

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST THE KING  
November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
“The Lord sits as King forever!”**

**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 8 p.m. and Sundays at 10:45 a.m. **Holy Cross Church of Harding** -Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 25<sup>th</sup> – DEC 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Monday Nov. 25**

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

**Tuesday Nov. 26**

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

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

**Wednesday Nov. 27**

Pierz 8:30 a.m. +Robert Bayerl (***Thanksgiving HTCS Mass***)

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Stephanie Malinowski

Buckman 7:00 p.m. +Marie Pohlkamp (***Cooks Mass/Thanksgiving Mass***)

**Thursday Nov. 28 (THANKSGIVING DAY)**

Buckman 8:30 a.m. +Henry J. Preimesberger Jr.

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

**Friday Nov. 29**

Pierz 8:30 a.m. For Our Nation

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

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Florentine & Rollie Hartmann

**Saturday Nov. 30**

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Ed & Ceal Malinowski (Adult Choir)

**Sunday Dec. 1 – First Sunday of Advent**

Pierz 8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes and  
+Gert & Louie Przybilla (Folk Goup)

Buckman 10:00 a.m. +Donnie Pohlkamp

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

Adult \$ 2352.00

High School \$ 2.00

Elementary \$ 16.00

Plate \$ 375.50

\$ 2745.50

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Sun.** - 205

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

Adult \$ 6678.00

High School \$ 28.00

Elementary \$ 26.30

Plate \$ 304.05

\$ 7036.35

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Sat.**- 4:30pm 131,  
8:00 pm - 89, **Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Sun.**- 258

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**Nov. 18** –Julie Athman, **Nov. 19** –Crystal Ratke, **Nov. 20** –Neil Meyer, **Nov. 21** –Nick Miller, **Nov. 22** –Ted & Maggie Kostecka, **Nov. 23** –Scott & Brenda Boser (\$35 Winners). **Nov. 24** – Tim Watcrott (\$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.**

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**From the Pastoral Associate:** I hope that everyone will have a great Thanksgiving. I know that some families have a wonderful tradition of adding to their regular meal prayer a prayer of thanks to the Lord. Everyone around the table offers up at least one thing to the Lord that they are truly thankful for. However, you decide to thank the Lord, please take some time as a family and individually to thank the Lord for some specific things you are grateful for. ~~~ Michael Pekar

**P.S.** May all the players and coaches for the Pioneer Football Team play and coach well at the State Finals. Go Pioneers.

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**FPSR / YOUTH GROUP – 468-2640**

\***Sun., Dec., 1st** from 1-3pm TOY BINGO @ FPSR in the Holy Trinity Gym! Come support the students going to Steubenville!

\***Wed., Dec., 4th** 5:30pm-7:30pm @ FPSR! St. Nicks Night Bonfire and Smores.

\***HELP!** FPSR are looking for a few volunteers to help wrap gifts on St. Nick night, Wed. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Shifts would be 3:30-5:30pm or 5:30-8 pm. If interested, contact Mark Hoheisel at 468-2640. Thanks!

**AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MEETING:**

Tue., November 26 at 7:45p.m.

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446**

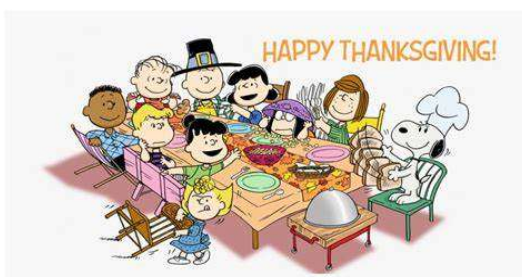
\*A Thanksgiving Prayer: O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here for Thanksgiving. Thank you for our health, our work, and our play.

\*Raffle calendars are on sale. Contact a school parent or the office to purchase. They make great Christmas gifts.

\*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.

**Holy Trinity PTO St Nick Nite Boutique:** Holy Trinity PTO is hosting the St. Nick Nite Boutique on Wednesday December 4th from 3:30-7:30pm in the school gym. We have 49 crafters and vendors and concessions available. School is handicap accessible for everyone to enjoy. Hope to see you there.

**ADORATION:** There will be no Holy Hours on Thanksgiving Day – enjoy time with your families.



**ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:**

**THANKSGIVING/COOKS MASS WED. Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.**

**Lector:** Nathan Gruber

**Communion Ministers:** Janice Janson & Cindy Scholl

**Servers:** Jackson Kahl & Hunter Jacobson

**SUN., December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Randi Kranz

**Communion Ministers:** Alice Nordmann & Kay Pappenfus

**Servers:** Ellie Kasella & Whitney LeBlanc

**December Ushers:** Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, Shane Zilka

**CHOIR NEWS:** NO Choir practice this week. Choir will sing on Wed., November 27<sup>th</sup> evening at the Thanksgiving Mass at 7 p.m. and also on Sun., December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *George Gerald*, son of Adam and Elaina Wimmer, was baptized on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**CUF Christmas Wreath Matching Grant Fundraiser:**

Christmas Wreaths will be sold after mass today and every Sun. after until gone. They are \$15.

**CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER:** Baby items and money donations are needed for families in need. Sponsored by Buckman CW/M. Questions please call Cindy at 468-6070.

**PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE:** our painting and renovation project is going well, the completion date will be around Christmas, due to more repairs and plastering needed. 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.*

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**LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING** For St. Michael's & St. Joseph's, both parishes could use more Liturgical Ministers. Those training for Buckman can go to the Pierz training and visa versa. The one session trainings are on the following dates: **Sun. Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, PIERZ:** 12:30p.m.-Lectors, 1p.m.-Eucharistic Min, 2p.m.-Servers, **Tues Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, PIERZ:** 6p.m.-Servers, 7p.m.-Eucharistic Min, 8/8:30p.m.-Lectors, **Sat Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, PIERZ:** 12:30p.m.-Lectors, 1p.m.-Eucharistic Min, 2p.m.-Servers. **Sun Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, BUCKMAN:** 4p.m.-Server, 5p.m.-Eucharistic Min, 6/6:30p.m.-Lectors.

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS:** Bishop Robert Barron's *Advent Gospel Reflections Journal*. It contains full Gospel readings for each day, questions for reflection, and journal pages. **The books are available now** for \$2/copy. Please contact Mary Kay Pekar at 468-2316, email at [02mmpekar5@gmail.com](mailto:02mmpekar5@gmail.com), or in person to get your copy today.

**Soul Food:** A caregiver support group like no other. Come out to Sprout in Little Falls. Visit while you help a chef prepare a meal that you can take home for you and your loved one. Enjoy conversation with other caregivers while led by a Social Worker from Horizon Health. Registration is required to make sure we have enough food. Call Kelsey at 468-2788 for more information. December date TBA.

**WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT:** The Church of St. Mary in Upsala is hosting a Women's Night of Worship Mon, Dec. 9 starting with Mass at 6:30pm followed by Worship Hour 7:30-8:30. Social/refreshments to follow. Childcare is available.

**ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:**

**THANKSGIVING MASS Thurs., Nov., 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am:**

**Communion Ministers:** Linda Welle, Marvin Kimman, & LeRoy Swanson

**Servers:** Braiden Maus and Jack Prokott

**SAT., Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Sat. – Austin Becker & Courtney Kroll

Sun. – Mason & McKenna Hoheisel

**Weekday Lector:** – Joan Kapsner

**ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE:** Thurs, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10a.m.

**COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER:**

Sat.- Mason Zajac, Barb Zajac, Loretta Przybilla, Tracy Voigt

Sun.- Leroy Swanson, Lois Waytashek, Dan Waytashek

**LECTORS FOR DECEMBER:**

Sat-Al Pekarek & Sun.-Keith Marshik

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER:**

Sat – John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, & Allan Kroll

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

Sadlovsky

**2020 Bazaar Dish towels** are stamped and ready for embroidering for the 2020 Bazaar! You can pick up a set in the parish office. Thank You!

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**AREA NEWS:**

**\*St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar, Little Falls:** Sun Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 9am to 12pm – breakfast with Helen's Rolls. Fun for the whole family. Bake sale, cake walk, cash bingo, games of chance, silent auction, craft sale, trinkets, treasures. Christmas drawing at 12pm on Sunday.

**\*Fall Harvest Breakfast & Bake Sale, St. Joseph-Morrill:** Sun Nov 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-12pm. All you can eat! French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs and more. Will be collecting eye glasses for the Lions, food for Thanksgiving food drive and new toys for Cross Center.

**\*Community Thanksgiving Service, St. John's-Lastrup:** The Annual Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving service is on Mon. Nov 25<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m., with social to follow in the parish center. Please join us if you can for prayer, song and fellowship. A free-will offering during the service will go to our local food shelf.

**\*Quilt & Ham Bingo, St. Joseph's-Morrill:** Sun. Dec. 1 at 1p.m. Lunch provided. In the St. Joseph's Parish Hall (Morrill Hall).

**\*Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:** Annual Cookie, Candy and Gift Sale Sat Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am-6pm. You fill the provided container with your assortment of cookies and candy for \$7/pound. Browse for special gifts from the vendors present including handmade creations.

**\*St. Ann's Christian Mothers Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale:** Sat. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & Sun. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Starting the day with homemade donuts and then shopping for the wants of the family. You can also purchase raffle tickets for \$1 for a chance at some money or gift items. Finish with a warm bowl of homemade chicken noodle soup. 9 am to 2:30 pm. Raffle drawing will be on Sun. after the 10:30am Mass.

**PIERZ AMERICAN LEGION POST 341:** Membership drive on Sat. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Pierz Public Library. With the passing of the Legion Act, Legion eligibility and benefits have changed to include those who have served from Dec. 7, 1941 to present day. Any questions please call Joe at 320-492-6264.

**St. Rita's Church, Hillman:** We are looking for pictures and memories of St. Rita's Parish for our centennial celebration next May. We are working on publishing a history of the parish and are looking for old pictures and memories to be shared. As we have been around for so long, perhaps you have attended Mass or on of our fundraisers and have an interesting story or memory to share. We would like to hear all of them. All the "do you remember this?...or..."remember when?"... those are the stories we are looking for...pictures too! You can email it to [strita@brainerd.net](mailto:strita@brainerd.net), Lestie Rueter at [lmrueter@yahoo.com](mailto:lmrueter@yahoo.com) or Mel Buesseler at [melnetty@littlefals.net](mailto:melnetty@littlefals.net) by January 1, 2020. Original pictures will be returned.

**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!