

August 28, 2022
Twenty-Second 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 coming Monday, 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 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 Je-

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

sus 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 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 (continued on page 4)

The next Holy Hour for Women will be this Sunday, August 28, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, Pl. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on the importance of the habit of prayer. All women are invited!

The next **Holy Hour for Men** will be on Sunday, September 11, 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

Information for the Faith Formation will be sent out soon.

Classes will start in October, Wednesday evening.

HOMESCHOOL CO-OP-FALL 2022: The Church of St. Michael is offering an opportunity for children ages 3-14 to participate in a Homeschool Co-op for eight (8) Fridays beginning September 9. 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.

Holy Spirit Novena: September 1 to September 9

The St. Pio Knights of Columbus Council 16016 will meet on Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00pm, at the Church of St. Paul, Zumbrota



Invitation to pray the Chaplet of St. Michael during the month of September

The Chaplet of St. Michael is a wonderful way to honor the great Archangel, St. Michael, along with the other nine Choirs of Angels. What do we mean by Choirs? God has revealed to us the He has created various orders of Angels. Sacred Scripture distinguishes nine such groupings: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominations, Powers, Virtues, Principalities, Archangels and Angels (Isa. 6:2; Gen. 3:24; Col. 1:16; Eph. 1:21; Rom. 8:38). It is likely there are more details we do not know or understand about the Angels, but this the information that God has revealed for us to believe. The Seraphim is believed to be the highest Choir, the most intimately united to God, while the Angelic Choir is the lowest.

The history of the Chaplet of St. Michael goes back to a devout Servant of God, Antonia d'Astonac, who had a vision of St. Michael. He told Antonia to honor him by nine salutations to the nine Choirs of Angels. St. Michael promised that whoever would practice this devotion in his honor would have, when approaching Holy Communion, an escort of nine angels chosen from each of the nine Choirs. In addition, for those who would recite the Chaplet daily, he promised his continual assistance and that of all the Holy Angels during life, and after death deliverance from Purgatory for themselves and their relations. (adapted from www.ewtn.com)

During the month of September, the month of the Holy Angels, let us honor St. Michael and the Nine Choirs of Angels!

In Christ through Mary,
Fr. Kasel

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

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for September: Cereals, Oatmeals

WEEKLY TITHING August 20-21, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 5,210.00
Plate:	\$ 849.10
EFT:	\$ 2,812.50
Total:	\$ 8,871.60

Kitui Mission Collection (Aug. 13-14) - \$ 594.00

Church of St. Michael FALL FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 1-2, 2022

Friday, September 30:

Our fabulous St. Michael Fish Fry at 4:00-7:30pm

Prices: Adults \$ 11, Children 5-12 \$ 5, Family Max \$ 40

With Silent Auction, Country Store with Fall mums,

Craft & Vendor, Raffle Tickets available

Saturday, October 1: (10:00am-3:00pm)

Classic Car Show, Country Store with Fall mums, Silent Auction, Bingo, Craft & Vendor, Raffle Tickets available, & Concession

Sunday, October 2: (10:00am-3:00pm)

Antique Tractor Show, Kids' pedal tractor pull, Kids' outdoor games, Country Store with Fall mums, Silent Auction Bingo, Craft & Vendor, Raffle, & Concession

Baskets/Items for the Fall Festival Silent Auction:

Calling all parishioners! We are in need of items 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!

Arts and Crafts vendors on Friday evening through Sunday (If you are interested in a site for crafts you make, it is only \$25 for the weekend—contact the parish office at stmichaeloffice@bevcomm.net.)

Classic Car Show will be on Saturday from 10am-3pm. No charge to attend—just come and enjoy! Bring your lawn chair.

Antique Tractor Show will start on Sunday at 10am. Check out the display of local antique tractors.

The **Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull** will be on Sunday approximately 1pm and **Kids Game** will begin at 11:45am!

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

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

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

Friday, September 2, 2022

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

6:30pm (Latin) First Friday Holy Mass

Saturday, September 3, 2022

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, September 4, 2022

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

August 31, 2022 †Henry & Dorothy Easter (Pam Beaulieu)

September 2, 2022 †Dale Ferber (Paul & Mary Sutton)

September 2, 2022 †John Tazell

September 3, 2022 Ben Keller

September 4, 2022 †Eugene Peters (family & friends)

September 4, 2022 Parishioners



CHURCH OF ST. PAUL FAITH FORMATION

Information for the Faith Formation will be sent out soon.
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Church of St. Michael, Pine Island.

Study of the Sacrament of Confession:

Please join us in a wonderful study of the Sacrament of Confession. We will gather after 8:45 Sunday Mass at St. Paul in Zumbrota. Please place these dates in your calendar: 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/9, 10/16, and 10/23. We will be using Formed and the study program titled: FORGIVEN. A study guide will be available for purchase for \$6.00.

If you have not created an account in FORMED, please do so. Follow these steps:

Using a browser:

Go to Formed.org

Click Signup

Use either zip code for Pine Island or Zumbrota 55963 or 55992

Provide your name and email address here is also an app for that; on both the Android and Iphone platforms.

From a homily on the first letter to the Corinthians by St. John Chrysostom, bishop

“It was clear through unlearned men that the Cross was persuasive, in fact, it persuaded the whole world. Their discourse was not of unimportant matters but of God and true Religion, of the Gospel way of life and future judgment, yet it turned plain, uneducated men into philosophers. How the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and His weakness stronger than men!

In what way is it stronger? It made its way throughout the world and overcame all men; countless men sought to eradicate the very Name of the Crucified, but that Name flourished and grew ever mightier. Its enemies lost out and perished; the living who waged a war on a dead man proved helpless. Therefore, when a Greek tells me I am dead, he shows only that he is foolish indeed, for I, whom he thinks a fool, turn out to be wiser than those reputed wise. So too, in calling me weak, he but shows that he is weaker still. For the good deeds which tax-collectors and fishermen were able to accomplish by God’s grace, the philosophers, the rulers, the countless multitudes cannot even imagine.

Paul had this in mind when he said: *The weakness of God is stronger than men.* That the preaching of these men was indeed Divine is brought home to us in the same way. For how otherwise could twelve uneducated men, who lived on lakes and rivers and wastelands, get the idea for such an immense enterprise? How could men who perhaps had never been in a city or a public square think of setting out to do battle with the whole world? That they were fearful, timid men, the evangelist makes clear; he did not reject the fact or try to hide their weaknesses. Indeed he turned these into a proof of the Truth. What did he say of them? That when Christ was arrested, the others fled, despite all the miracles they had seen, while he who was leader of the others denied Him!

How then account for the fact that these men, who in Christ’s lifetime did not stand up to the attacks by the Jews, set forth to do battle with the whole world once Christ was dead - if, as you claim, Christ did not rise and speak to them and rouse their courage? Did they perhaps say to themselves: “What is this? He could not save Himself but He will protect us? He did not help Himself when He was alive, but now that He is dead He will extend a helping hand to us? In His lifetime He brought no nation under His banner, but by uttering His Name we will win over the whole world?” Would it not be wholly irrational even to think such thoughts, much less to act upon them? It is evident, then, that if they had not seen Him risen and had proof of His power, they would not have risked so much.”

WEEKLY TITHING August 21, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 420.00
Plate:	\$ 103.00
EFT:	\$ 1,750.00
Total:	\$ 2,273.00

Holy Spirit Novena: September 1 to September 9

PRO LIFE QUOTE

“Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!” Saint Pope John Paul II

“The promotion of 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.” Blessed Pope John Paul II

“The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion because it is war against the child.” St. Teresa of Calcutta

“Some people argue that changing laws will not eliminate abortions. It is certainly true that a change of heart is more important than a change of law. What is forgotten, however, is that the law is the great teacher. Children grow up believing that if a practice is legal, it must be moral.” John Cardinal O’Connor

“Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.” -Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270

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†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.

Fall Festival at St. Mary of the Lake, Lake City on Sunday, **September 11**, from 11:00am—2:00pm. Highlights are a Chicken Dinner, farmer’s market, homemade pie, bake sale, silent auction, raffles, and kid’s games. Dinner -Adults: \$12(1/4chicken) & \$14 (1/2chicken) and children 10 & under \$7.

Turkey Dinner: St. John Baptist de la Salle Church is having their Turkey Dinner on Sunday, **September 18**, from 11:00am-1:00pm. Highlights are Turkey Dinner, bake sale, country store, and bingo. Adults: \$12, children 6-10: \$5, 4 & Preschool: Free.

HOLY MASS TIMES

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

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

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

Thursday, September 1, 2022

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

Sunday, September 4, 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

August 30, 2022 Byron & Barb Boraas (Lynn Kemmetmueller)

September 1, 2022 †Theresa Van Zuilen (T & J Meyer)

September 4, 2022 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) 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 (the Gospels) Matthew 14, Mark 6, and Luke 9, 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 dispatched 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

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!*

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