

NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) woman, the dissolute Herodias, was also Herod's niece. Herod feared and revered John, knowing him to be a holy man, and he followed his advice in many matters; but he could not endure having his private life castigated. Herodias stimulated his anger by lies and artifices. His resentment at length got the better of his judgment and he had John cast into the fortress of Machaerus, near the Dead Sea. When Jesus heard of this, and knew that some of His disciples had gone to see John, He spoke thus of him: 'What went you to see? A prophet? Yea, I say to you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written: Behold I send my angel before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee. For I say to you, amongst those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist' (Matthew XI, 10-12). Herodias never ceased plotting against the life of John, who was not silenced even by prison walls. His followers now became even more turbulent. To Herodias soon came the opportunity she had long sought to put an end to the trouble-maker. On Herod's birthday he gave a feast for the chief men of that region. In Matthew XIV, Mark VI, and Luke IX, we are given parallel accounts of this infamous occasion which was to culminate in John's death. At the feast, Salome, fourteen-year-old daughter of Herodias by her lawful husband, pleased Herod and his guests so much by her dancing that Herod promised on oath to give her anything that it was in his power to give, even though it should amount to half his kingdom. Salome, acting under the direction and influence of her wicked mother, answered that she wished to have the head of John the Baptist, presented to her on a platter. Such a horrible request shocked and unnerved Herod. Still, he had given his word and was afraid to break it. So, with no legal formalities whatever, he dis-

patched a soldier to the prison with orders to behead the prisoner and return with it immediately. This was quickly done, and the cruel girl did not hesitate to accept the dish with its dreadful offering and give it to her mother. John's brief ministry was thus terminated by a monstrous crime. There was great sadness among the people who had hearkened to him, and when the disciples of Jesus heard the news of John's death, they came and took the body and laid it reverently in a tomb. Jesus, with some of his disciples, retired 'to a desert place apart,' to mourn. The Jewish historian Josephus, giving further testimony of John's holiness, writes: 'He was indeed a man endowed with all virtue, who exhorted the Jews to the practice of justice towards men and piety towards God; and also to baptism, preaching that they would become acceptable to God if they renounced their sins, and to the cleanness of their bodies added purity of soul.' Thus Jews and Christians unite in reverence and love for this prophet-saint whose life is an incomparable example of both humility and courage.' (Taken from www.ewtn.com and "Lives of Saints", Published by John J. Crawley & Co., Inc.) Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist and our patrons, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless you, your families and our parishes! In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

The St. Pio Knights of Columbus Council 16016 membership meeting is on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00pm, at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota.



August 27, 2023
Twenty-First 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 August is dedicated to devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us ask our good Lord and St. Joseph for the grace to know and understand the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to place our trust in our Blessed Mother's loving intercession!

This coming Tuesday, August 29, we commemorate the Passion of St. John the Baptist. St. John is called the 'Precursor of the Lord' because he preached repentance and conversion to the Jewish people just before Jesus began His public ministry. Here is a brief reflection on this great and heroic saint:

"We are given the story of the ministry of John the Baptist, called the Precursor or Forerunner of the Lord, with some variation of detail, in the three synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, as well as in the Book of John. Luke tells us of the birth of John the Baptist in a town of Judaea, about six months before the birth of the Savior. The attendant circumstances... of St. Elizabeth and St. Zachary, his parents, suggest the miraculous and wonderful. The New Testament tells us nothing of John's early years, but we know that his pious, virtuous parents must have reared the boy with care, conscious always of the important work to which he was appointed, and imbuing him with a sense of his destiny.

When John began final preparations for his mission, he was probably in his thirty-second year. He withdrew into the harsh, rocky desert beyond the Jordan to fast and pray, as was the ancient custom of holy men. We are told that he kept himself alive by eating locusts and wild honey and wore a rough garment of camel's hair, tied with a leathern girdle. When he came back to start preaching in the villages of Judaea, he was haggard and uncouth, but his eyes burned with zeal and his voice carried deep conviction. The Jews were accustomed to preachers and prophets who gave no thought to outward appearances, and they accepted John at once; the times were troubled, and the people yearned for reassurance and comfort. So transcendent was the power emanating from the holy man that after hearing him many believed he was indeed the long-awaited Messiah. John quickly put them right, saying he had come only to prepare the way, and that he was not worthy to unloose the Master's sandals. Although his preaching and baptizing continued for some months during the Savior's own ministry, John always made plain that he was merely the Forerunner. His humility remained incorruptible even when his fame spread to Jerusalem and members of the higher priesthood came to make inquiries and to hear him. 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand,' -this was John's oft-repeated theme. For the evils of the times his remedy was individual purification. 'Every tree,' he said, 'that is not bringing forth good fruit is to be cut down and thrown into the fire.' The reformation of each person's life must

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 8:20am, 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

be complete—the wheat must be separated from the chaff and the chaff burned 'with unquenchable fire.'

The rite of baptism, a symbolic act signifying sincere repentance as well as a desire to be spiritually cleansed in order to receive the Christ, was so strongly emphasized by John that people began to call him 'the baptizer.' The Scriptures tell us of the day when Jesus joined the group of those who wished to receive baptism at John's hands. John knew Jesus for the Messiah they had so long expected, and at first excused himself as unworthy. Then, in obedience to Jesus, he acquiesced and baptized Him. Although sinless, Jesus chose to be baptized in order to identify Himself with the human lot. And when He arose from the waters of the Jordan, where the rite was performed, 'the heavens opened and the Spirit as a dove descended. And there came a voice from the heavens, Thou art my beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased' (Mark I, 11).

John's life now rushes on towards its tragic end. In the fifteenth year of the reign of the Roman emperor, Tiberias Caesar, Herod Antipas was the provincial governor or tetrarch of a subdivision of Palestine which included Galilee and Peraea, a district lying east of the Jordan. In the course of John's preaching, he had denounced in unmeasured terms the immorality of Herod's petty court, and had even boldly upbraided Herod to his face for his defiance of old Jewish law, especially in having taken to himself the wife of his half-brother, Philip. This (continued on page 4)

The next **Holy Hour and Social for Women** will be Sunday, August 27, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on the Sacred Humanity of Jesus. All women are invited!

<p>Buy one Blizzard at regular price, get 2nd Blizzard at 99¢! 215 E. 18th St. Zumbrota 732-5910</p>	<p>ZUMBROTA MINI STORAGE Lighting—Paved 24 Hour Access 1550 Jefferson Drive, Zumbrota 507-696-4406</p>	<p>Hub Food Center 228 West Ave. Zumbrota 507-732-7329 https://www.nilssensfoods.com</p>	<p>Steve Johnson's ZUMBROTA Ford Hwy 52 & 58 in Zumbrota 507-732-5127 Home: 651-460-6706 brotaford.com</p>	<p>Foot Care Service 507-269-7827 3708 Broadway Ave N, Suite 130, Rochester, MN 55906 footcareprofessionalsllc@gmail.com Care provided by Sheila Buehler, APRN, CNP, CFCS Certified Foot Care Specialist Helping YOU live well with YOUR feet!</p>
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<p>Knollwood Apartments Located next door to the Church of St. Michael Walk to Sunday Mass! Call for more information (507)-356-8448</p>				
<p>Safe Environment: The Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis requires all volunteers who interact with minors or vulnerable adults to complete the Essential 3 (background check, Code of Conduct, and VIRTUS training) before beginning their service, and to renew every three years while serving. Please contact the Safe Environment Coordinator for details on how to register for a VIRTUS class, complete the Essential 3, or do updates.</p>	<p>Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Sara McNamara St. Michael: 507-356-4280 stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net St. Paul: 507-732-5324 stpauls@hcinet.net St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese Victim Assistance Program Hotline: (651) 291-4475</p>	<p>Church of St. Michael Cemetery For Plot Information Call the Parish Office 507-356-4280 <i>"Remember To Pray For Our Beloved Departed."</i></p>	<p>Church of St. Paul Cemetery For Plot Information Call the Parish Office 507-732-5324</p>	

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION
Faith Formation sessions will start on Wednesday, September 6, at the Church of St. Michael. Please return the registration form to the Parish office.
Topic for September: The Virtue of Gratitude

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.

Please mark your Calendars!
FALL FESTIVAL at the Church of St. Michael
Friday, October 6 - Fish Fry
Sunday, October 8 - Silent Auction, Kiddie Pedal Pull, Kids Games, Concession

Baskets/Items for the Fall Festival Silent Auction:
 Calling all parishioners! We are looking for silent auction baskets and items for our silent auction fundraiser. We are in need of baskets to be donated for the Silent Auction held during the Festival this Fall. Please make up any type of "basket" that you like or any individual items, including religious items, gift certificates, gift cards, homemade items or purchased items. Please drop off any items at the parish office. Thank you!

Healing after Contraception Retreat: September 21-29, 2023
 This free nine-day virtual retreat explores the physical, emotional, and spiritual wounds caused by contraception and sterilization and shows how to move from pain and suffering into healing, forgiveness, and openness to new life. The Healing After Contraception Retreat explores the multi-faceted problems created by the use of contraception and raises awareness of the real pain suffered by real people. Inspiring talks from medical doctors, priests, two philosophy professors, a filmmaker and his wife, a health coach, and pro-life women bring messages of healing, hope, forgiveness, conversion, and love. Learn more and register at: <https://healing-after-contraception-retreat.onemoresoul.com/> "The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3



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!*

Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture Series:

Blaise Pascal: The Most Potent Modern Apologist?

In the history of philosophy, there is perhaps no Christian apologist more effective in clearing away masks, evasions, diversions, indifference, and false optimism than Blaise Pascal. He provides a powerful challenge to the secular, skeptical, post-modern "nones" of our day. Where others offer sweet reasons to the head, he shoots sharp arrows at the heart.

Event Details:

Monday, August 28, Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM EST
 Lecture: 8:00 PM EST Instructor: Peter Kreeft, Ph.D

Registration required at: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/blaise-pascal>

WEEKLY TITHING August 19-20, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 2,395.00
Plate:	\$ 1,358.18
EFT:	\$ 3,592.00
Total:	\$ 7,345.18

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Holy Spirit Novena: September 1 to September 9

Please pray for Caitlin Kneeland and Tanner Dolan, who will be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on September 2, 2023 at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island!



Help Our Parish Grow Closer to Christ

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Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for September: cereals & oatmeal

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

Friday, September 1, 2023

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
 6:30pm Latin First Friday Holy Mass

Saturday, September 2, 2023

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions
 5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, September 3, 2023

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

August 30, 2023	Maria Maina
September 1, 2023	†Tony Haselkamp (Nancy Sowada)
September 1, 2023	Leah Monosmith
September 2, 2023	†James Clemens (Betty Clemens & family)
September 3, 2023	Parishioners
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WORDS TO LIVE BY:

"If you put all the love of the mothers into one heart it still would not equal the love of the Heart of Mary for her children." *St. Louis de Montfort*
 "The Immaculate alone has from God the promise of victory over Satan. She seeks souls that will consecrate themselves entirely to her, that will become in her hands forceful instruments for the defeat of Satan and the spread of God's Kingdom." *St. Maximilian Kolbe*
 "Tell everybody that God grants graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary" *St. Jacinta*
 "Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Feed My Starving Children: Hiawatha Valley Mobile Pack!
 You are invited to help us with packing our 1,000,000th meal on August 24 -26 at Plainview Church of Christ, 205 1st St. NE Plainview, MN. Sign up to volunteer at: TINYURL.COM/HVMP2023 Each session is two hours: Aug. 25: 3-5pm and 6-8pm; Sat. Aug. 26: 8-10am and 11am-1pm. Bring your family, friends, groups, and coworkers! They are short on workers!

WEEKLY TITHING August 20, 2023

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 640.00
Plate:	\$ 185.00
EFT:	\$ 1,300.00
Total:	\$ 2,125.00

Holy Spirit Novena: September 1 to September 9

PRO LIFE QUOTES:

The inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a *constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation*: "The inalienable rights of the person must be recognized and respected by civil society and the political authority. These human rights depend neither on single individuals nor on parents; nor do they represent a concession made by society and the state; they belong to human nature and are inherent in the person by virtue of the creative act from which the person took his origin. Among such fundamental rights one should mention in this regard every human being's right to life and physical integrity from the moment of conception until death." (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Donum vitae* (The Gift of Life) III)
 "The moment a positive law deprives a category of human beings of the protection which civil legislation ought to accord them, the state is denying the equality of all before the law. When the state does not place its power at the service of the rights of each citizen, and in particular of the more vulnerable, the very foundations of a state based on law are undermined. . . . As a consequence of the respect and protection which must be ensured for the unborn child from the moment of conception, the law must provide appropriate penal sanctions for every deliberate violation of the child's rights." (*Donum vitae* III)



40 Days for Life Campaign Kick-Off Gathering: On September 7 there will be a *Casting the Vision Kick-off Gathering* at **St. James Coffee** in Rochester at **6 pm** to find out details, invite friends and find out how to participate. Then from September 27-November 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life-40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 1212 7th Street NW, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information and/or to volunteer to help, please contact Margaret at: 40daysforliferoch@gmail.com.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVANGELIZATION PRAYER

Holy Spirit, renew your wonders in our time, as though in a new Pentecost, and grant that this Archdiocese, united in prayer around Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Peter, may spread the Kingdom of the divine Savior, a Kingdom of truth, of justice, of love, and of peace. Amen. Saint Paul, our great missionary patron, pray for us!

Weekly Rosary: You are invited to join in praying the weekly Rosary with Zumbrota Care Center residents on Mondays at 1:30 pm. We meet in the South Day Room. If you have questions, call Barb Boraas at 507-732-5877.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, August 31, 2023

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass
September 3, 2023

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

August 29, 2023	†Carl Patros (Louise Gerken)
August 31, 2023	†Frances Kronebusch (St. Paul CCW)
September 3, 2023	Parishioners

