February 3, 2019 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,

This Sunday is February 3. This is also the day we remember St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. Fr. McCabe and I will offer the blessing of throats at the Holy Masses. Here is an article by **Zoe Romanowsky** that offers more information on this beautiful tradition of our Faith: "Years ago a priest told me that when he was a young boy, his brother began choking on a bone. Panicked, his mother called aloud for the help of St. Blaise, and immediately the bone cleared and everything was fine. Whether the boy was truly in grave danger or not, I don't know, but the story is similar to one of the most famous legends about St. Blaise: supposedly, while he was in prison for refusing to renounce his Faith, he miraculously cured a little boy who was choking to death on a fish bone.

Very little is actually known about this early Christian martyr, however. The first reference we have of him is in the medical journals of a court physician named Aëtius Amidenus, from the end of the fifth or beginning of the sixth century, where St. Blaise is mentioned as being called upon for treating objects stuck in the throat.

We also know that Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and suffered martyrdom under Licinius about AD 316. But as far as details about his life, we must rely on various traditions. Supposedly, this early Christian martyr was born to noble and wealthy parents who provided him with a Christian education. He became a physician and was elected and consecrated a bishop at a young age. During the persecution of Licinius, a former ally of Constantine who began persecuting the Church, Blaise experienced a call to live as a hermit in a cave outside of town, where he was known to heal sick and wounded wild animals. Eventually he was discovered by hunters who were roaming the countryside capturing creatures to use in the amphitheater games. Blaise was taken to Agricolaus, the governor of Cappadocia and Lesser Armenia, and thrown into jail.

One legend has it that on his way to prison, Blaise commanded a wolf to release a pig belonging to a woman who begged for the holy bishop's help. She later brought candles to his cell so he would have light to read the Scriptures. While Agricolaus was reportedly impressed with Blaise's miracles, it didn't stop him from insisting that the bishop renounce his Faith and when he wouldn't, the governor had him beaten, tortured with an iron comb (a tool used for combing wool), and beheaded.

As the manuscripts from Aëtius Amidenus show, by the sixth century St. Blaise's intercession was being invoked in the east for illnesses related to the throat. By the ninth century, the saint was also revered in Europe and went on to become one of the most popular saints in the Middle Ages, venerated as one of the "Fourteen Holy Helpers" (which also included saints such as St. Christopher, St. Erasmus, St. Denis of Paris, St. Barbara, St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Giles.)

Churches were named for St. Blaise and altars were dedicated to

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 4:15pm 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 hoped-for wedding date.

Eucharist - Either Fr. Kasel or our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are happy to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are homebound. Please contact either parish office.

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 8:25am, Mass at 8:45am

Church of Saint Michael - Saturday Confessions at 4:15pm, Rosary at 4:35pm, Mass at 5:00pm

Church of Saint Michael - Sunday Mass at 7:00am and 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

Zumbrota Care Center - 2nd Thursday of the month, Mass at 9:15am
Pine Haven Care Center - 1st Wednesday of the month, Mass at 11am

him. Pope Leo IV is said to have presented relics of St. Blaise to Duke Wolfenus of Rheinau, Germany in 855, who brought them home from Rome with him. Other relics of St. Blaise are reported to be in Braunschvieg, Germany, as well as in Paris.

In 971, in present day Dubrovnik, St. Blaise reportedly appeared to the city's inhabitants to warn them of an impending attack by the Venetians. Ever since, Dubrovnik has honored him as its patron. A statue of the saint stands over the entrance gate to the city and the cathedral there has an array of Blaise's relics.

In time, the custom of blessing the throats of the faithful developed, with priests holding two tapered candles — blessed the day before on Candlemas, February 2 — over the head or the throat while invoking the intercession of St. Blaise against any ailment of the throat and body.

It's an ancient custom of the Church to bless the sick, rooted in the ministry of Christ and his apostles. According to the <u>Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum</u>, the annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. The blessing is ordinarily given during Holy Mass or a celebration of the Word of God on February 3, the memorial of St. Blaise, following Candlemas, the feast of the (cont. on pg. 4)

Holy Hour & Social for Men: Our next Holy Hour and Social for Men will be on Sunday, February 10 at 7:00pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pl. The topic will be 'Spiritual Combat for Men: What to know and what to do.' All men are invited!

St. Pio Knights of Columbus Fundraisers:

Sunday, February 10 at St. Paul, Zumbrota

Saturday & Sunday, February 16/17 at St. Michael, Pine Island The fundraiser will benefit the charitable works of the St. Pio KC Council. Thank you, ahead of time, for your support!

Please see pages 2 &3 for more details.

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

The Next Class/Session: Wednesday, February 13, 2019
February Topic: The Clean Sweep:
"The Sacrament of Reconciliation"

Below is the schedule: 6:00-6:30pm-Meal

6:35-7:30pm-Children Class/Parent & Adult Session 7:35-7:45pm-All students, parents, & teachers meet in the Church for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction!

If your family has a conflict with any Wednesday sessions, you may attend either Parish. Please contact either Parish for any questions.

Our program is open for all of our parishioners to attend and it will benefit all ages! There will be separate presentations for adults & youth. If you are interested in attending our adult presentation and do not have children for the program, please RSVP by email or through sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church, if you would like to come to the meal.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Church of St. Michael Men's Club
Fish Fries begin Friday, March 8, 2019
Serving from 4:30pm-7:00pm
and each Friday of Lent in Community Room!



St. Pio Knights of Columbus Chili and Pie Fundraiser at St. Michael: The Knights will host a Chili and Pie fundraiser after Holy Masses Saturday and Sunday, February 16/17. The fundraiser will benefit the charitable works of the St. Pio KC Council. Thank you, ahead of time, for your support!

Words to Live by:

"Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater developments and greater riches and so on, so that children have very little time for their parents. Parents have very little time for each other, and in the home begins the disruption of peace of the world." St. Mother Teresa

"Good works are links that form a chain of love." St. Mother Teresa

"What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ, and that we love Him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And without the love of Jesus, everything else is useless." St. John Paul II, Prayer at the Church of St. Peter, Philadelphia, October 3, 1979

"Mercy is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery, and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather 'restored to value.' St. John Paul II, Encyclical: On the Mercy of God, November 30, 1980

Catholics at the Capitol 2019-Coming Together for Life & Dignity
Join Minnesota's bishops and thousands of Catholics from across Minnesota on Tuesday, February 19th for a day of prayer, inspiration, education, and advocacy at the St. Paul RiverCentre and State Capitol.
You'll hear from incredible witnesses to the faith including actor Jim Caviezel, Archbishop Charles Chaput, music missionary Danielle
Rose, and emcee Gloria Purvis of EWTN and Black Catholics United for Life. Space is limited so get your tickets today at www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org!

Pine Island Food Shelf: Sunday, February 3 will be another "special item Sunday" – **Shampoo and Toothpaste Sunday**. The items requested for February: Shampoo and Toothpaste.

WEEKLY TITHING for January 26-27, 2019

Envelopes: \$ 1,065.00 Plate: \$ 862.25 EFT: \$ 7.50 Total: \$ 1,934.75

Sunday, February 3rd Championship Game Party

All are invited to watch the Football Championship Game at St. Michael, PI on February 3 starting at 5:00pm. Beverages will be provided. Please bring dish to pass.

Birthday event at Pine Haven:

The St. Gianna Molla Guild is sponsoring the February birthdays event at Pine Haven, scheduled for Monday, February 11th at 2pm. Please come for an hour to play bingo, talk to the residents, serve cake and ice cream and listen to some of our younger parishioners entertain the residents. In addition to volunteers at the event, we are seeking volunteers to donate two angel food cakes and one gallon of ice cream. Please contact the parish office or Carol Nelson to volunteer or donate. Thank you!

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass 9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11:00am Nursing Home Holy Mass

Friday, February 8, 2019

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

Saturday, February 9, 2019

4:15pm Confession / 4:35pm Rosary

5:00pm Holy Mass

Lector: Janet Bauch
EM: Jon Lenn

Server: Braxton Osterhaus
Usher: Aarron Osterhaus
Sunday, February 10, 2019

7:00am Extraordinary Form Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass **Lector:** Brian Brost

EM: Monica Koelsch, Chris Kneeland **Servers:** John Bauer, Nick Bauer, Joseph Pass

Usher: Ted Bauer, Scott Pass

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 3, 2019

5:00pm Football Championship Game Party at St. Michael Wednesday, February 6, 2019 Faith Formation Session at St. Paul Sunday, February 10, 2019

7:00pm Men's Holy Hour at St. Michael

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

6:00pm Faith Formation Session at St. Michael

Saturday- Sunday, February 16-17, 2019 (after Holy Masses) St Pio Knight of Columbus Chili and Pie Fundraiser at St. Michael Sunday-Friday, July 7-12, 2019 Youth Mission Trip to Chicago, IL

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



February 6, 2019 †Fritz Kramer

February 6, 2019 †Shane Flann (Bob & Pat McCutcheon)

February 8, 2019 †Jeanette Morgan

February 9, 2019 De Stazio Family, liv. & dec.

February 10, 2019 (EF)†Harry & Loella Munson (Nelson Family)

February 10, 2019 Parishioners

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St. Pio Knights of Columbus Breakfast Fundraiser at St. Paul The Knights will host a fundraiser breakfast Sunday, February 10 after Holy Mass. The fundraiser will benefit the charitable works of the St. Pio KC Council. Thank you, ahead of time, for your support!

Fellowship Sunday! CCW Margaret Circle is hosting Fellowship Sunday downstairs on February 3rd after the Holy Mass at the Church of St. Paul. All are invited!

Pro Life Quote: "God, our Father, you always bear the cry of the poor. How many times have Christians themselves not recognized you in the hungry, the thirsty and the naked, in the persecuted, the imprisoned, and in those incapable of defending themselves, especially in the first stages of life. For all those who have committed acts of injustice by trusting in wealth and power and showing contempt for the 'little ones' who are so dear to you, we ask your forgiveness: have mercy on us and accept our repentance. We ask this through Christ our Lord."

—St. John Paul II, March 12, 2000

Featured CD from our Lighthouse Media Display: God's Plan for Love: Humanae Vitae, Sex, and Authentic Freedom ARCHBISHOP SAMUEL J. AQUILA

In anticipation of the 50th anniversary of the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, Archbishop Aquila explains how Blessed Pope Paul VI's teaching still serves as a great light amidst a world that is deeply confused about sexual intimacy. He provides valuable insights about how God imbued our sexuality with truths that are reflective of his own divine love. He challenges Catholics to share the liberating truth of God's plan for sex within marriage and witness this reality as the way of lasting happiness.

All are invited to the **27th World Day of the Sick Mass** at 10AM, celebrated by Bishop Andrew Cozzens at St. Josephs Catholic Church in West St. Paul, on Sat. Feb. 9, 2019! This annual Mass reminds us all to pray for the sick and to honor those who work in health care, including caregivers. Special blessings with water from Lourdes from Order of Malta will be available! Following Mass there will be a reception and a talk by Hennepin County Medical Center Chaplain and Curatio's chaplain, Fr. Marcus Milless. Everyone is welcome, but we especially welcome those who are ill, caregivers, health care workers. Questions? Email curatioevent@gmail.com or call 651-373-5369. Even if you are not able to join us in person, we will keep you and your family in our prayers on this special day. *Co-sponsored by Curatio, Order of Malta and endorsed by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis*.

Family Expo: The Zumbrota-Mazeppa Early Childhood Family Education Program is hosting its 17th Annual Family Expo on Saturday, February 2 from 9-11am, in the Zumbrota-Mazeppa HS Gymnasium. This free event is for families with children birth to 5 years old, and will include craft activities for children, balloon and face painting artists, children's music, as well as family service booths that families can visit for a variety of resources. Prize drawings will be held throughout the event for children and adults.

WEEKLY TITHING for January 27, 2019

Envelopes: \$ 1,470.00 Plate: \$ 98.50 **Total:** \$ 1,568.50

SAVE THE DATE: March 17th MARK YOUR CALENDARS

St. Patrick's Ham Dinner

Sunday, March 17, 2019 at Zumbrota VFW 10:30am to 1:00pm



St. Paul CCW will be meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 5:45pm. Holy Mass will be at 6:00pm, followed by treats. All women are invited to join us.

The following is a message received from Karen Hodgman:

"I am going on a 10-day Holy pilgrimage in the "footsteps of St. Paul" and will be following St. Paul's 2nd journey through Greece and Turkey mid Feb. I would be willing to carry any prayers of the parishes with me and will be offering up your private intentions. Anyone interested may either email me or leave an envelope at Church of St. Paul office. If you could please get them to me prior to Feb.16. God bless you all. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1501/journal.com/doi/10.1501/journ

Mystery: Beloved is a Women's Gospel Study exploring the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. A group will meet in the basement of Holy Trinity, in Goodhue, Wednesdays from 1:30-2:00pm and ending in the church with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Sessions begin on 1/30 and end 2/27 (5 sessions). Mary's 'YES' to God's plan for her life changed the world. See what happens when you offer your own humble 'yes' to God's call! Contact Carrie O'Reilly with any questions 651-764-9684.

HOLY MASS TIMES AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

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

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

Thursday, February 7, 2019

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

Sunday, February 10, 2019

8:25am Confessions/Rosary

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

Lector: Tom Steger

EM: Lenny Feuling, Karen Hodgman, Loretta Froyum,

Rose Perra, Anne Varner

Altar Servers: Gunner Mancilman, Joel Matuska Ushers: Pete Bromelkamp, Duane Hinrichs Nursing Home Minister: Marie Robinson

UPCOMING CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 3, 2019

Fellowship after Holy Mass hosted by Margaret Circle Wednesday, February 6, 2019 Faith Formation Session at St. Paul Sunday, February 10, 2019 St. Pio KOC Breakfast Fundraiser Sunday, February 10, 2019 7pm Men's Holy Hour at St. Michael Tuesday, February 12, 2019

5:45pm CCW Meeting, 6:00pm Holy Mass at St. Paul Sunday-Friday, July 7-12, 2019 Youth Mission Trip to Chicago, IL

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

February 5, 2019 †Ray Huntley February 7, 2019 Tembreull Family February 10, 2019 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from pg. 1) Presentation of the Lord.

While ailments of the throat are the main thing for which St. Blaise is invoked in the West, he is also considered a protector against wild animals, a protector of cities and a patron of veterinarians, woolcombers and the wool industry. His feast in the Eastern Church is celebrated on February 11." (from https://aleteia.org)

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph, our patrons, St. Michael and St. Paul, and St. Blaise, may God bless you, your families and our parishes!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

The 2019 Catholic Services Appeal is about to kick-off!

The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation is an independent non-profit focused solely on supporting 20 designated outreach ministries and nothing else. Partnering with these ministries, you help those in need: the hungry, the orphan,



the sick, suffering, dying and grieving. You assist in ministering to the imprisoned, evangelizing Catholic youth and college students, and strengthening families. You enable the sacraments to be provided to Catholics young and old alike, throughout the 12-county area and beyond. Two newly added ministry partners this year include Abria Pregnancy Resources and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Twin Cities. We invite you to learn more about each of the vital ministries supported by the Foundation, and to join us in transforming lives through the Gospel! Visit www.csafspm.org today.

Save the date for a Celebration of Life!!

Wednesday evening, February 20, at the Church of Holy Trinity in Goodhue. Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to attend an event affirming God's wonderful gift of life! The evening will include a pro-life talk, refreshments, a drawing for a birthday cake, and seeing the star of the show—an unborn child via live ultrasound! More details will be in a later bulletin.

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Fr. Kasel

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