

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

September 1st, 2019

“O Lord, you are good and forgiving!”

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup - Saturdays at 8p.m. and Sundays at 10:45a.m. **Holy Cross Church of Harding** -Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 2nd – SEPT. 8th

Monday Sept. 2

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Tuesday Sept. 3

Pierz 8:00 a.m. Reconciliation of Our Nation Back to God

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Wednesday Sept. 4

Buckman 8:00 a.m. Word/Communion (NO MASS)

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Marcia M. Athman

Pierz 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Mass

Thursday Sept. 5

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Ervin M. Girtz

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Friday Sept. 6

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Arthur Leikvoll

Buckman 8:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Therese Thommes

Saturday Sept. 7

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Jim & Mary Austin (Adult Choir)

Sunday Sept. 8

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Rod Przybilla (Folk Group)

Buckman 10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes & +Karla Scheel

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 3748.00

High School \$ 2.00

Elementary \$ 7.00

Plate \$ 48.00

\$ 3805.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Aug. 25th Sun.** - 275

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 3895.00

High School \$ 8.00

Elementary \$ 20.75

Plate \$ 516.75

\$ 4440.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Aug. 24th Sat.**- 182,

Aug. 25th Sun.- 300

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Aug. 26 – Robyn Eischens, **Aug. 27** – Aric & Lisa

Sorenson, **Aug. 28**- Becky Weiss, **Aug. 29** – Kevin

& Amanda Marshik, **Aug. 30** – Brenda Weber,

Aug. 31 – Robert L. Young (\$35 Winners).

Sept. 1 – Joyce Loscheider (75 Winner).

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.

From the Pastoral Associate: I must admit that it is not often that I obey Jesus. Yes, you read that right and I am not proud of that reality. I admit that it is not often that I obey Jesus in our Gospel today and only invite poor people over to dinner, who I know will never invite me back because they have no means, they are poor or nearly poor. We have done what Jesus asks us to do a couple times and when we have, I believe that our family was blessed. You see, Jesus is really serious about this stuff. He was and is serious about his followers helping the poor, (which the Church did from the “get go” as we read in Acts and Paul’s letters). Jesus is serious about us being humble, seeking the lowest position and yet how much effort do we spend showing how smart, successful, and victorious we are? We often choose not to hear the voice of Jesus, because it would mean such a radical change of life from what we perceive is the norm. Well, are we followers of Jesus or not? Jesus does not come into our lives to have us be “normal” like everyone else. Jesus, when He is Lord of our lives, comes that we will have life in the full, which is not often how we would imagine it. This is something for us to pray about and act upon. Unless of course, we don’t really care about Jesus. ~~~ Michael Pekar

The Sunday Night Adult Education Group will have its first meeting on Sunday night, September 15, at 7PM in the Pierz parish office meeting room. The video/discussion program will be “Genesis to Jesus”, a journey through Scripture. For more information, call Al Pekarek at 468-0220.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study, will begin again on Tuesday, September 17th at 3 pm in the parish office. We welcome back those who have studied with us before and especially welcome anyone new that would like to join us. We will begin the year with Bishop Barron’s “Pivotal Players: St. Augustine and St. Benedict” followed by a study of the book of Romans. If you have any questions please call Hilde Flicker, 468-2649 or Jan Kummet, 468-6684.



WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!
To a new school year! We are wishing you a blessed and successful 2019/20 year! From the Staff and Parish of St. Michael’s & St. Joseph’s

OFFICE CLOSED: Due to the holiday/Labor Day, this coming Monday, Sept. 2nd The office will be closed. We will be back in the office on Wed., Sept. 3rd.

Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary: we will pray the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary at the Pierz Villa Chapel at 4pm on Sunday September 8th, we will pray for our Country. Questions call Patty 468-2487.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***SUN., Sept. 8th @ 8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Jane Funk

Communion Ministers: Nathan Gruber, Bob Lochner, Todd Caddy, Carolyn Andres, Kay Pappenfus, & Cindy Scholl

Servers: Brittney Gruber & Emily Leidenfrost

September Ushers: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

Buckman C M/W NEWS:

****Congratulations*** to these members on 60 years - Neddie Leidenfrost, Rosemary Mischke, Marlene Przybilla, Jenny Seppelt & Frances Stangl, 50 years - Susie Herold, 40 years - Lori Funk and Jean Pick. ***CONGRATULATIONS!***

****Wishing*** to attend the Fall Conference on September 21 need to call Patt 468-2487 by Monday September 9th to have your registration fee paid.

PARISH BAZAAR NEWS:

****If you have need to get ahold of *Lisa Motschke* (Co-Chair) her number is 320-290-2361**

****Country Store-**There will be room in the church basement for items to be dropped off and stored before the parish bazaar. *Thank you!*

****Bazaar Embroidered Dish towels Reminder:** If you have your dish towels embroidered for the Bazaar and want them "boxed" return to Janel Meyer ASAP 458-6503

PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE: Our painting and renovation project has started and things are moving along nicely. As we keep moving forward, we do need the pledges for the painting project to come in. So, if anyone has their pledges outstanding please mail into the office, drop off in the collection basket, or feel free to drop off your payment in the parish office. ***Thank you for your generosity.***

PARISH FINANCE MEETING: Wed. Sept. 11th at 7:30p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Wed. Sept. 11th at 8p.m.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

This coming week we welcome 156 students into a year of faith and academic learning! Thank you for your support through prayer, volunteering, and financial contributions.

*Please join our first student liturgy of the year on Friday, September 6th led by the sixth grade students.

*Students will join the area organizations at 12:45 pm on Wednesday, September 11th to pray the Patriotic Rosary.

*The hot lunch program is looking for a few volunteers to assist with serving lunch. Contact Jean Flicker for more information.

*HT Kids Place Child Care Program is hiring part-time assistant teachers and aides. Employee averages from 5-10 hrs per week. Send letter of application with references to Holy Trinity School, 80 Edward St. S. or stop by HT Kids Place.

*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round. The purchase of the coffee supports farmers in Guatemala and Holy Trinity School.

Steak & Wine Dinner & Auction: Mark your calendars! Holy Trinity is planning for the 7th Annual Steak & Wine Dinner & Live Auction on Saturday October 12th 2019 at the Brickyard Bar in Pierz. At this time, we are looking for donations of cash or items for the live auction. Questions/donations contact Becky Dehler 360-3721 or Kristin Andres 630-5354.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

*** SAT., Sept. 7th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Sept. 8th @ 8:00 a.m.**

Servers: Sat. – Teagan Przybilla & Austin Becker

Sun. – Faith Bridewell & Alana Rocheleau

Weekday Lector: – Jan Dahmen

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER: Sat.- Choir-Krisie Kroll, Marvin Kimman, Keith Marshik, & Kerri Kasper. Sun.- Mary Tschida & Lois & Dan Waytashek.

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER: Sat – Mark Fyten

Sun – Harvey Kimman

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER: Sat – John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, & Allan Kroll

Sun – Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, & Jason Sadlovsky

I BANNES OF MARRIAGE (Wedding September 28th):

Sarina Konen & Landon Bemboom

PARISH FINANCE MEETING: Tues. Sept. 10th at 6:30p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tues. Sept. 10th at 7:30p.m.

LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP: Meetings will be held Saturday nights at 6 p.m. in the St. Michael's Parish Center. Any questions, please give Lee Herold a call at 320-733-4770. *Everyone is welcome to come!*

AREA EVENTS:

****Holy Cross Church Onamia Fall Fun Fest 2019:** Is on Sun Sept 8th, Polka Mass at 10:30 am with music by Nathan's Oldtime Band. Dinner and activities from 12-3 pm.

The Journey of Loss and Grief: We experience many losses in our lives and the death of someone we love is just one of them. But grief is the only way through loss. How can we better understand the journey of grief and how to take it in a faithful way? How does God call us to grieve and, finally, from our grief? Sep. 6th, check-in from 8:30am - 9am, presentation from 9am-12pm., Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event. Lunch after presentation Reg. is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

Diocesan Blue Mass, Thur., Sept. 12th at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud. A Mass to honor police, fire & emergency medical service personnel who serve in the Diocese of St. Cloud. All are welcome! Please join us! For more info., call 320-255-9068.

Council of Catholic Women: All are welcome to attend the 66th annual fall conference, at Saint Boniface Catholic Church, Cold Spring, Sat, Sept 21st, at 8:30a.m. Theme is "Servants of God, Guiding our Youth". The day will include speakers, mass with the bishop, business meeting, lunch and the Chaplet of St Micheal. The speakers for the day are Dr. Jeff Kaster, St. John's & Katrina Phifer, Anna Maria Alliance.

Koinonia Retreat, Designed for adults age 20 and older. Retreats are held in Belle Prairie at the TEC center 3 miles north of Little Falls. Next retreat, Sept., 13-15. The weekend starts at 5:30 pm Fri. and ends Sun. afternoon. Applications can be completed on our website: centralmnkoinonia.org. To get a paper application call Kathy at 320-630-1880 or contact us by email at cmkoinonia@gmail.com to get an application. Cost of the weekend is \$70 includes meals and lodging. Scholarships are available for those in need

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE: Do you have 1 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.

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

St. Joseph's Church - 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!

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.

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!

Diocesan Ministry Day, Sept. 30 at St. John's University, Topics include marriage and family life, liturgy, mission and fair trade, multicultural ministry, Area Catholic Communities, communications, and lay ministry formation. Go to stcdio.org/dmd2019 to register.