we are all children of the same Father and brothers of Jesus Christ. The supernatural virtue of Charity brings us closer to our neighbor in a very meaningful way; it is not mere humanitarianism. Our love is not to be confused with sentimentality or mere good fellowship, nor with that somewhat questionable zeal to help others in order to convince ourselves of our superiority. Rather, it means living in peace with our neighbor, venerating the image of God that is found in each and every man, and doing all we can to get all others in their turn to contemplate that image, so that they too may learn how to turn to Christ. (J. Escriva, Friends of God, 230)

Our Lord gave a new and incomparably deeper meaning to love for our neighbor. He established it as the *New Commandment* and as the sign by which Christians will be known. (cf. John 13:34) Divine Love, *as I have loved you*, is the measure of the love we must have for other people; it is, therefore, a supernatural Love which God Himself places in our hearts. At the same time it is a deeply human Love, which is enriched and strengthened by Grace.

Charity is not the same as natural sociability, the consciousness of that fraternity that comes from ties of blood, or a feeling of compassion for the victims of misfortune... Nevertheless, the theological virtue of Charity does not exclude legitimate earthly loves; rather it does raise and supernaturalize them. It purifies them and makes them deeper and more stable. The Charity of a Christian usually finds itself expressed in virtues needed for living in harmony with others; in good manners and courtesy, for example, which are then elevated to a higher and definitive order.

Without Charity life lacks its prime and essential ingredient... The most sublime eloquence, and all the good works imaginable would be like the fading reverberation of a booming gong or the clash of cymbals which last scarcely a few moments and then fades away into nothing. Without Charity, the Apostle says, even the most soughtafter gifts are of little value. *If I have not Love, I am nothing.* Many doctors and scribes knew more about God, much more, than the majority of those who accompanied Jesus, about whom it is said that they *do not know the law* (John 7:49), but all their knowledge was fruitless. They did not understand what was most important - the presence of

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#### **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

the Messiah in their midst, and His message of understanding, of respect and of love.

Lack of Charity dulls the intelligence so that it cannot know God and fails to understand the dignity of man. Love sharpens and focuses all our powers. Only Charity - Love of God and of our neighbor for God's sake - prepares and disposes us to understand God and all that refers to Him, so far as is possible for a finite creature. He who does not Love does not know God, St. John teaches, for God is Love. (1 John 4:8) The virtue of Hope also becomes sterile without Charity, for it is impossible to attain what one does not Love. (St. Augustine, Treatise on Faith, Hope and Charity, 117) All our works are in vain without Charity, even the most skillfully or energetically executed one and those that demand sacrifice. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not Love, I gain nothing. There is no substitute for Charity.

Today, in our prayer, we could ask ourselves how we live this virtue each day. Do we perform little acts of service for the people around us? Do we try to be pleasant? Do we say we are sorry when we hurt people? Do we spread peace and joy around us? Do we help others on their way towards God, or are we, on the contrary, indifferent to them? Do we practice the Works of Mercy by visiting the poor and the sick, so as to live Christian solidarity with those who suffer? Do we care for the needs of the elderly and are we concerned about people who find themselves on the margin of society? In a word is our normal relationship with God shown in deeds of understanding and in service to the people who are in daily (continued on page 3)

The next **Holy Hour for Women** will be Sunday, January 30, at 6:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pl. All women are invited! Father Kasel will give a talk on the topic: *Essential Spiritual Practices for Women*.

The next **Holy Hour for Men** will be on Sunday, February 6, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pl. All men are invited!

## CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

### CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The next Faith Formation class/session will be on Wednesthe next Faith Formation class/session will be on Wednesday, February 2, at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island.

Below is the schedule:
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.

HOMESCHOOL CO-OP: The Church of St. Michael is offering an opportunity for children ages 4-14 to participate in a Homeschool Co-op on eleven Wednesdays beginning February 9. The Filiae Laboris Mariae Sisters will teach the groups from ages 8-14. Registration forms are available in the church entry, contact the Office at 507-356-4280 or stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net. Fill out the registration form and give it to Fr. Kasel or turn it in to the church office.

#### All our Love must be for God:

"No one who is in Love with himself is capable of loving God. The man who Loves God is the one who mortifies his self-love for the sake of the immeasurable blessings of Divine Love. Such a man never seeks his own glory but only the glory of God. If a person Loves himself he seeks his own glory, but the man who Loves God Loves the glory of his Creator. Anyone alive to the Love of God can be recognized from the way he constantly strives to glorify Him by fulfilling all His commandments and by delighting in his own abasement. Because of His great majesty it is fitting that God should receive glory, but if he hopes to win God's favor it becomes man to be humble. If we possess this Love for God, we too will rejoice in His glory as St. John the Baptist did, and we shall never stop repeating: His fame must increase, but mine must diminish...

Anyone who Loves God in the depths of his heart has already been Loved by God. In fact, the measure of a man's Love for God depends upon how deeply aware he is of God's Love for him. When this awareness is keen it makes whoever possesses it long to be enlightened by the Divine Light, and this longing is so intense that it seems to penetrate his very bones. He loses all consciousness of himself and is entirely transformed by the Love of God.

Such a man lives in this life and at the same time does not live in it, for although he still inhabits his body, he is constantly leaving it in spirit because of the Love that draws him toward God. Once the Love of God has released him from self-love, the flame of Divine Love never ceases to burn in his heart and he remains united to God by an irresistible longing. As the Apostle says: If we are taken out of ourselves it is for the Love of God; if we are brought back to our senses it is for your sake." - from the Treatise On Spiritual Perfection by Diadochus of Photice, Bishop

#### PRO LIFE QUOTE:

"Conception is the beginning of human life. From the time that an ovum is fertilized a new life begins that is neither that of the father nor of the mother. It is rather the life of a new human being with his own growth. It would never become human if it were not human already." Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Declaration on Procured Abortion, 1974 "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, during his visit to New York, 1995

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for February: Shampoo & Toothpaste

### WEEKLY TITHING for January 22-23, 2022

Sunday Envelopes: 2,315.00 Plate: 745.00 647.50 EFT: Total: 3,707.50

Holy Spirit Novena: February 1 to February 9.

#### Chili Cook Off

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a chili cook off on Sunday, February 6, for hospitality. Any parishioner is welcome to enter a chili for the competition (One crockpot). A prize will be awarded to the best chili!

### Hymn on Love (1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13)

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have Love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all Faith so as to move mountains, but do not have Love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast, but do not have Love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, Love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the Truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face.

At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So Faith, Hope, Love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is Love.

**Silent Retreat:** A **silent retreat for women**, based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, will be preached by priests from the Miles Christi Religious Order on the weekend of March 11-13, 2022, at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. For more information and to register, please visit <a href="https://www.mileschristi.">https://www.mileschristi.</a> org/event/prior-lake-mn-2/, email Minnesota@ spiritualexercises.net or call 248-596-9677.

#### **HOLY MASS TIMES**

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 Presentation of Our Lord or Candlemas 8:00am Confessions/8:30am (Latin) Holy Mass

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

### Friday, February 4, 2022

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

6:30pm (Latin) First Friday Holy Mass

#### Saturday, February 5, 2022

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, February 6, 2022

7:00am (Latin) Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

#### **HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

February 2, 2022 †Carl Anderson (Sara McNamara)

February 4, 2022 †Mary Elaine Coyne (James & Connie Swanson)

February 4, 2022 (Latin)†Raymond Kelly

February 5, 2022 Grea & Paula Sherman

February 6, 2022 (Latin)Keith & Jean Brazil family

February 6, 2022 Parishioners



## CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL NEWS

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The qualities of this virtue: St. Paul tells us which are the qualities that adorn Charity. First he tells us that Charity is patient with others. In order to do good we have to know how to bear evil, renouncing in advance any signs of annoyance, bad temper or sharpness of manner.

Patience denotes great fortitude. Charity will often demand patience if we are to bear with serenity the possible defects, the hostility, the suspicion and the bad humor of people we have to deal with. This virtue will lead us to give to such trifles the importance they really have, and not blow them up out of proportion; it will incline us to wait for the appropriate moment if we need to correct them. Charity will help us to give the answer that will often enable our words to reach the hearts of those who are difficult to get on with so that they can improve. Patience is a great virtue which helps us to live in harmony with others. Through it we can imitate God, who is so longsuffering with our many errors and always slow to anger. (cf. Psalm 145:8) We imitate Jesus, Who, although He was well aware of the malice of the Pharisees, lowered Himself to be like them in order to win them over, just like good doctors who prescribe the best remedies for those who have the more serious illnesses. (St. Cyril, Catena Aurea, vol. VI, p. 46)

Love is kind - that is to say, it is disposed to do good to everyone. Kindness can only find room for itself in a large and generous heart. What is best in ourselves must be for others.

Love is not jealous...Whilst jealousy is saddened by another's good, Charity rejoices in that same good. Many sins against Charity flow from jealousy - scandal, for example, defamation, pleasure in another's mishaps and chagrin at his good fortune. Often it is jealousy that causes friendships to collapse and fraternal ties to be broken. It is like a cancer that gnaws away at the harmony and peace among men. St. Thomas calls it the mother of hatred.

Charity is not arrogant or rude... Many of the temptations against Charity can be summarized as attitudes of pride towards our neighbor. We can only serve others and concern ourselves about them to the extent that we forget about ourselves. Without humility no other virtue can exist, and in particular there can be no Love. In many cases, faults against Charity have been preceded by faults involving vanity and pride, selfishness and a desire to outdo other people. The pride that prevents us from living Charity can manifest itself in many other ways... The proud person's horizon is terribly limited: it stops at himself. He can see no further than himself, his own qualities, his virtues, his talent. His is a godless horizon. Even other people have no place on this cramped stage: there is no room for them. (S. Canals, Jesus as Friend, p. 52)

Love is not ambitious; it does not insist on getting its own way. Charity does not ask anything for itself. It knows that it Loves Jesus in others, and that is sufficient for it. Not only is it not ambitious with an overriding desire for gain, but it does not even insist on its own way; it seeks Christ.

Love does not rejoice at wrong; it does not compile lists of personal grievances. It endures all things... We should not only ask God to help us find excuses for the speck that may appear in our neighbor's eye, but we should be sorry about the beam in our own eye, about the many times we have been unfaithful to our God.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things. All things without exception. There is much we can give: Faith, joy, a little word of praise, of affection... We should never expect anything in return. We should not be upset if people do not (continued on page 4)

### WEEKLY TITHING for January 23, 2022

Sunday Envelopes: 480.00 Plate: 27.00 **Total:** 507.00

Holy Spirit Novena: February 1 to February 9.

\*\*St. Patrick's Ham Dinner at the Zumbrota VFW\*\* **Sunday, March 27, 2022** 

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Church of St. Paul's Council of Catholic Women will be meeting on Tuesday, February 8. Holy Mass will start at 6:00pm, followed by the meeting. All women are invited to join us.

"Meal in a Bucket" If you ordered a meal, it will be available for pick up after Holy Mass this Sunday, January 30. Thank you!

### **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

'The devil does not bring sinners to hell with their eyes open: he first blinds them with the malice of their own sins. Before we fall into sin, the enemy labors to blind us, that we may not see the evil we do and the ruin we bring upon ourselves by offending God. After we commit sin, he seeks to make us dumb, that, through shame, we may conceal our guilt in confession." St. Alphonsus Liguori

"Strive always to confess your sins with a deep knowledge of your own wretchedness and with Clarity and Purity." St. John of the

"In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance." St. Thomas Aquinas

"The want of proper examination, true contrition, and a firm purpose of amendment, is the cause of bad Confessions, and of the ruin of souls." St. Benedict Joseph Labre

'Confession heals, Confession justifies, Confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in Confession; in Confession there is a chance for Mercy." St. Isidore of Seville

**Prayer for Priests** by St. Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep Your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the Priesthood. Let Your holy Love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

#### **HOLY MASS TIMES**

#### Tuesday, February 1, 2022

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

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

#### Thursday, February 3, 2022

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

#### Sunday, February 6, 2022

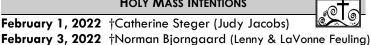
8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

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

#### **HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**February 1, 2022** †Catherine Steger (Judy Jacobs)

February 6, 2022 Parishioners



## NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 3) reciprocate.

Love does not insist on having its own way, on those things that, from a human point of view, we might think are owed to us. If we do not seek anything for ourselves we will discover that we have found Jesus.

Charity lasts eternally. Here on earth it is a foretaste and beginning of Heaven: Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away... so Faith, Hope, Love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is Love. (1 Cor. 13:8-13)

These three theological virtues are the most important virtues in the Christian life because they have God as their object and their end. Faith and Hope do not remain in Heaven: Faith there gives way to the beatific vision, Hope to the possession of God. Charity, on the other hand, remains eternally. Here on earth it is already the beginning of Heaven, and Eternal Life will consist of an uninterrupted act of Charity. (cf. St. Thomas, Summa Theologiae, I-II, 114, a4)

Make Love your aim (1 Cor. 14:1), St. Paul exhorts us. It is Christ's greatest gift and His principal commandment. It will be the mark by which men will know that we are disciples of Christ. (cf. John 13:35) It is a virtue which, for better or worse, we put to the test at every moment. At any time we can relieve necessity, say something pleasant, avoid gossip, give a word of encouragement, let somebody pass before us, intercede with God for someone in special need, give good advice, smile, help to create a more agreeable atmosphere amongst members of our family or at work, forgive someone, form a more favorable judgment, etc. We can do good or fail to do good; we can even do positive harm to others, and that not only through omission. Charity urges us constantly to show our Love by performing works of service, by prayer and also by penance.

When we grow in Charity, all our virtues are enriched and strengthened. None of them is a true virtue unless it is permeated with Charity.

## The Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas -

February 2: You are welcome to bring candles to be blessed on this day! Now, Master. You may let Your servant go in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for Your people Israel." Luke 2: 29-32



## **†ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT** Can you spend an hour with Jesus?

Adoration is held at St. Paul, Zumbrota on Tuesdays 9am -5pm and St. Michael, Pine Island on Wednesdays from 9am-5pm.



You have as much virtue as you have Love, no more. (F. de Osuna, A Spiritual Alphabet, 16, 4)

If we have frequent recourse to Our Lady, she will teach us how to Love and how to treat other people, for she is the *Teacher of Charity*. So great is Mary's Love for all mankind that she, too, fulfilled Christ's words when He affirmed: 'Greater Love has no man than this, that he should lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13). (J. Escriva, op. cit., 287) Mary our Mother also gave herself up for us." (From *In Conversation with God*, by Francis Fernandez) Through the intercession of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Love the Pure Heart of St. Joseph, St. Michael, and St. Paul, may our good Lord grant us the grace to have true Love for God grow within us each day!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel



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