

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 10th, 2019
 Bow low before the Lord who made us!

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FR. KENNETH POPP – PASTOR
 Fr. Popp's office hours are Wed. from 1-3 p.m.
MICHAEL PEKAR – PASTORAL ASSOCIATE
 Michael's office hours are Thurs. Buckman 2-4p.m.

<http://www.stmichaelsbuckman.org>

Confessions: Buckman – Thursday – 7:30 a.m., Pierz – Saturday – 3:30 p.m. or by appt.
Adoration at the Pierz Villa on Thursdays from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$2583.00
High School	\$ 9.00
Elementary	\$ 20.00
Plate	\$ 149.50
	\$2761.50

Thank you for your generosity!
Jan. 27th Mass attendance – Sunday 10a.m - 275

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$7654.66
High School	\$ 11.00
Elementary	\$ 20.75
Plate	\$ 278.75
	\$7965.16

Thank you for your generosity!
Jan. 27th Mass attendance – Sat. 4:30p.m. - 224
 Sun. 8:00a.m. - 224

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 11 – 17

Monday	Feb. 11
Villa	9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	Feb. 12
Pierz	8:00 a.m. +Urban Stangl
Villa	9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Feb. 13
Buckman	8:00 a.m. +Wilma Kippley
Villa	9:30 a.m. +Leo Perleberg
Thursday	Feb. 14
Buckman	8:00 a.m. +Marvin & Deloras Blaszk
Villa	9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
Friday	Feb. 15
Pierz	8:30 a.m. +Dorothy Thielen (Holy Trinity School Mass)
Buckman	8:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
Villa	9:30 a.m. +Betty Bayerl
Saturday	Feb. 16
Pierz	4:30 p.m. +Wendy & Lorraine Voigt (Adult Choir)
Sunday	Feb. 17
Pierz	8:00 a.m. +Millie Gruber (Folk Group)
Buckman	10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes

****HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS****

Feb. 4-Shayne Pohlkamp, Feb. 5-Russ & Cindy Marshik, Feb. 6-Brent & Chris Scholl, Feb. 7-Evelyn Nouis, Feb. 8-Jessica Leeb, Feb. 9-Clarice Marshik (\$35 winners) Feb. 10-Tony & Marlys Kummert (\$75 Winner).

From the Pastoral Associate: Sin separates us from God. We tend to hide behind sin to stay as we are and away from the challenge of the holy unknown. To us, sin is a huge barrier. To God, sin is puny. In today's first reading, Isaiah, aware that if he is in the presence of God while in a state of sin, he is a dead man, cries out in fear. In the image of cleansing of his day, the Angel purges the sin out of Isaiah instantly and effortlessly. Notice he does not say "ouch". (This is a great passage to show if God wants a still imperfect person who loves Him to be in His presence, He can purge sin and its affects out of the person, the essence of Purgatory.) In today's Gospel, Simon wanted to hide behind his sin, because he was aware of his sinfulness, but also probably because if he can get Jesus to go away, he can remain the same and at the moment that is what he thinks he wants. But Jesus brushes his cry of sinfulness aside without even uttering a word. Remember this is a God who takes an ex-murder, Moses, to be His instrument to save and lead His people. He takes an accomplice to murder, Paul, to be His voice to the Gentiles. "God I am a sinner you can't use me." That is a line that Satan uses on us to trap us. That is a line that when spoken to God is humorous because the Spirit of God is the source of all love, knowledge, courage, faith, truth and holiness. Simon, to his credit, takes Jesus up on the invitation to go out into the unknown, with only Jesus to hold on to. This is the task of every follower of Jesus Christ. And every follower of Jesus has the resource of the Holy Spirit to call upon. May all of us fish well for Jesus this week. ~~~ Michael Pekar

****Parish office** will be *closed* and Father Popp will have no office hours all day on Wednesday, February 13th. Thank You!

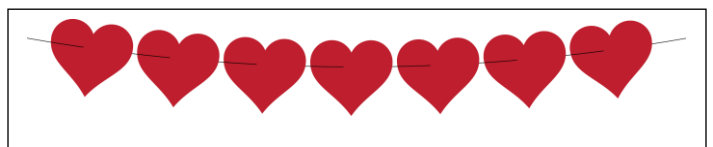
The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will conduct a spring Lenten Retreat, "Dignity of Women", Saturday, March 16th at Seven Dolors Catholic Church, Albany starting at 8:30 with Rosary and Mass. Registration (\$15.00) is due by March 1st and should be mailed to Linda Borgerding, 33504 Shorewood Drive, Avon, MN 56310.

Catholic Men's Conference: Sat. Feb. 23rd, at Sacred Heart Parish-Sauk Rapids. Guest speaker is Deacon Ralph Poyo. For more information, call 320-252-4721 or you can visit our website at www.stcdio.org/mensconference19.

AREA EVENTS:

- ***St. Joseph's Coffee & Donuts** after the 8am Mass this weekend Sun. Feb. 10th.
- ***Quilt or Cash Bingo, St. Rita's Parish-Hillman:** Sun, Feb. 24 at 1:30p.m. Door prizes! Free lunch after the games. Handicapped accessible.

St. Joseph's & St. Michael's Liturgy Meeting: Wed. February 13th at 7p.m. in the Parish Office Meeting Room.



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***SUNDAY – Feb. 10th @ 10:00 a.m.:**

Lector: Janice Janson

Communion Minister: Kay Pappenfus, Donna Solinger, Todd Caddy, Connie Kieffer, Megan Hoheisel, Debbie Hall

Servers: Taylor Brisk & Wyatt Dingmann

February Ushers: John Grittner, Sam Seelen, & Jerry Posch

THANK YOU to group 5 and all the extra help for Alvin Janorschke funeral lunch. Great Job!

AT PEACE WITH GOD: Alvin P. Janorschke Sr. passed away on January 24th Mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, January 28th with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

SM'S PRAYER LINE: Those needing prayers can call Mary Malinowski at 468-6148 or Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781. Those willing to pray for people can call Mary Brenny.

CM/W: The next meeting for the Christian M/W will be April 25th @ 6:30 p.m. because of Holy Week.

FPSR:

*GIRLS NIGHT/GUYS NIGHT on Wed, Feb 13th from 6pm-8pm @ FPSR. Girls meet in the basement and guys meet in the gym. Dinner will be provided!

*Women's Silent Lenten Retreat Mar 5th-7th or Mar 19th-21st

*Men's Silent Lenten Retreat March 8th-10th theme is "Be Patient in Affliction" @ Christ the King Retreat center in Buffalo, MN www.kingshouse.com

*Koinonia Retreat in Little Falls on March 22nd-24th for more information email cmkoinonia@gmail.com

*TEC Retreat February 16th-18th in Little Falls for more information check out www.cmtec.org

Pierz Pizzazz Dance Team will be hosting it's 4th annual soup cook-off and silent auction fundraiser on Saturday, March 9. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and can be purchased from any Pizzazz Dancer. There will be games, music, split the pot, and much more! To enter a soup or donate an auction item, contact Jackie @ 320-232-0539. Thank you so much!!

Valentine's Day Sweethearts Dinner & Musical Comedy

Show Thursday, February 14, at Falls Ballroom. 5pm - Cash Bar, Dinner at 6pm - Mango Chutney Chicken & Show at 7:30pm - Laverne & Lucy Comedy. Sponsored by Little Falls Catholic Community To provide an evening of fun and fellowship! Tickets \$25 person Tickets available until February 10 at: Pine Country Bank Little Falls and Royalton Holy Family, Our Lady of Lourdes St. Mary's Church Offices and Scrip tables Mary of Lourdes School Offices For more information contact: DianeorDeacon Craig 320-360-2622 or 320-468-2248

Safe Haven Sunday-March 2/3 is a weekend set aside by dioceses and parishes to directly address the harms of pornography in an appropriate way. Within the context of the Mass, dioceses and parishes are able to provide teaching and resources that will support and protect individuals, marriages and families in making all homes a safe haven.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

***SAT. Feb. 9th @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. 10th @ 8:00 a.m.:**

Servers: Sat.- Kayla Virnig & Reagan Winscher

Sun.- Tyler & Ellie Fischer

Weekday Lector: – Harvey Kimman

CM/W: If more than the \$5 dues is put in the pink CM/W offertory envelope, the rest will go as a donation to the CM/W unless otherwise noted in the envelope. Contact Rachel Young at 320-630-3630 or Becky Przybilla at 612-327-8183 if questions.

THANK YOU to everyone who has turned in their census forms.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S LENTEN GOSPEL

REFLECTIONS: Mary Kay Pekar recently ordered copies for the small group that meets on Mondays in Pierz. It includes the Gospel reading for each day along with a reflection from Bishop Barron and a reflection question to connect the Gospel message to our lives today. She has additional copies with a cost of \$3.00 to anyone who is interested in "going deeper" with the help of this resource during Lent. She can be reached @ 468-2316 or via email @ 02mmpekar5@gmail.com.

SJ'S PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers, please call Karen at 468-6818. Thank you!

****St Joseph's Quilt Circle** will be quilting Monday Feb. 18th starting at 9am. Anyone interested in learning is welcome to join us. Like last year it will be come when you can stay as long as you wish. **Bring your own lunch.****

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*Holy Trinity PTO is sponsoring a book bingo on Sun, February 10th @ 1:00pm in the school gym. All are welcome to attend.

*Toddler class will be Wed, Feb 13th at 6pm at Holy Trinity preschool room. Toddlers ages 2-4 are invited to attend with an adult.

*Meat raffle @ Patrick's will benefit Holy Trinity on Friday, February 15th @ 6:30pm.

*Camp Foley fundraiser breakfast on Sunday, February 17th from 8:30-12:00 at the Buckman parish center.

*The school carnival will be Sunday, March 10th. Mark your calendars. Raffle tickets are for sale. Donations are being taken for silent auction items, bingo, toy walk, shake-rattle-roll, and country store. Items can be left at door #1 entrance into school.

*Holy Trinity has an opening for a Foster Grandparent. Qualifications: Age 55 years or older, commit 8 hours per week during the school year. For questions, please contact Jon Knopik at jknopik@ccstcloud.org or call Toll-free at 1-866-895-7992.

*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year round.

QUOTE: "Every year on February 14th, people honor their love for one another by spending time together, sending flowers and sharing Valentine's messages. The ritual of expressing love and affection goes far beyond the courtly love of Chaucer's time. He may have been the first person to link the Catholic Saint Valentine with romance, but today Valentine's Day is a time to show appreciation for family and friends as well."



SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE: Do you have 1 hour a week to spend in prayer? Please consider joining the Seven Sisters Apostolate. We have an active group at St. Josephs/St Michaels praying for Fr. Popp and the diocese is starting a group of 21 women to pray specifically for Bishop Kettler. You would commit for a 1 yr term, praying for 1 hr any day of the week you choose. Call Pam Evans @ 320-492-0289.

ARE YOU GOING TO THE HOSPITAL IN ST. CLOUD?

If you would like a visit from Father Popp or Michael Pekar, please call the office at 468-6033 and leave us a message of when you are going to be admitted. Thank you!

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. Please contact your location EAP Service Provider to apply. For help finding your local EAP provider, call 1-800-657-3710. Applications must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2019 to be processed for benefits for the 2018-2019 program year. You can find more information online at the Minnesota Department of Commerce website at: <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/>.

Upcoming Faith in Action Events:

Caregiver Support Group: Join us on the 3rd Wed. of every month at 2pm, First United Church in Little Falls, Fireside Room. For more info., call Angie Athman at 468-6451.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Habitat for Humanity of Morrison County is accepting application for Habitat homeownership program. Completed applications must be returned to our office no later than March 14th by 4:00 p.m. You must have currently lived in Morrison County for at least 1 year, below income, have a housing need and be willing to partner with Habitat. Call the Habitat office for more info. or an application @ 320-616-2084. Thank You!

HEARING ASSISTANCE: If you are having difficulty hearing and understanding the spoken word during Mass, ask an usher for help connecting to our loop system. This is compatible with most modern hearing aids, simply set your hearing aid to "T coil". Don't have hearing aids? We have handheld units you may use. Hear what you've been missing!