

**Fr. Kenneth Popp – Pastor**  
**Michael Pekar – Pastoral Associate**  
**468-2316 or 320-221-1134**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 10TH, 2020**

I am the vine, you are the branches!

**Office Hrs.:** Office will be Closed to the Public until further notice.

**Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:**

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup and Holy Cross Church of Harding all weekend Masses will be suspended until May 15, 2020

Fr. Popp will be celebrating **PRIVATE MASSES ONLY**. We are recording them and putting them on different outlets (our website and YouTube). We are ringing the bells of the church before each Mass. Fr. Popp will be saying the Mass for the intention on that day and for all the people in our local area. As time goes by, more information will be available. Thank you for your understanding!

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF May 12-17, 2020**

**Tuesday May 12 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)**

11:00 a.m. +Ceil Millner

**Wednesday May 13 - Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)**

11:00 a.m. +Colette & Marie Pohlkamp & Elaine A. Meyer

**Thursday May 14 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)**

11:00 a.m. +Stephanie Malinowski & Ron Fyten

**Friday May 15 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)**

11:00 a.m. +Matt & Adelina Brausen

**Sunday May 17 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)**

11:00 a.m. +Laura Kapsner, Roland Hartmann  
& For the People of the Parishes

**ST. MICHAEL'S WEEK STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult \$1,430.00

Easter \$ 300.00

\$1,730.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*\*Collection from the week of 4/27-5/3, 2020*

**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEK STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult \$9,345.00

Students \$ 37.00

Easter \$ 165.00

\$9,547.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*\*Collection from the week of 4/27-5/3, 2020*

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**May 4** – Jane Funk, **May 5** – Adam Litke, **May 6** – Ron Young & Carrie, **May 7** – Kenny & Cheri Funk, **May 8** – Lisa A Schultz, **May 9** – Stella Stuckmayer (\$35 Winners). **May 10** – Josh & Amy Scmitz (\$75 Winner).

**CONFESSIONS:** Fr. Ken Popp and Fr. David will not be hearing confessions during this time until further notice due to Bishop Kettler's request.

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**From the Pastoral Associate:** The following idea and topics were taken from the Newman Center at Iowa State University where our son Charles goes to college. I thought it was very good, but have adapted / condensed it some. **7-DAY PANDEMIC PRAYER PLAN.** SUNDAY: Pray for the Church: that Christ in us will be the light in the darkness. MONDAY: Pray for the vulnerable: that the Lord will protect us/them and comfort us/them. TUESDAY: Pray for the Healthcare and Essential Workers: that St. Michael the Archangel will protect us/them as we/they continue to quietly do their jobs on which many lives depend. WEDNESDAY: Pray for the unemployed and under-employed: that through friends, other people, government, and divine assistance we/they will have our/their family's needs met. THURSDAY: Pray for Government leaders: that they reach out and listen to advice but be given the gift of Discernment from the Holy Spirit in determining what is best for the common good. FRIDAY: Pray for all families: that as many embrace a new routine, that we/they may be given the gifts of Wisdom, Prudence, Joyous Laughter and Peace from the Holy Spirit. SATURDAY: Pray for the ill: that we/they will may feel God's blessed love as we/they seek to be cured and comforted during this time. We have confidence in Him that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." --- 1 John 5:14 ~~~ Michael Pekar

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**PRAYER CHAPLETS:** Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God. We pray with praise, petition and thanksgiving. We pray to the saints to intercede for us to God in heaven for our needs. The Christian women have made a variety of chaplets which are available at the Parish Office-Pierz entryway. Chaplets are private devotions prayed on beads. They should be prayed every day. There is Power in Prayer.

**HOLY WATER:** Is available in parish office entryway.

**CANDLES FOR SALE:** If you are in need of votive candles, please call the parish office 468-6033 and we will make arrangements for you to come and pick them up.

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446**

\*2020-21 Registration is open for enrollment. Go to the school website, [www.holytrinitypierz.org](http://www.holytrinitypierz.org) or you can contact the school office.

**PARISH ELECTIONS UPDATE: For St. Joseph's &**

**St. Michael's Church:** Fr. Ken Popp has asked the members of the Parish Council to add one year to their term due to the current events happening the Coronavirus Pandemic.

**JUBILARIANS 2020, CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

\*(Most Reverend) Bishop Donald J. Kettler (Ordained May 29, 1970). Celebrating 50 years. Congratulations Bishop Kettler!

\*Fr. David Maciej (Ordained June 13, 1980), Celebrating 40 years. Congratulations Fr. David!

**PRAYER BLANKETS:** Looking for a great gift! Pray Blankets are available in the Parish Office-Pierz entryway. They can give comfort to the sick & suffering. Questions, call Kathy at 468-2105.

**BULLETINS:** You can pick up a bulletin at the parish office entry way in Pierz, or by the enters of St. Michael's Parish Center. You can also see the bulletin on the parish website

## ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

### Important Guidelines to follow for the opening of the church:

\*Church will open Friday, May 8, 2020  
Church hours are: Monday – Wednesday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Thursday 12:00-8:00 PM, Friday – Sunday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.  
\*Adoration: Tuesdays 8:00-9:00 AM, Thursdays 7:00-8:00 PM  
\*If are ill do **NOT** enter the church. \*Only the handicapped door of the Parish Center will be open to the outside. \*Please use the button that opens the door automatically. \*Please sanitize or wash hands before entering **AND** upon leaving the church. \*Bathrooms will be open. \*Hand sanitizer is available by the north entrance of the church. \*No more than 10 people in church at a time. \*Do **NOT** enter the areas that are roped off. \*Do **NOT** enter the sacristy area. \*10 White folding chairs placed 6' apart & 2 Kneelers available. \*You must bring your own matches or lighter to light candles. \*Do **NOT** leave your lighter or unused matches in church. \*No lap-walking. Thank you for your understanding and we will all get through this together. ~ God Bless

### PRAYER LINE:

\*\*If you are in need of prayers please call Mary Brenny 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski 468-6148.  
\*\*If you would like to be on the pray line to pray for others please call Patty Commerford at 468-2487.

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### Listening to the Word of God:

Readings can be found on:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>

Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Peter 2:4-9 / John 14:1-12

Oral reading of the passages:

[http://ccc.usccb.org/cccradio/NABPodcasts/2020/20\\_05\\_10.mp3](http://ccc.usccb.org/cccradio/NABPodcasts/2020/20_05_10.mp3)

### First Reading Acts 6:1-7

1. Spreading the good news of Jesus is paramount. How do we keep other things, even good things, from having the Church lose our focus which is to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ?

2. When in your life has it been, or would have been, prudent to delegate some important things to other people so you could focus on an important task that God had given you?

### Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

1. How willing are we to let God build us up, change us, and not remain the same?

2. Jesus is our rock, our cornerstone, our foundation. In this time of uncertainty have we made Jesus our Rock? If we have, are we sharing this with others who do not have Jesus as their way, their truth and their life?

### Gospel John 14:1-12

1. Early Christians, before they were called "Christians" were widely known as "People of the Way" They were known by the way they lived. New believers came to understand that they were following the way of Christ. Can people see by the way we live that we follow Christ?

2. How comforting is it to know that Jesus has prepared a dwelling place for us with Him, and for all who know and love Him?



## ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

### Important Guidelines to follow for the opening of the church:

\*Church will be open from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. NO more than 8 hours. \*Anyone feeling ill should not come into the church. \*No more than 10 People may be inside of the church. \*Social distancing guidelines must be followed. \*Hand sanitizer will be available for your use in the south entry of the church. Please use before and after you stay. \*Chairs will be available for you to sit on. \*Adoration will be on Fridays from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. The health and safety of our parishioners is our priority. We do believe these measures will help keep people safe while allowing them to again begin to worship in our church. Thank you for your understanding and we will all get through this together. ~ God Bless

### Attention Christian Mothers/Women:

The Food, Fun, Fund Day hosted by the Little Falls Deanery at Belle Prairie on June 2nd, has been canceled. Any questions contact Barb Zajac @320-310-3267. Thank you!

### 4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE:

We postponed the raffle drawing to June 19<sup>th</sup>, and canceled the German Dinner. People who purchased dinner ticket will receive a refund. Thank you for your understanding.

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### MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH TRUSTEES:

As we are all aware, the recent Coronavirus Pandemic has discontinued all of our Masses and church activities until after Friday, May 15th. However, all of our financial responsibilities still need to be taken care of. It is of the utmost importance that our parishes maintain regular weekly incomes so we can continue paying all our regular monthly bills. We are asking all of our parishioners to continue their financial support of their parish using their regular Sunday and Easter envelopes and mailing them to the parish office at St. Joseph's & St. Michael's Parish Office, P.O. Box 428, Pierz MN 56364 or you can set up electronically fund transfers. You can go to our website to find the form or you can pick one up in the entries of both churches and parish office. Thank you for your support! ~ St. Joseph's (Harold Meyer & Joanne Broschofsky) & St. Michael's (Bill Andres & Roger Janson) Trustees.

Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class, November 12, 13, 19, 20. Grace United Methodist Church, St. Cloud, Program Fee - \$450, Scholarships available, registration Deadline: 7 days prior to class, Cancellation deadline: 7 days prior to class. The Health Ministries of Central Minnesota Committee is offering scholarships of up to \$250. To apply for a scholarship or for questions about the class, please contact Annette Jesh prior to payment. Your payment will depend upon approval of a scholarship. Annette.Jesh@centracare.com or (320) 249-0280

